

Dear Professor Belli and readers,

While doing this project, I've learned some new things while researching and creating my PowerPoint. When I started the project my original idea wasn't about AI, it was about racism. I chose that topic because I had done some of the research about Avatar from our previous homework. But I wasn't sure if it was what I would research until I had the one on one conference with Professor Belli. The conference did help me try to find a topic but it still was too vague. Eventually, the question I came up with is how do machines affect humans? I chose machines because I'm doing computer engineering so why not. The draft was about machines taking over, replacing humans, and maybe even eliminating humans. The question was very vague but I was hoping it would improve as I went on. After the first peer review, I continued to research, it became how does AI affect society. It was still very vague but it seemed better than machines. It became that AI could take over the world or be man's best friend. Then after the second peer review, I rewrote another more descriptive draft but I spent so much time on a draft that no one would see. I used the draft to help guide me in making my PowerPoint. Even currently I don't know how to make the question less vague but my research continued. While reading other research papers and presentations, helped me gather some ideas but I still needed more for my research project.

During the lightning presentation, I realized that I was talking too fast and my ideas were still lost. I did introduce some topics of the dangers of AI but wasn't too clear about it. During the lightning presentation, I did talk mainly about science fiction films relating to my topic of AI but not the actual research. I do think the lightning presentation was very effective in helping me create a better presentation telling me what was good or what to improve on.

I like to think the final form of my presentation is pretty good. Maybe if I had more time and less rushed it could've maybe been better. But this is the best I could do with all this work. I haven't improved my question because I didn't have enough time nor could I've thought of a less vague one. Sure maybe I could've done about more ethnics and AI but didn't have much time. I didn't have anyone else to check my project besides grammar check. While doing the project I did learn some new things about AI. I did see some new films that caught my interest like Deus Ex Machina or Blade runner. Even though I've been told to watch it since the beginning of this semester.

I am nervous about doing class presentations because I'm usually quiet. As a writer, I think my writing can be better when I actually focus and research because I've been unmotivated the whole semester. I tried googling ways to be motivated, it hasn't worked. One of the main issues of this project is timing. I feel I didn't have enough time. Everything was kind of rushed because it's the last two weeks of the semester, with finals and homework due from all my classes. I had so much work to do in a week, I don't know why all of a sudden, my professors all started to give so much work during the last weeks. I continued to finish all my work because I had to. Why did there had to be so much homework and projects due on the last week when I have my finals?

Overall I think my project ended decently. I think the visuals are great. It has some nice quotes from people who deal with technology and science, like Elon Musk and Stephen Hawking. I did like seeing other projects compared to what I have and what I could've improved on. I think I did decently and maybe with more time, I could've done better. Even this was rushed too.

Sincerely, Arin Tang