AI, Robots, and the Future of Jobs

GENERAL OVERVIEW

- 1. "US is on the brink of economic and social upheaval due to automation putting people out of work." Blue ribbon panel report presented to President Lyndon Johnson in 1964.
- 2. What's different this time: Exponential acceleration, Cognitive Capability. Machine Learning and Decision Making. Thinking, learning, adapting.
- 3. 40% of robots today are in auto industry. "45% of jobs disappear in twenty years." Elon Musk predicts Al will equal or exceed human intelligence in twenty years.
- 4. ROUTINE, REPETITIVE, PREDICTABLE tasks are the jobs most easily eliminated. Lawyers, Surgeons, Radiologists, Pharmacists??? -How reconcile same number of bank tellers today as when the ATM was introduced.
- 5. Human skills presently thought beyond scope of AI: Empathy, Creativity, Intuition, Critical Thinking.
- 6. Issue of universal basic income is a core or peripheral issue, depending on expert, to the notion of AI and meaningful work. Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs as well.

Suggested YouTube videos on the subject:

"The Future of Work: Robots, AI and Automation" - Darrell West, Brookings Institution

"How we will earn money in a future without jobs" - Martin Ford

"The big debate about the future of work, explained".

"Will automation take away our jobs?" - David Autor

Relevant Reading

"Possible Minds: 25 ways of Looking at Al" - John Brockman

"Rise of the Robots" - Martin Ford

"Prediction Machines, The Simple Economics of Al"

Top 15 Jobs at risk of disappearing

- 1. Drivers (20 million today)
- 2. Farmers
- 3. Printers & Publishers
- 4. Cashiers (8 million today)
- 5. Travel Agents (How many left now??)
- 6. Manufacturing Workers
- 7. Dispatchers
- 8. Waiting Tables/ Bartending
- 9. Bank Tellers
- 10. Military Pilots and Soldiers
- 11. Fast Food Workers (\$15/hr demand accelerate?)
- 12. Telemarketers
- 13. Accountants and Tax Preparers (1.3 M average \$60k)
- 14. Stock Traders
- 15. Construction Workers
- 16. Movie Stars????? (Adapt to Avatars??)

Top 15 Jobs that will increase with Al/Robots

- Robot Manufacturer & Service Management
- 2. Raw Materials Management
- 3. Big Data & Al Scientists
- 4. Artificial Bodies Manufacturer
- 5. Esports
- 6. Psychologist and Therapist
- 7. Gene Designer for babies and Pets
- 8. Virtual World Designer
- 9. Cybersecurity & Private Data Storage
- 10. Entertainment
- 11. Real Estate Developer
- 12. Biochemistry and Tech Engineers
- 13. Private Services for the Rich
- 14. Elderly Care & End-of-Life Mgmt
- 15. Small jobs not worth automating.
- 16. Anyone in top 10% of any field