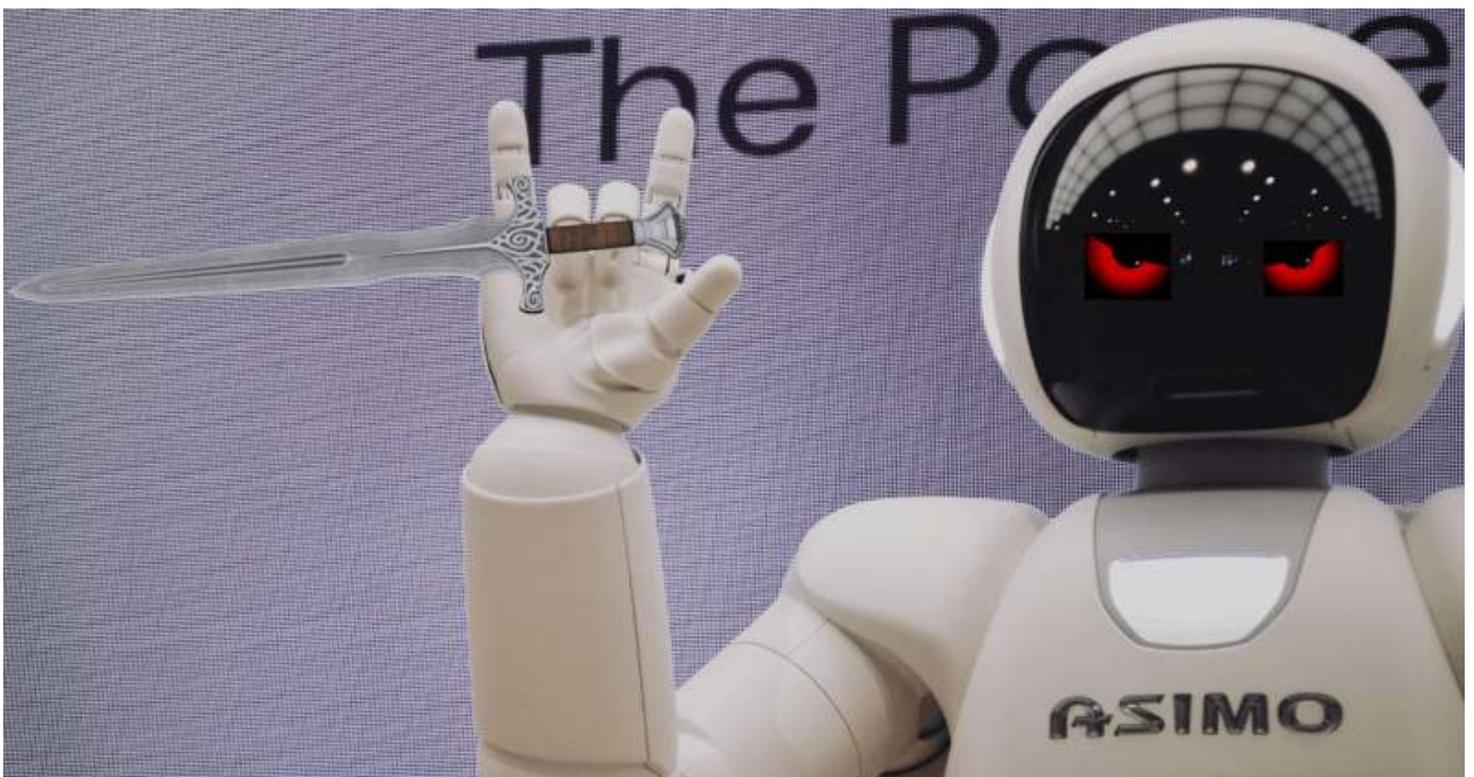
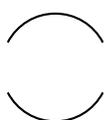


# The Weaponization of Artificial Intelligence

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**No longer just automated killer robot threats**



In 2019, we live in a world where we are augmenting our soldiers and [military units with AR](#). We are increasing living in a world of [deep fakes](#), and the weaponization of AI appears to have no limit.

