



Tech Giants Pledge \$1 Billion To Stop Evil Robots From Taking Over The World

TN Note: Technocrats like Elon Musk are scary in their own right, but when Musk obsesses over evil AI robots taking over the world, its time for concern. What does he know that we don't know? Could it be that the evilness of programmer-man will rub off on the computer algorithms? Or is it that AI is inherently evil as far as its intent toward man?

Elon Musk and a set of other tech giants have launched a \$1 billion fund to try and make robots that won't kill humanity.

Mr Musk has repeatedly warned about the dangers of artificial intelligence, calling them the biggest threat to humanity. A range of other famous scientists and technologists have warned about the same, including Stephen Hawking.

The newly-launched company is called OpenAI and will make use of huge sets of data to build artificially intelligent robots that don't end up killing humans.

OpenAI's goal is "to advance digital intelligence in the way that is most likely to benefit humanity as a whole, unconstrained by a need to generate financial return," according to its website .

The new company hopes that it can work against too many big companies like Google or Facebook — both of which have huge artificial intelligence operations — getting too much power from “super-intelligence systems”. Governments may also use the power of AI to oppress the citizens, the backers of OpenAI have warned.

The company is being funded by Elon Musk as well as a range of other backers. Those include YCombinator, a startup funding programme that has stakes in some of the biggest technology companies.

Both YCombinator and Elon Musk will share the data that their companies generate with the AI firms. That will mean, for instance, that everything on Reddit could be given to the robots to help them learn.

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