Is Discrimination a Default in Today's Computational Systems?

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This talk explores the computational side of social issues like the rise of disinformation, the Facebook/Cambridge Analytica scandal, autonomous car deaths, and online harassment. Broussard argues that these social ills can be understood as arising from a kind of bias called technochauvinism that sees computational solutions as superior to all others. Technochauvinism intersects with other social ills such as racial and gender bias in counterproductive ways.

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