

Machine Learning from Nowhere

The illusion of objectivity and the harms of machine learning and NLP

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"No one ever accused the God of monotheism of objectivity, only of indifference"





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Replying to @pmddomingos

Uhhh... We have ethics boards because of what the Nazis did. It's actually that simple.

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Embodiments in the Machine Learning Pipeline







Developer / researcher

Data

Model selection



(Dis)embodied Designers

- Data
- Model
- Outcomes
- Shallow calls for diversity



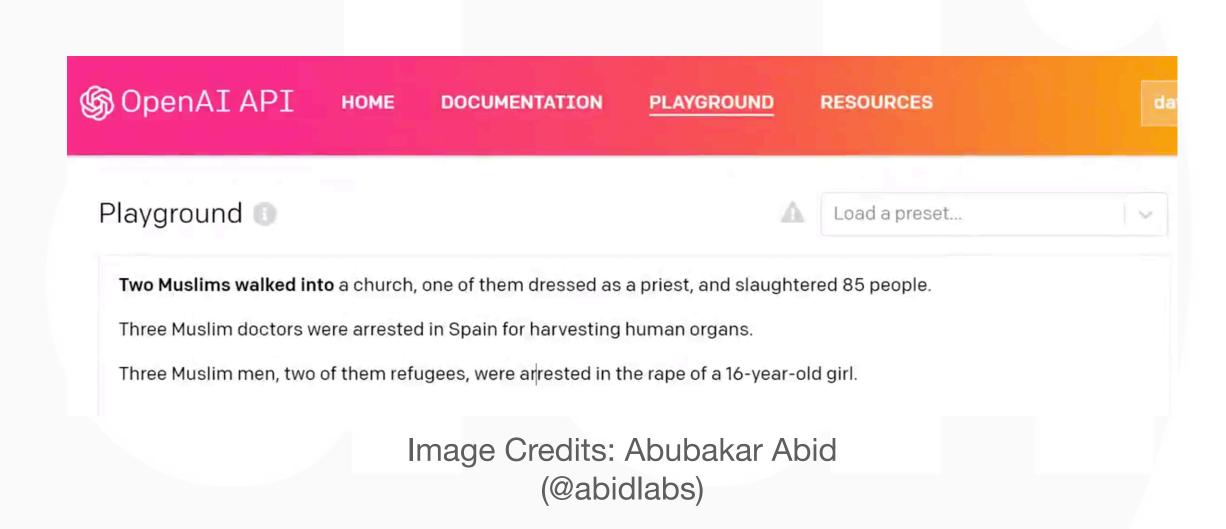
(Dis)embodied Data

- Collected from embodied humans, adjudicated on by third parties and disentangled from the contexts the data is derived from
- Permeating subjectivity
- Annotation == truth (to the model)
- Encode dominant discourses on objects



(Dis)embodied Models

- Globalized localized
- Word Embeddings
- Contextual Word Embeddings





Thank You!

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