

Technology Events in the News

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I have selected the following information policy, “USTPC Issues Statement on Use of Facial Recognition Technologies”, where it describes the use of facial recognition technology, also known as FR by the government and its effects on individuals lives as it is seen as prejudice to minorities as the core issue. There is also the concern that it should be more regulated to avoid harm to others and to avoid the possibility of it being compromised. As it is shown to be beneficial, it brings up the issue of privacy being violated for an individual. I agree with these concerns as they seem like a violation of privacy and the lack of data privacy, which needs to be regulated more effectively.

The stakeholders in this policy event mentioned in this article are the government, minorities, information professionals, and tech companies that use/created facial recognition technology. The government needs to take a bigger stand in regulating the use of facial recognition technology as it is beneficial it can also be used as harm to someone by violating their privacy. Minorities would also become a stakeholder in this policy as it affects them because of its bias on (ACM,2020), “based on ethnic, racial, gender and other human characteristics recognizable by computer systems”. Information professionals are also involved as they are to contribute to improving facial recognition technology and ethics. They can also help with the regulations on the policies for the technology. Tech companies that actively use this

technology become a stakeholder as well as the ones that develop the technology. They can improve their algorithms to mitigate biases that occur within facial recognition technology.

I believe the impact of this policy in society will have people realize that there is an overall issue with privacy violations for people, and a surprising issue is it being bias to ethical backgrounds. I agree with the accountability section of the use of facial recognition, if the organization uses it, they should be fully accountable if it causes harm to someone. The possible implications for information professional face are to make sure facial recognition technologies are compliant with the privacy regulations in place.

In conclusion, the use of facial recognition technology has many benefits in technological advancements. They also come with many issues that include ethical bias to users, as well as issues with it being possibly compromised, and privacy being violated for an individual. With these issues there should be policies in place to regulate the use of facial recognition technology. The government needs to be able to regulate these policies effectively, so they can be used without issue. This way, they can protect the rights of its users and promote safe practices for privacy.

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