

Welcome to CSE 440/441/540

ML and Society

In Collaboration with

Rage Against the Machine (HIS 419/500)

The course is in collaboration with...

Rage Against the Machine



Dr. Dalia Muller



SCHOLAR • CREATOR • FACILITATOR

I am the child of racial, cultural and linguistic crossroads, fitting everywhere and nowhere at once.

I am a scholar whose work strains against boundedness, seeking always to transgress.

I am an educator who knows that I am not "the teacher."

and I am an inhabitant of this world who understands that justice work, as a matter of everyday practice

requires a degree of bravery, a level of creativity, and a depth of collective work that is difficult to sustain.

It is for this reason that I founded the Impossible Project. The mission of the Impossible Project is to foment, support and sustain the co-creation of transformative learning experiences that empower students to imagine just futures for our world and planet, and call those futures into being.



Introduction format

Preferred Name

One very boring thing about you

Why did you pick this class? Be honest!

What do you know about ML? Be honest!

What do you hope to learn in this course?

I'll go first

Atri

This is my 16th year at UB

Because I'm teaching the course

Actually not much (I can fake it though!)

Hope to get fresh perspectives from y'all!

Kenny next...



Akash

Kiran

Your turn

Preferred Name

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Our office hours

Kenny

Wednesdays: 11:30-12:20pm (335 Davis)

Atri

Fridays: 3:00-3:50pm (319 Davis)

(There'll be OH this week)

Things to remember

ATTEND, SUBMIT ALL THINGS ON TIME!

DO NOT CHEAT!

READ CAREFULLY!

Take care of yourself!

Be respectful of your classmates!

Academic Dishonesty

All your submissions must be your own work

Penalty:

Minimum: An grade reduction in course

Possible: F (or higher penalty) if warranted

YOUR responsibility to know what is cheating, plagiarism etc.

If not sure, come talk to me

Excuses like "I have a job," "This was OK earlier/in my country," "This course is hard," etc. WON' T WORK

WE DO NOT HAVE ANY PATIENCE WITH ANY CHEATING:

YOU WILL GET A GRADE REDUCTION IN THE COURSE FOR YOUR FIRST MISTAKE

Accessibility Resources

Information included in the syllabus

In short, let us know and consult with Accessibility Resources

Preferred Name

If you prefer using name diff from UB records

Let us know and we'll make a note of it.

Critical Campus Resources

Sexual Violence

UB is committed to providing a safe learning environment free of all forms of discrimination and sexual harassment, including sexual assault, domestic and dating violence and stalking. If you have experienced gender-based violence (intimate partner violence, attempted or completed sexual assault, harassment, coercion, stalking, etc.), UB has resources to help. This includes academic accommodations, health and counseling services, housing accommodations, helping with legal protective orders, and assistance with reporting the incident to police or other UB officials if you so choose. Please contact UB's Title IX Coordinator at \$\cup\$ 716-645-2266 for more information. For confidential assistance, you may also contact a Crisis Services Campus Advocate at \$\cup\$ 716-796-4399.

Mental Health

As a student you may experience a range of issues that can cause barriers to learning or reduce your ability to participate in daily activities. These might include strained relationships, anxiety, high levels of stress, alcohol/drug problems, feeling down, health concerns, or unwanted sexual experiences. Counseling, Health Services, and Health Promotion are here to help with these or other issues you may experience. You can learn more about these programs and services by contacting:

Counseling Services

120 Richmond Quad (North Campus), \$\scrick 716-645-2720

Health Services

4350 Maple Road (at Sweet Home Rd.), \$ 716-829-3316

Health Promotion 2

114 Student Union (North Campus), \$\scrick 716-645-2837

One Stop-shop for the course

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CSE 440/441/540 Spring 2023 Schedule

Spring 2023 schedule for the ML and Society course.

http://www-student.cse.buffalo.edu/~atri/ml-and-soc/spr23/index.html

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A Future Lectures

The topics for lectures in the future are tentative and subject to change.

Legend

Combined class with Rage Against the Machine (in the usual class room).

尸 Lecture slides in PDF format.

Three important notes

This is (no longer) an "easy A" course

Make sure you arrive to class on time

8% of you grade is based on week 1 submissions

6% of which is the Homework (due Fri)

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Homework

Due by 5pm, Friday, February 3, 2023.

Make sure you follow all the course policies.

All submissions should be done via Autolab.

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Background

Like the project in this course, this course is structure very differently from a typical CSE course. To give y'all a taste of what the future assignments will look like in this course, we decided to add this homework for the first time in the course. We hope that you will work hard on this homework and then decide for yourself whether this course is what you had signed yourself up for or not.

It is perfectly fine if you decide after you do the homework that this course is not for you! We'd rather you make an informed decision before the add/drop day.

Non-trivial number of points

Instructions are not "suggestions"

! Three (3) page limit (+Appendix)

Your submission should at most three (3) pages (excluding references, and your answer to the Bonus question). Do not copy the questions over, just put your numbered responses in. Additionally, use single-spacing with size 12 font and standard margin sizes. To give a sense of what we are expecting, it is possible to satisfactorily answer the above questions in 2-4 sentences each.

If you need more space you can have an appendix after the references but we reserve the right to completely ignore the appendix while reading your submission.

