

## Robots: Friend or Enemy?

What will the future of artificial intelligence (AI) look like? Can robots become independent? If they can, when will this happen and will it be good? We asked four experts for their opinions.

Expert A.

I think we are still quite far from having the technology, or the programs for completely independent AI. However, I believe it could happen in the next 30 to 40 years. We will probably keep control over technology, and it will assist us in solving many global issues. But, no one can be sure what will occur if machines become smarter than humans. They could help, ignore, or harm us. I feel that AI will positively affect our future, but this will also depend on us.

Expert B.

I must say that the idea of creating something as smart as or smarter than humans scares me. Even today, we are teaching computers to learn by themselves. Soon, their intelligence might rapidly grow. Humans change very slowly in a biological way and could be easily overtaken. In the near future, robots might replace many human jobs, leading to a lot of unemployment. This could cause widespread poverty and social problems. In the long term, machines might decide that the world is better off without humans.



Expert C.

I find it very interesting to think about how we might speed up our evolution by improving our bodies with technology. Imagine having a computer inside your brain! We might soon be able to do this and improve our skills in math, seeing and hearing, and memory. This is becoming more normal. AI is also appearing around us. For example, self-driving cars and drones that carry emergency equipment. There have been some issues, like a robot vacuum cleaner eating a woman's hair while she slept and accidents with self-driving cars. But progress always has its costs, and I think the benefits are greater than the risks.

Expert D.

I belong to the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. Forget the scary movie robots and think about what's already happening. Military machines like drones and robots with guns are being used to kill with little human control. The next step might be robots that decide who to kill on their own. I believe this is wrong and dangerous for people. We must be very careful about what we ask machines to do.



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