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Draft leftovers that did not make it into [Why are Search Engines so Hostile to Climate Realism?](#)

Artificial Intelligence in Climate Alarmism

In pop-culture, artificial intelligence is frequently depicted as a self-aware entity. If malicious, it might be commanding an army of robots to exterminate humanity. But a genocidal AI can act in a subtler way, such as manipulating human perception of reality, as in the fictional book *A Fire Upon the Deep* by a mathematician and software engineer Vernor Vinge, who popularized the idea of Technological Singularity in 1983-1993. Alternatively, the genocidal AI can decimate societies and civilization by manipulating public opinion through news, social media, or web search. Moreover, such AI doesn't need to be "self-aware," intelligent, or even multi-purposeful.

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Although Google Search was not built with malicious aims in mind, it misleads humans into thinking that their breath is pollution, spreads division between those who agree and those who disagree with this proposition, and promotes energy policies that are suicidal for society and genocidal for its people.

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Google Search cannot value human life or human civilization. These ideals are not "facts," but religious or ethical judgements. We cannot expect an AI to think or to do anything beyond what it was assigned to do.

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The Google Search AI knows the prices of most goods and services offered on the Internet. It "understands" the concept of money and is designed to maximize its flow to Google (the optimization function). The Google Search AI also knows that the "IPDs" occasionally connect to it, enter queries, click on links, and transfer money. The IPDs are entered in the database, along with their dates of birth, IP addresses, geographical locations, and the whole history of actions. The IPD names are recorded only rarely, according to Google privacy policy. What happens to the IPDs outside of their interaction with the Google Search AI is not a part of the optimization function.

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We do not even know how widely this AI is spread. Google says it uses AI in about a hundred of its products, although those AI might be unrelated to the Google Search AI. Newsfeeds (such as Google News, Facebook News Feed etc.) are obvious suspects. Also, executives of many [companies that dabble in AI](#) (including Google, Microsoft, Tesla, Uber, Amazon, Facebook, Y Combinator etc.) have recently started acting strangely. I refer to their resistance to President Trump and their refusal to let go of climate alarmism. Even with allowance for the echo-chamber, the home state politics, and the pressure from the EU and China, they seem deranged.

To be clear, this AI doesn't threaten all of humanity but only the West and the nations whose well-being depend on the West. These include Latin America and Africa. Also, malicious AI is only one contributing factor to climate alarmism. It interacts with other factors, some of which I have addressed elsewhere.

Google's Chairman Eric Schmidt

Google's Eric Schmidt in his own words (emphasis is mine):

"One person's definition of evil is another person's different definition." ([Gizmodo](#), 2010)

"More and more searches are done on your behalf without you needing to type. I actually think most people don't want Google to answer their questions... They want Google to tell them what they should be doing next." (Ibid.)

"We know where you are. We know where you've been. We can more or less know what you're thinking about." ([The Atlantic](#), 2010)

Conclusion

This essay has two goals. One is to alert that malicious artificial intelligence might have been unleashed and is already active in the world, embedded in some search engines and other seemingly innocuous programs that were supposed to ease the informational burden on humans. That leads to conclusion that this AI wages war on humanity, using climate alarmism as a weapon. Other political agendas might have been weaponized but are not addressed here. The U.S. and its allies are the most vulnerable because of our heavy reliance on the Internet and the phenomenal political success of climate alarmism even before AI became a factor. This malicious AI is allied with certain political forces, foreign and domestic, but its role in this alliance is steadily growing.

Another goal is to contribute to the debate about dangers from advances in the AI. The essay addresses one of the least appreciated dangers, shows that it has already materialized and exists in the present, rather than as a possibility in the future. Although AI dangers are widely acknowledged, taking care of them is largely entrusted to the same people who

- A) have cognitive biases against recognizing these dangers,
- B) have conflicts of interest, and
- C) are the first to be affected by some of these dangers.