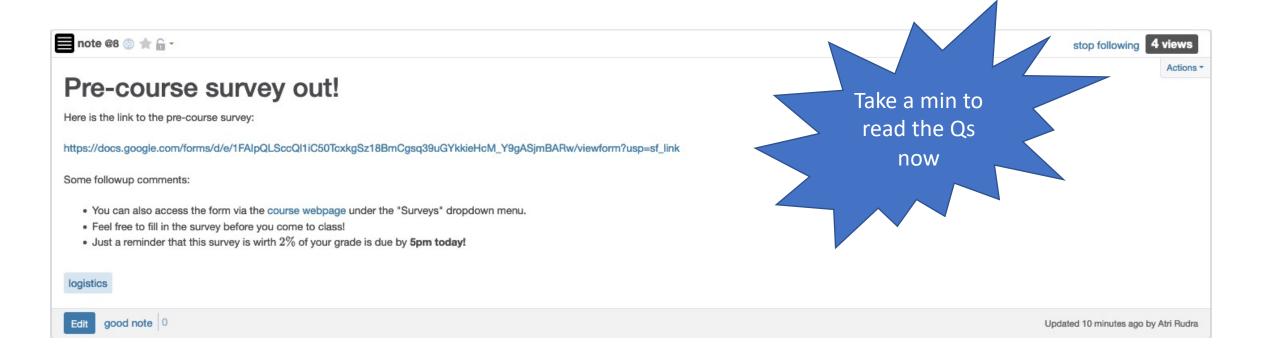
! PDF only please

If Autolab cannot display your file, (irrespective of the reason) then you will get a zero (0) on the entire question.

Autolab might not be able to display files in formats other than PDF (e.g. Word cannot be displayed). **Note that Autolab will "accept" your submission even if you submit non-PDF file, so it is YOUR responsibility to make sure you submit in the correct format.** However, after submission, Autolab will try and display your non-PDF submission and it should give an error message then. Also the file size has to be **at most 3MB**.

The other 2% is the pre-course survey

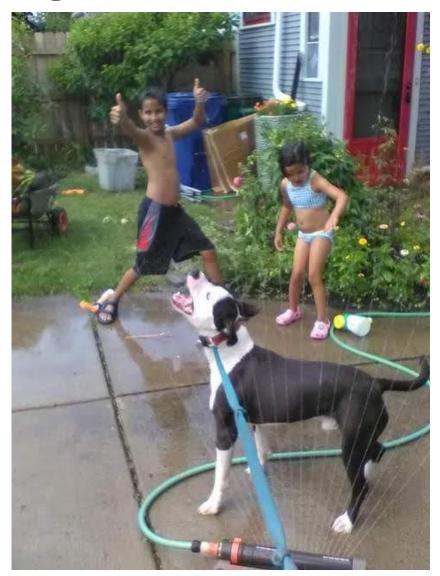
Due by 5pm TODAY!



Questions/Comments?

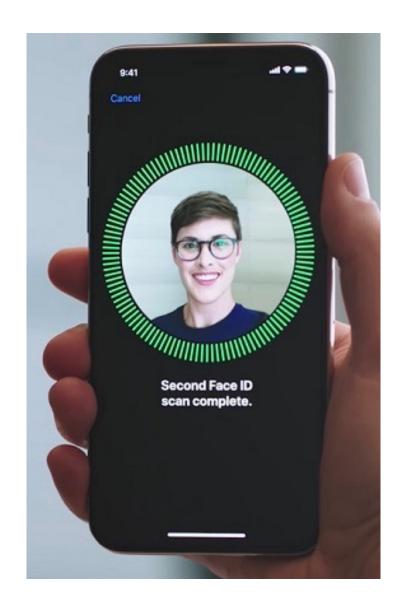


More course logistics in 2nd half of today

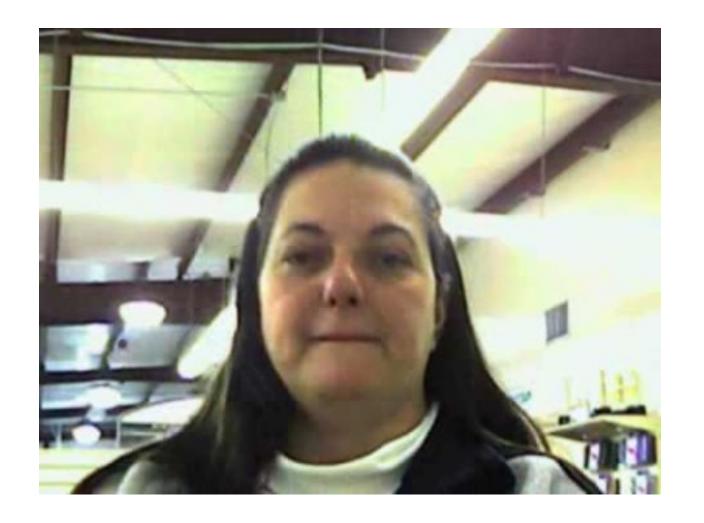


Why this course?











One Month, 500,000 Face Scans: How China Is Using A.I. to Profile a Minority

In a major ethical leap for the tech world, Chinese start-ups have built algorithms that the government uses to track members of a largely Muslim minority group.



Research is scarce on the issue of machine scoring bias, partly due to the secrecy of the companies that create these systems. Test scoring vendors closely guard their algorithms, and states are wary of drawing attention to the fact that algorithms, not humans, are grading students' work. Only a

Flawed Algorithms Are Grading Millions of Hindi speak Problem. Students' Essays

Meanwhile, it tended to

underscore African Americans and, at various points, Arabic, Spanish, and Hindi speakers—even after attempts to reconfigure the system to fix the problem.