A.I. technology has for years led military leaders to ponder a future of warfare that needs little human involvement yet in 2019 impressively, it's how consumers are under a dark threat of a repressive authoritarian internet. In China, [its internet can bar millions from travel](#) for 'social credit' offences.

Meanwhile new apps weaponize [idol submissiveness to the state](#). We already know Facebook and other American tech companies practice privacy invasion and 3rd party data harvesting at a nightmarish scenario of exploiting user data.

We already know automation will threaten jobs of a deteriorating Middle class for the world over the next 30 years, but AI is being heralded by Tech Giants as the key enabler of global GDP. Something doesn't add up here.

The possibility of [software and algorithms making life-or-death decisions](#) with Killer drones and military robots upgraded with AI-systems is not the future, it's the present. Alphabet, Amazon and Microsoft — 3 of the most valuable companies in the world now have extensive Government & Military ties and contracts.

America as a strategic rival to China as the heir apparent for global supremacy means a dangerous time at the intersection of artificial intelligence and global politics. The stock market shudders at every mention of a "trade war" or "tariffs", as China's economic future dominance becomes more apparent with each passing month and year.

China's ambition to dominate AI is also likely to become more pronounced in the years to come, and they could overtake the U.S. as early as 2030, according to many analysts. While the Chinese Government arguably over-regulates their internet, America under-regulates its western internet. This could have a profound impact on how artificial intelligence is used in the future against global citizens.

Many countries want to see new international law on autonomous weapon systems that can target and kill people without human intervention. Yet America and Big Tech companies in America aren't likely to want that to come about as it would impact their profits and ability to compete with China.

What has become plain to see in 2019, is that the China-America conflict is a driving force for the weaponization of AI. Yet without safeguards and a global body to regulate artificial intelligence, we are entering a dangerous time for the species in the 2020s. A wild-wild west of AI weaponization.

The US military is creating a more automated form of warfare and fast-tracking [DARPA AI initiatives](#) and a capacity to respond better to Russian, Chinese and North Korean state-sponsored cyberhacking units. Increasingly it might become clear the United States will be unable to keep up as massive hacks take place on U.S. businesses, pending a treaty with China that protects them from massive breaches & IP theft.

The reality today is that artificial intelligence is leading us toward a new algorithmic warfare battlefield that has no boundaries or borders, a world of deepfakes, propoganda, cybersecurity vulnerabilities and massive new ways our devices, data and security can be put in jeopardy in an even more connected 5G reality of the smart home.

As many benefits and GDP contributions of artificial intelligence there may be for businesses, the economic and mental health costs to living in such a world of many new dangers is hard to tabulate by Governments, NGOs and consortium groups interesting in the impact of AI on society, politics and threats to humanity and our common good.

The Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure (Jedi) contract is likely to be won by Amazon, who also have a new Head Quarters in Northern Virginia that means Amazon is essentially part of the U.S. state now.

Jedi is an ambitious project to build a cloud computing system that serves US forces all over the world, from analysts behind a desk in Virginia to soldiers on patrol in Niger. The contract is worth as much as \$10bn over a 10 year period. Microsoft and Alphabet have also been increasing their collaboration with the American military in recent months and this poses dangers for the entire world.

When the best talent of the most valuable companies in the world side with an American militaristic capitalistic regime, the backlash against it will become formidable. From China to Russia to other rogue forces, the AI-wars could make the Cold Wars seem rather benign eventually. How AI is being weaponized globally appears to be hitting the borderline of imminent danger to humanity in the 2020s.

This is far worse than simply an algorithm-driven arms race or automated military regimes, this is the race for supremacy that encompasses every recent field of innovation known to man, where artificial intelligence is the key leverage for economic, technological, militaristic, cultural, academic, scientific and political supremacy.

Artificial Intelligence is like the invention of fire in the information age where one superpower supplants another as the next technological empire.