Exploring the Impact of AI on Black Americans: Considerations for the Congressional Black Caucus’s Policy Initiatives | Stanford HAI

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This white paper, produced in collaboration with Black in AI, presents considerations for the Congressional Black Caucus’s policy initiatives by highlighting where AI holds the potential to deepen racial inequalities and where it can benefit Black communities.

Introduction

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) has a crucial role to play in the age of artificial intelligence (AI). We understand AI as any computational system that attempts to mimic human intelligence, performing tasks that require learning, reasoning, problem-solving, and decision-making. AI is one of the defining challenges of our time, a technology that holds tremendous promise, but also raises profound questions about our values and our future. While the CBC’s policy agenda remains unchanged in the face of the rapid proliferation of AI systems, we believe that it will be crucial for the CBC to apply a new lens to each of its policy focus areas that considers the opportunities and risks of AI development. We hope this paper will serve as a useful resource to help the CBC ground its policy agenda in the context of recent AI developments and their implications for Black Americans.

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