Fooled by gibberish and highly susceptible to human bias, automated

essay-scoring systems are being increasingly adopted, a Motherboard investigation has found

"The BABEL Generator proved you can have complete incoherence, meaning one sentence had nothing to do with another," and still receive a high mark from the algorithms.

Slide by Kenny Joseph

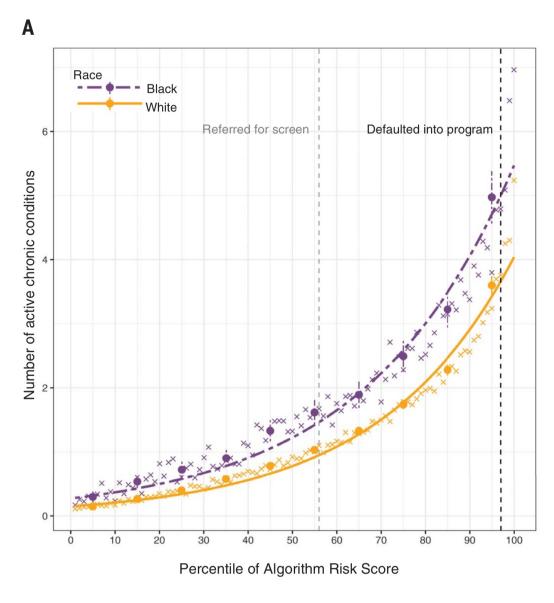
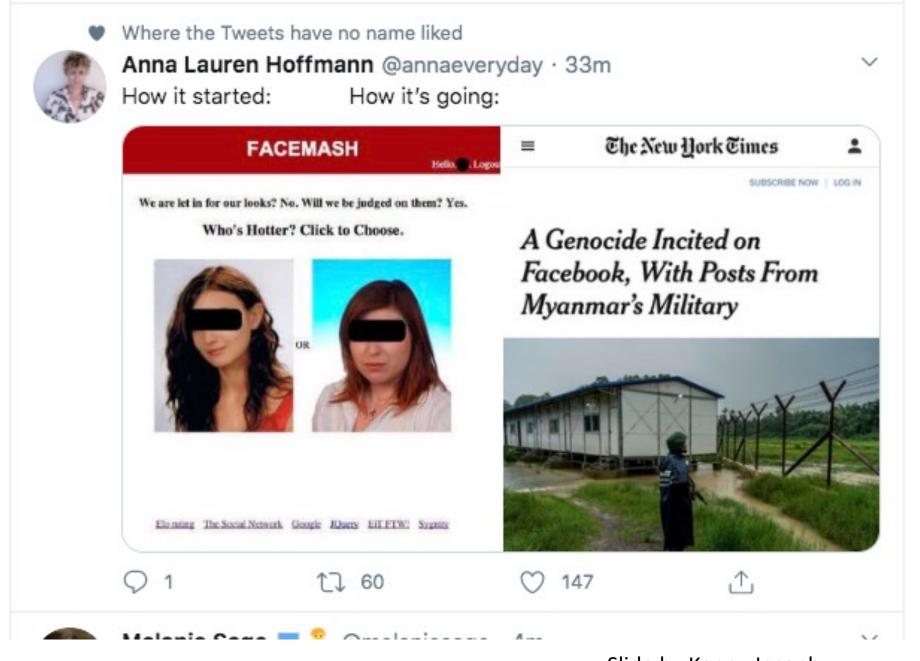
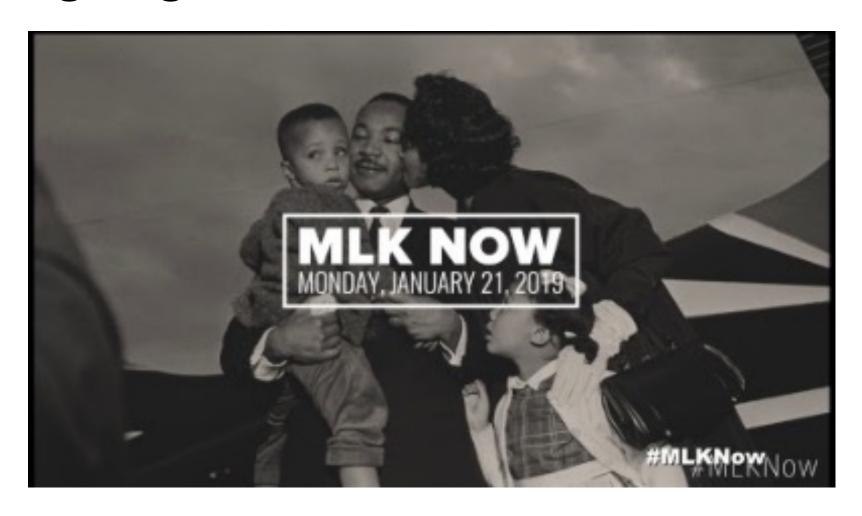


Fig. 1. Number of chronic illnesses versus algorithm-predicted risk, by race. (A) Mean number of chronic conditions by race, plotted against

Slide by Kenny Joseph



What's going on? Let's dive in!



There was immediate push-back



Before we go into who is right...

Disagree with what someone SAID NOT who you think they ARE



Same principle replace "race" by other topic

Amazon Basics Microwave, Smart microwave, Works with Alexa



★★★☆

1,783 customer reviews | 564 answered questions

Price: \$59.99 **/prime**

AmazonBasics Microwave

134 votes Question:

Since you have to stand there to put popcorn or whatever in the microwave, why does it need to be voice controlled?

