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THE CASE AGAINST FACIAL RECOGNITION

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About the lecture

Facial recognition technologies are the most dangerous surveillance tools ever invented. Governments find them irresistible as tools to control the population. Industry is using them to categorize your emotions and identity and infer your shopping and social habits and fitness for employment. Individuals are already using them to harass and stalk other people. Facial recognition is, in short, a near perfect tool of oppression. Yet there is no consensus about how lawmakers should regulate these tools. Some have recommended imposing the standard proceduralist obligations on actors to get consent or a search warrant before using them. Other have recommended imposing substantive limits on when facial recognition data can be collected and narrowing contexts where that data can be put to use. All of these efforts are doomed to fail. In this talk, Professor Hartzog makes the case against facial recognition and the legal frameworks that allow it to thrive. That there is no future involving facial recognition in which people, as a whole, will be better off. We must demand more to ensure our ability to thrive as individuals, our collective wellbeing, and the health of our public institutions.

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