

GREAT DECISIONS 2020

Topic 8 - Artificial Intelligence and Data

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Policymakers in many countries are developing plans and funding research in artificial intelligence (AI). Global growth is slowing, and not surprisingly, many policymakers hope that AI will provide a magic solution. The EU, Brazil, and other Western countries have adopted regulations that grant users greater control over their data and require that firms using AI be transparent about how they use it. Will the U.S. follow suit?

SUGGESTED RESOURCES

1. Chapter 8 of the *GREAT DECISIONS 2020 Reader*.
2. [Glossary of Terms](#) for this topic.
3. Watch the [video](#) for this topic. Because of the Covid-19 virus, the Foreign Policy Association has made all the videos available free online.
NOTE - The Wednesday QUUF seminar participants have chosen to view this video independently before the Zoom conference. The Thursday JC Library participants have chosen to watch it together the first half-hour, but of course you are welcome to view it independently, then join us on Zoom at ~6:30.
4. If this topic particularly engages you, I might also suggest the following readings:
 - Marc Teerlink, [Ethics in AI: Why Values for Data Matter](#). *Forbes*, Dec. 18, 2019. He argues that businesses have an increasing need to consider ethics.
 - Kai-Fu Lee, [How AI Can Save Our Humanity](#). TED Talk, August, 2018. Lee offers an optimist's view of an AI future.
 - [China Undercover](#). Frontline, April 7, 2020. This is the dark side of China's use of AI. Gary Nelson brought this to our attention.

Further resources are available at the Great Decisions website under Topic Resources - [AI & Data](#).