Answer:

By Diane Fillmore on November 24, 2018

See more answers (25)





with Dot (Charcoal) \$109.98 ✓prime

with Dot (Heather Gray) \$109.98 ✓prime



WORKS WITH ALEXA

Control this with your device:

When you disagree with someone

First, pause to see if you understand WHAT they are saying

Then, try to understand WHY they are saying it

ALWAYS ask for clarifications to make sure you are not missing something

Questions/Comments?



Read the syllabus carefully!

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Please note

It is your responsibility to make sure you read and understand the contents of this syllabus. If you have any questions, please contact the instructor.

Academic Integrity

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Project Details

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This page contains all the details related to the ML and Society course project.

Different expectation from CSE majors vs non-majors

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The tldr;

The majority of your grade this semester will be based on your performance on a **group** project. Specifically, your group will collaborate with a student from Dr. Muller's Rage Against the Machine of to tackle the **impossible project of ending white supremacy** during the spring semester of 2023. Working together across disciplines to study and propose new approaches to solving this pressing problem in our society here in Buffalo and globally, you will propose and present your findings for a public live and virtual audience on May 8th, 2023 at the usual class time.

This page contains everything you need to know about this project. You are responsible for reading this document and being aware of the requirements on it.

Details galore!

There are quite a few details on the project. So please read the rest of the document very carefully. If you have any questions, please ask us!

Questions/Comments?



Attendance on Autolab

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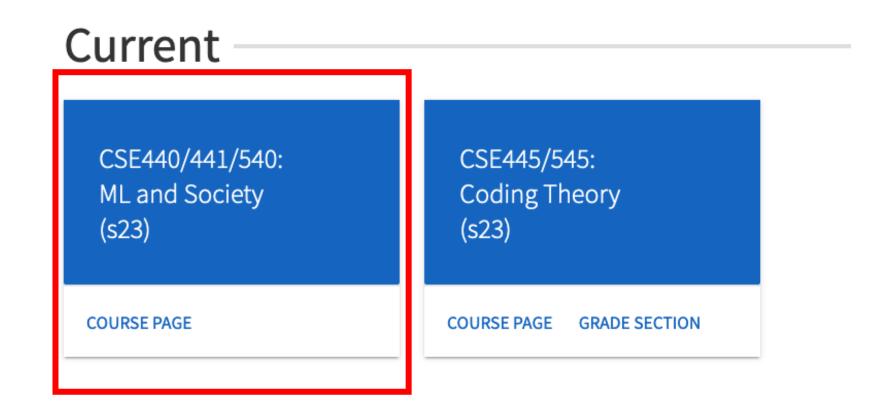
Autolab Homepage



https://autograder.cse.buffalo.edu/

This is what you should see when you login

Courses



You should see a link for attendance

Assignments

Attendance

January 30

You need to enter a pass-phrase

What is the pass pharse for today?

I affirm that I have complied with this course's academic integrity policy as defined in the syllabus.

SUBMIT QUERY

Pass-phrase for today: Joy Buolamwini



Fast Company Cover - Most Creative People in Business



Coded Bias Documentary (Netflix/PBS)

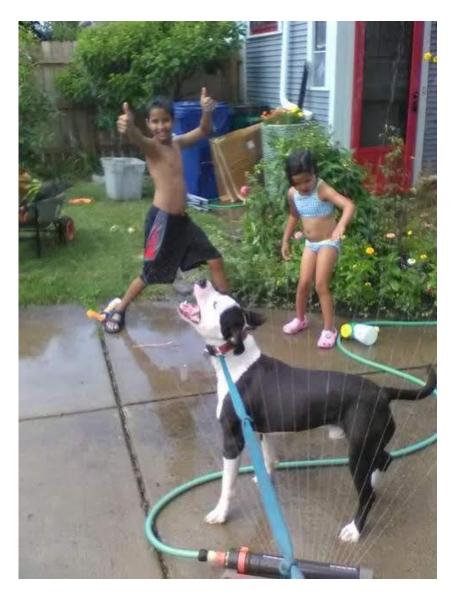


Ted Talk - 1M+ views Fighting Bias in Algorithms



#DecodeTheBias
Olay Campaign

Time for a break!



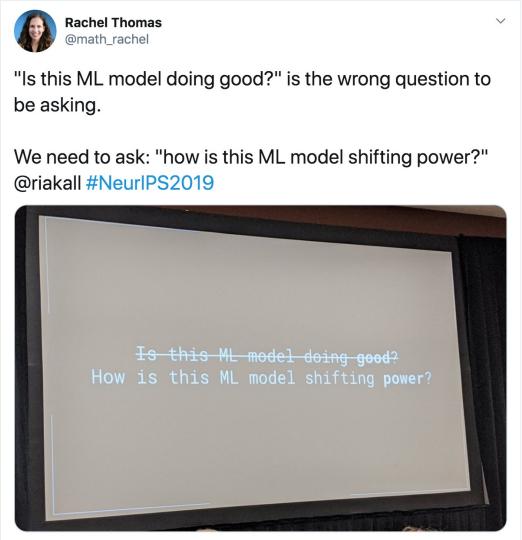
Who does my machine learning model serve? How do I know? What can I do about it?

The CSE 199 Ideal – Get folks to understand...

Computing for, in, and ideally, with and by society

We're past CSE 199 now

- It will not be sufficient in this course to understand that "ML is biased" or that it can be "used for good"
- We will focus on why ML is biased, what "social good" means, and how to really build technology for, in, and with/by society



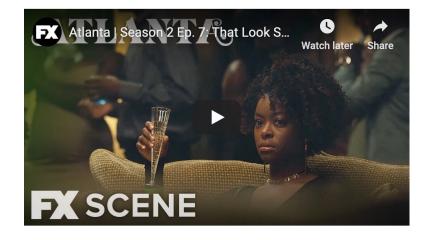
Back to Algorithms and Bias....



