Computer Vision in Everyday Life

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Summary

PROs

- Surveillance
- Marketing
- Possible lower crime rate

CONs

- Loss of privacy
- Paranoia
- Robot apocalypse

Ethical Decision Making

- Very broad issue, much to gain and loose
 - Elimination of human error
 - Increase in efficiency
 - Loss of privacy

- Three solutions:
 - Implement computer vision wherever possible with no restrictions
 - Ban all computer vision applications
 - Put strict regulations on who and what computer vision can be used for

Strict Regulation

- Greatly aid humanity
- Not natural solution
- Balanced between extremes
- Increase efficiency exponentially
 - Regulation will be slow though

- Main philosophy: existentialism

Comparison to ACM Code

- Allow for great strides and betterment of human well being
- Very reliant upon companies upholding
 - Potential for great harm
 - ♦ Great deal of trust involved
 - Must respect privacy and confidentiality