



on AI colonialism, technofeudalism and decolonial AI



colonial brute force

large brute force learning models are not artificial intelligence

Big Tech's venture capitalists are simply those with power who create hegemonic propaganda in our technofeudalist colonial world order. Whatever they want to believe in is whatever they decide to pour their wealth into. We are their subjects.

In this case, TESCREAL futures is what they have chosen to bankroll.

The current frenzy around technological development of large brute-force learning models is driven by resource hoarding and power consolidation within Big Tech, using techniques developed in the late 1980s that can now produce new results given the availability of far, far more computing power despite remaining severely computationally expensive.

This brute-force approach requires billions of dollars of funding, astounding amounts of energy, all the personal data it can steal, and millions of indentured workers. Yes, this is an industry that requires what has been estimated already at 100 million data workers who are forced into degrading, harmful conditions amounting to a new class of technocratic modern slavery.

today's mainstream artificial intelligence models are outcomes of colonial surveillance business models

The mainstream approach to AI technology has been developed and incentivised specifically to benefit and profit the evolution of colonial hegemony's surveil-and-advertise business model, rooted in Big Tech's commodification of personal data and capitalist do-every-harm business model. Their clients are nation states of every political flavour and the military industrial complex.

This direction of travel is driven by white supremacist futuring of decades past. Science fiction eugenics and slavery is casually redefined and marketed as "the advancement of humankind".





gaslighting, distraction and dissonance

alternative artificial intelligence development

Deepseek's MoE approach potentially presents a disruptive new model. The MoE approach addresses some (not all) of the key flaws and biases of other mainstream LLMs developed by OpenAI, Google, Palantir and other US Big Tech firms. However, DeepSeek still is structured and predicated upon the use of colonial / Western infrastructure to inflict colonial harms.

Other pro-privacy AI models are being developed. However, technologies and business models for LLMs in general, as it has been since the early 2000's, remain unproven, unethical and irresponsible.

any technological development that advances colonial hegemony is inherently problematic on several major levels

Well-funded AI development built upon and incentivised specifically to profit and accelerate the evolution of capitalist colonial hegemony. This guarantees the continued proliferation of colonial harms today, tomorrow, and potentially decades ahead, until the planet is totally exhausted.

While some scholars and researchers in AI colonialism have made postulations around developing "decolonial AI", when we consider the political economy of the global context we exist within, in addition to the first-hand experiences of industry whistleblowers and innovators, we can only come to the conclusion that resources are far better spent on proven approaches to decolonisation.



exercise caution against western promises of “advancement”

been there, done that: same journey, same destination

White supremacy's technofascist “innovations” and “advancements”, bankrolled by our global wealth-hoarder overlords, can never be “beneficial for the world”. We have seen this narrative being rehashed and pushed by the colonial project over and over again:

“you say our systems are oppressing you, but our technology will save you.”

Serious decolonial initiatives are designed, developed and implemented by those most harmed by coloniality to abolish power systems maintaining a colonial world order. Real decolonial efforts are not interested in making use of AI. They instead seek ways to boycott, sanction and divest from AI.

designed to advance coloniality

What Big Tech calls AI is designed and operated within extractive and controlling business models. AI development, encapsulating humanity's most advanced behavioural and social control mechanisms, is locked into a capitalist system of profiteering incompatible with genuine decolonisation. It is designed to effectively commodify and manipulate individual human beings, industrial sectors and societies, by selling a vision of human thriving via “ethical” digital slaves. Frequent use of AI has been shown to rapidly affect human users' cognition, communication and behavior, resulting in toxic dependency through carefully crafted reasoning logics. It is a predatory and parasitic relationship.

Commercial AI does not merely reflect existing inequalities; they are new forms of control in service of their extractive business models. The AI sector centralises other sectors, including Big Tech, Big Science, Big Energy, and Big Mining. It builds power and profit through the military industrial complex, providing surveillance-based automated warfare and predictive policing, accelerating repression and destruction of communities and peoples who resist colonial hegemony. AI doesn't just serve colonial aims; it is in itself an extension of the colonial brain and enforcement structure.





“decolonial AI” has no basis in actual decolonial futures

reject AI, reject all Western tech?

AI is vastly different to other Western technological advances that have been introduced and imposed onto colonised peoples, ecologies and landscapes. With more equitable access, Western developments like electricity, telephones, trains, etc., have offered new communication methods and new ways of relating, even if they continue to benefit colonial profit structures. As tools, they have equal potential to serve both colonial and decolonial agendas.

Decolonising AI or seeking decolonial AI solutions, particularly within mainstream, conventional or commercial AI products, is futile and naive. Simply tweaking the use of such AI tools does not overhaul the imperialist structures that developed AI and similar technologies in the first place. Efforts in decolonial AI claiming to dismantle colonial structures are thereby condemned to performative cooptive functions, inherently built to insidiously manipulate and extract, as designed.

the AI's not for decolonising

The West's AI hype does not contribute to actual necessities of decolonisation as articulated by indigenous rights movements. These have been astonishingly clear: landback, wealthback, stopping the harms, justice for colonial crimes, and full land, food and cultural sovereignty free from economic enslavement and other forms of hegemonic intervention. Resources currently devoted to exploring “decolonial tech” should be immediately redirected to advancing indigenous rights.





anti Earth biotech

the development narrative reaches new the same old lows

Human progress for a healthy planet does not require the development of potentially-runaway “artificial intelligence” built upon philosophies of technocentric eugenics and capitalist surveil-and-advertise business models. The position that it does is cognitive dissonance at best, and intentional sabotage at worst. To promote, invest in, and make use of Big Tech’s AI narratives and systems as social justice, public health or planetary regeneration advocacy is to advance colonial hegemony.

Hegemonic narratives have consistent and predictable patterns in instituting hopium. New technologies developed by coloniality and Western-centric approaches are framed as “powerful sources of hope”. We are incentivised to invest in the white saviour belief that these technologies can be “used for good” to create a “better world”, if we all contribute our time, energy and resources to participate inclusively, instead of divesting, boycotting and sanctioning like we should.

in pursuit of decolonial sustainability and regeneration

The PF Crew does not tolerate the use of “artificial intelligence” in any of our work, our courses, workshops, events or our collaborations.

sincerely,

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