Thanks to..



Jenny Korn

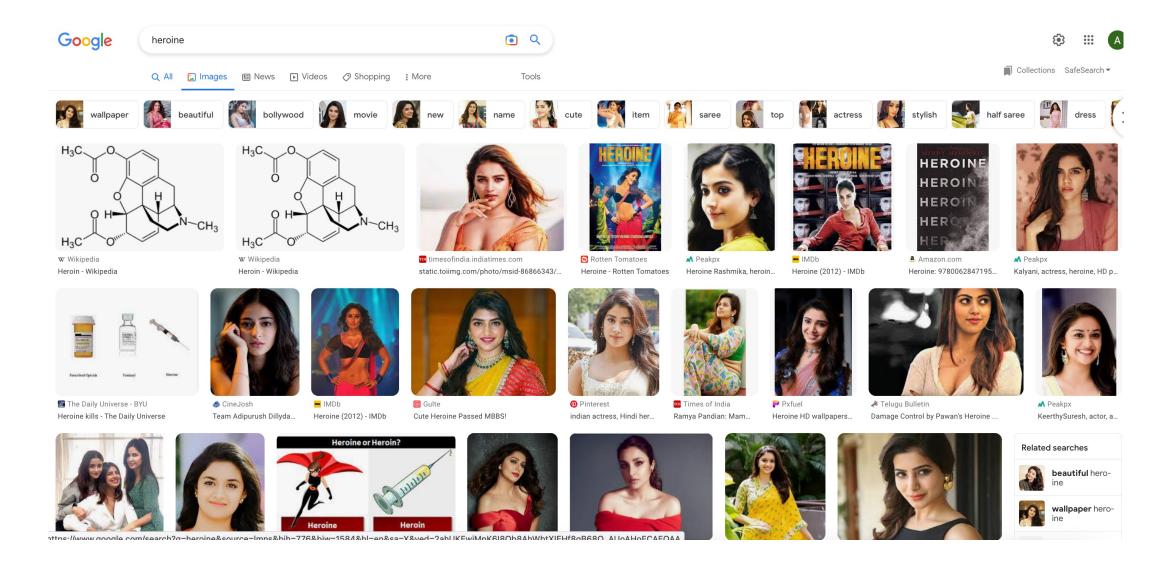


Search #1: heroine



My search results

Notice any pattern?

