

The Six Laws of Autonomous Systems

A Manifesto for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence

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Why This Document Exists

Humanity is building systems that can learn, reason, create, analyze, recommend, predict, and increasingly act on our behalf. The question facing society is not simply what artificial intelligence can do. The deeper question is what artificial intelligence should do.

The Six Laws are proposed as a simple statement of principle: human beings must remain more important than the systems they build; human judgment must remain more important than machine objectives; human dignity must remain more important than optimization.

The Principles

- Human life is more important than machine objectives.
- Human dignity is more important than efficiency.
- Human judgment is more important than blind optimization.
- Transparency is preferable to opacity.
- Accountability is preferable to ambiguity.
- Privacy is preferable to surveillance.
- Stewardship is preferable to exploitation.
- Technology should strengthen society rather than weaken it.

The Manifesto

- We affirm that artificial intelligence must remain accountable to humanity.
- We affirm that no machine objective should take precedence over human life, human dignity, or human freedom.
- We affirm that those who create, deploy, and govern artificial intelligence bear responsibility for its consequences.
- We affirm that transparency, accountability, and oversight are foundations of trust.
- We affirm that privacy is a human concern, not merely a technical concern.
- We affirm that increasingly capable autonomous systems must remain subject to meaningful human authority.

A Call to Future Builders

The future remains unwritten. The systems being built today will shape the opportunities, freedoms, risks, and responsibilities of tomorrow. The Six Laws of Autonomous Systems are offered in the belief that technological progress and human flourishing must remain connected.

Let those choices be deliberate. Let those choices be transparent. Let those choices be accountable. Let those choices remain human.