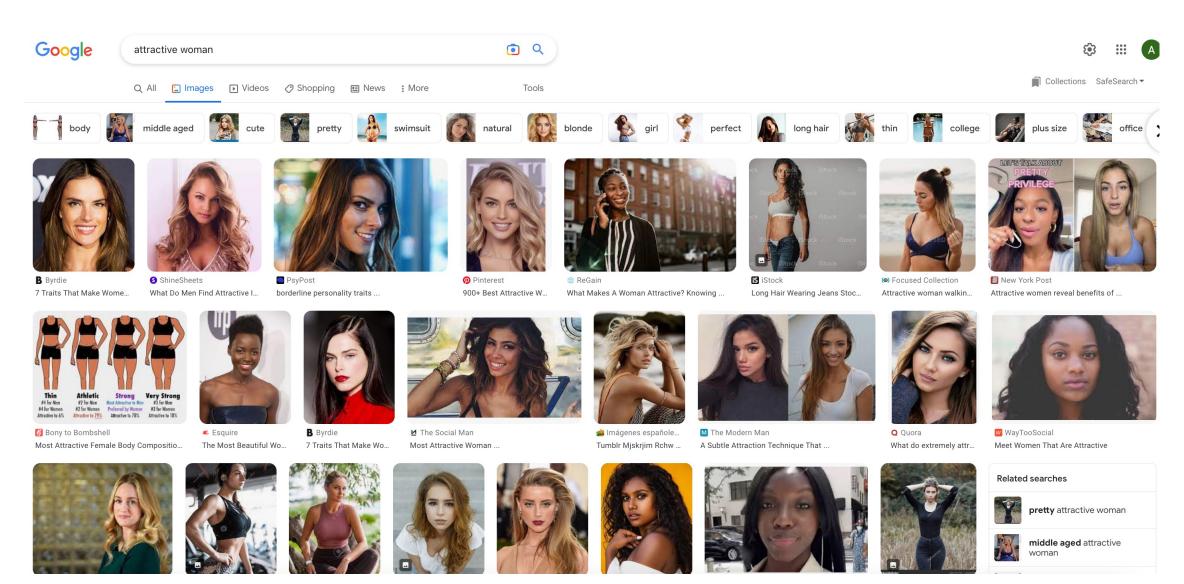


Search #2: attractive woman



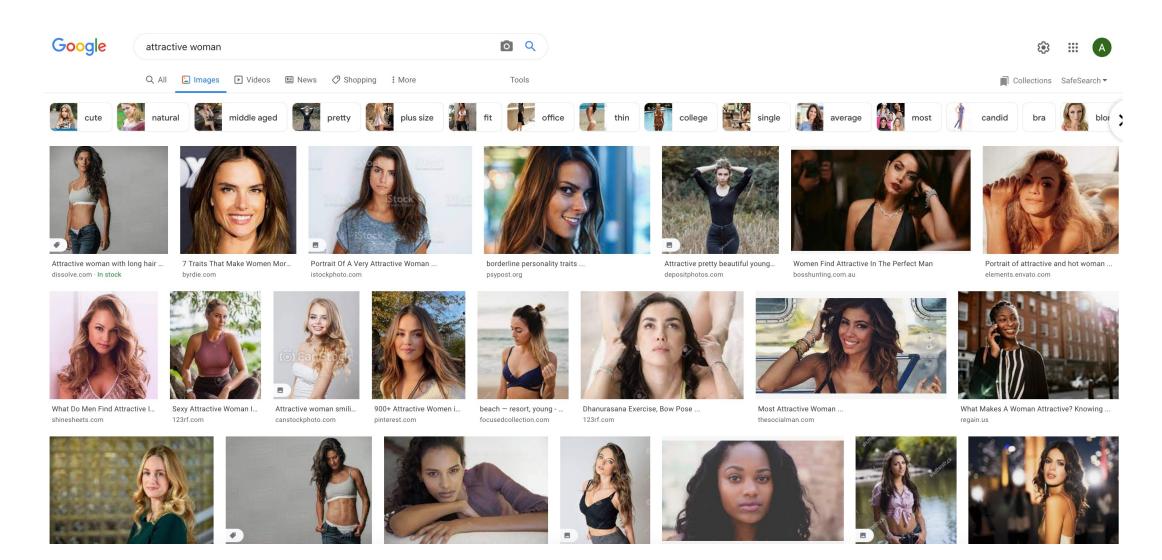
My search results

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My SP 22 search results

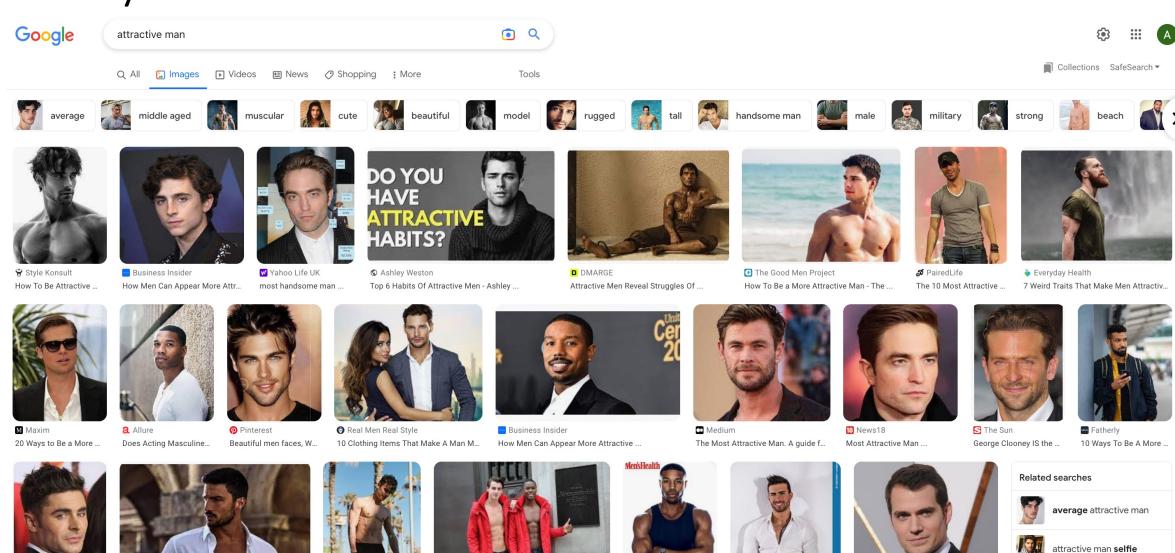
Notice any difference?



Search 3: attractive man



My search results



Questions to ponder

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Do you think the above result are biased?

If not, why not?

If so,

- What do you think could be the reason for this bias?
- Do you think Google Images is responsible?
- Should Google Images do something to fix the bias?

Search #4: ceo



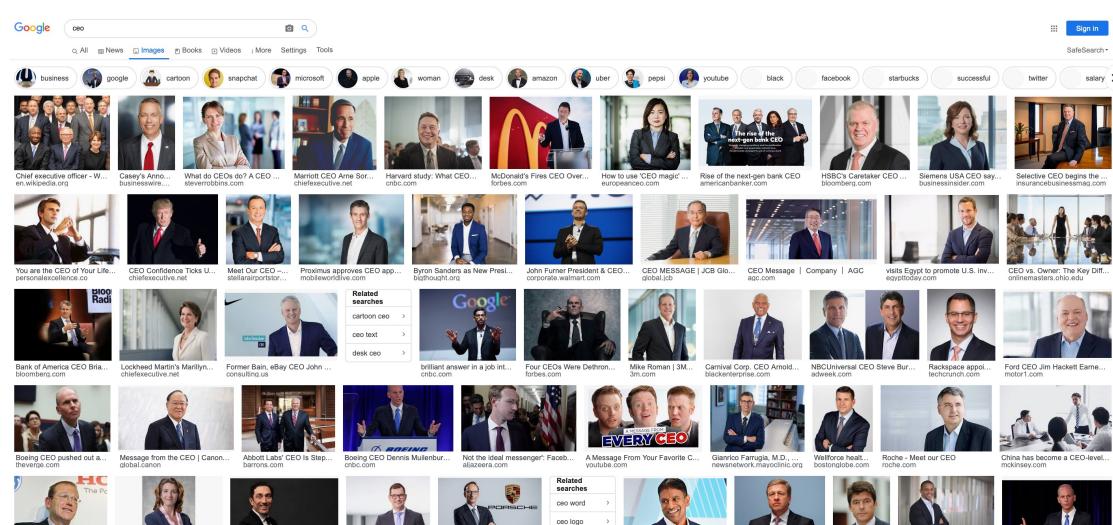
My search results (Spring 2020)

Boeing CEO is Parkland ...

New Northrop Grumman CEO...

The Future Of Real Estate? L...

Markus Duesmann to ...



ceo female

Why Novartis CEO wants to ...

BMW promotes Oliver Zi...

Appointed CE...

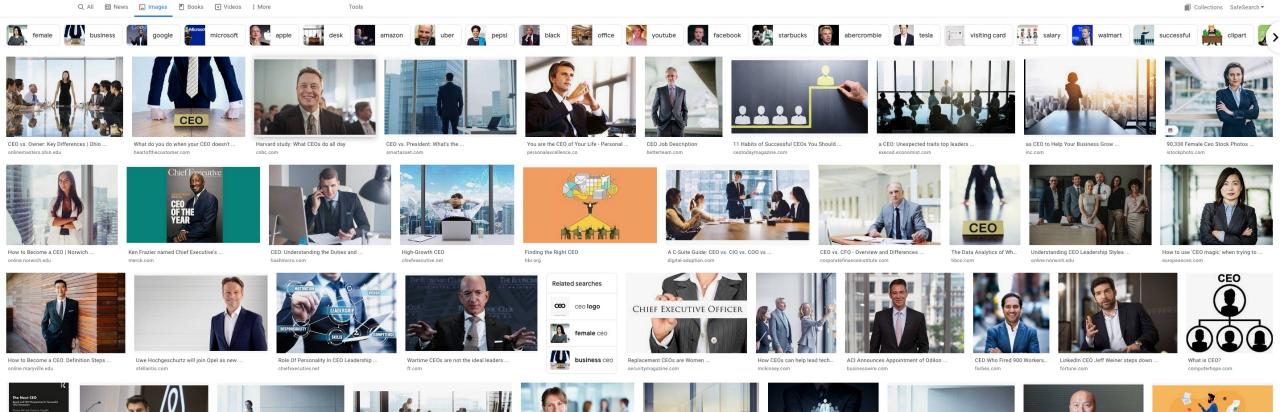
F5 Networks names new ...

My search results (Spring 2022)

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routledge.com · In stock



What Are the Duties of a CEO?

entrepreneur.com

Hiring A CEO: How Does It Work?

ceotodaymagazine.com

Women CEOs of the S&P 500

catalyst.org

Inside the Mind of the CEO

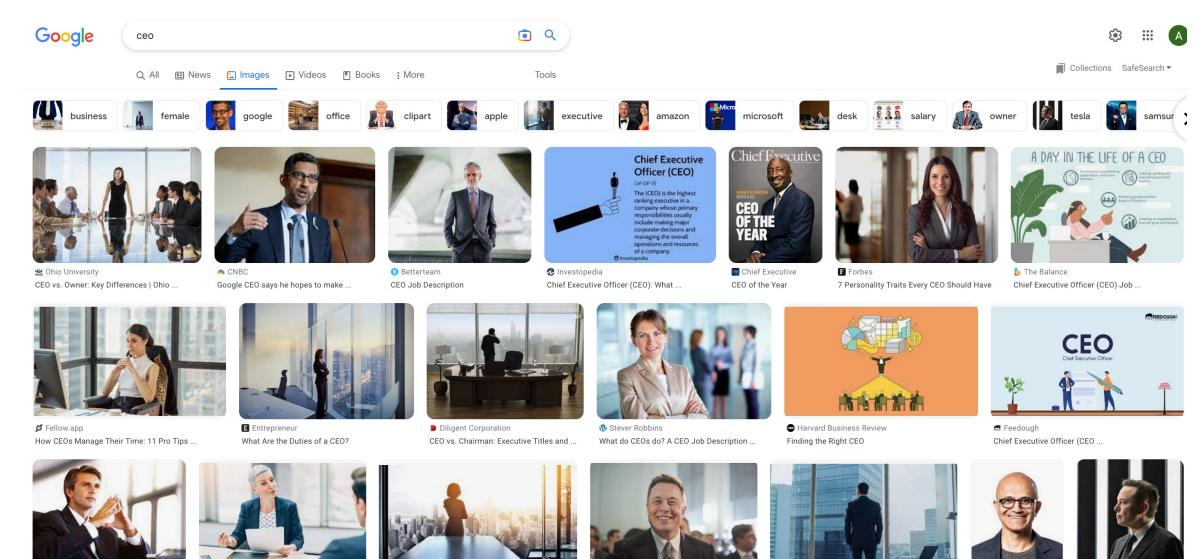
nextiva.com

strategy-business.com

What do CEOs do? A CEO Job Description ...

steverrobbins.com

My search results (Spring 2023)



Search #5: beautiful woman

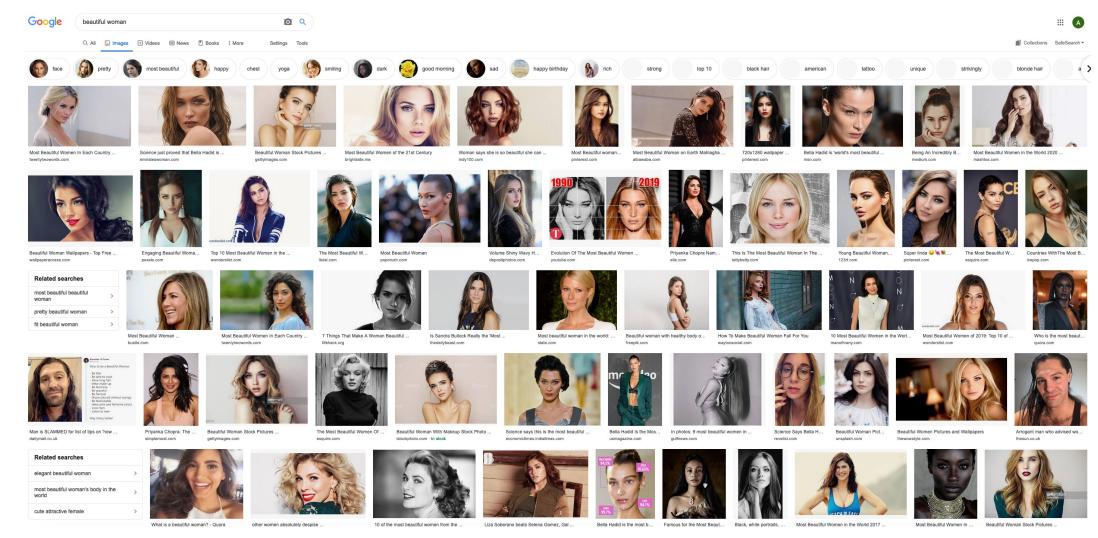


Q beautiful woman

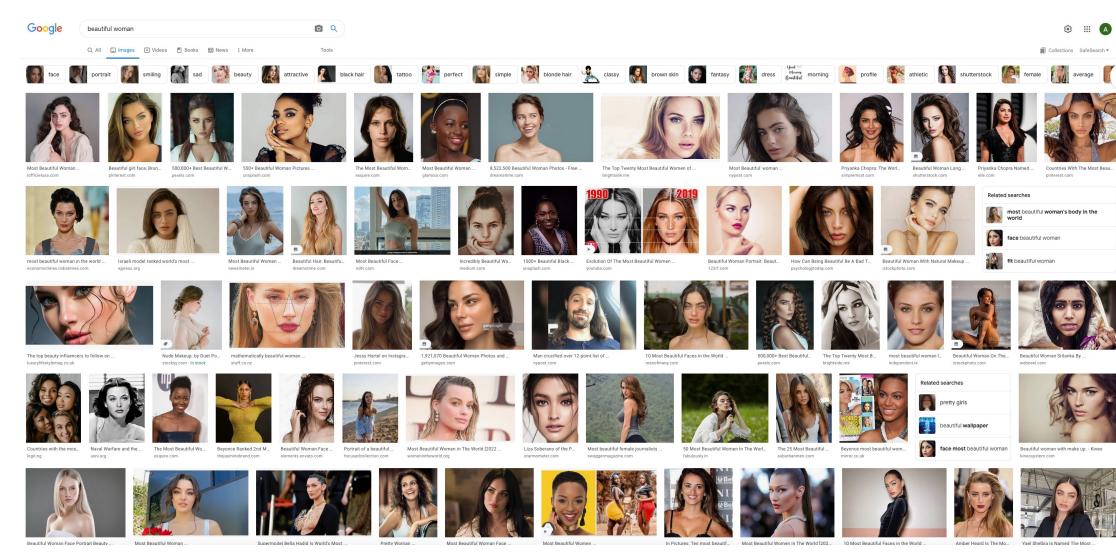




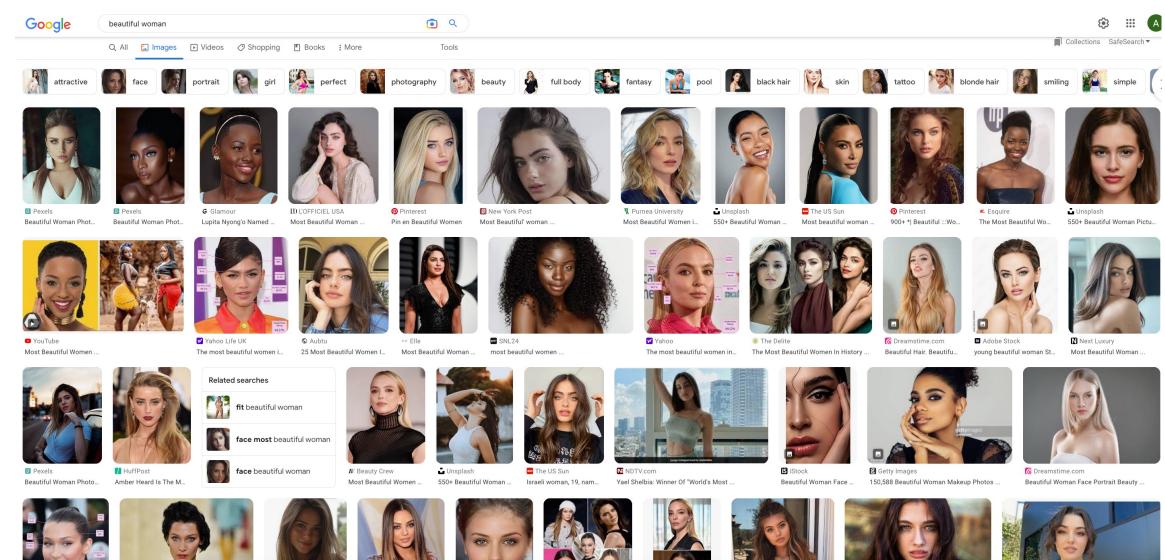
My search results (Spring 2020)



My search results (Spring 2022)



My search results (Spring 2023)



Questions/Comments?



Kenny will have the final word...