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Only Socialism can Withstand the AI "Tsunami" Challenge

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AI has more than one side!

Summary

Not private capital-led development, only socialism can withstand the challenge of AI unpredictability.

Do private capital-led institutions really care about social problems? Why bother about kicking out the "evil forces" unleashed in society by replacing employees with Artificial Intelligence -AI! AI is booming and is currently all the rage. Countries, including China and the United States (US), regard it as a priority for development and kev area of а competition, all aiming to emerge victorious in the very crucial competitive arena.

However, we must remember to accelerate to revive and develop the socialist system while putting all our efforts into developing AI technology and promoting the use of AI. For, after all AI is going to replace the workers, it has a powerful "double-edged sword" impact and will trigger a "tsunami" of mass unemployment.



Hollywood film and television screenwriters protesting

This tsunami-like wave of unemployment is engulfing all professions, including writers, artists, think tanks, drivers, couriers, waiters, cashiers, even TV show hosts, anchors and actors, etc. and so on. It is currently hard to imagine jobs which will not be affected. As Tesla has stated, the continuation of capital-dominated production relations in the AI era will lead to severe economic, social, and political crises. The recent strikes and protests by Hollywood film and television screenwriters in the US is just an early manifestation.



AI sign language news broadcaster CCTV, People's Republic of China

It is no exaggeration to say that in a private capital-dominated situation, the more advanced and widely applied AI is in a country, the more troublesome and chaotic the social issues will be. Is there a solution? Yes, return to the socialist path while developing AI technology and its production.

Since true socialism is a holistic strategy not constrained by private capital or the interests of a select few, it can regulate the extent and level of AI application in moderation. At the same time, it will strive to make arrangements for those replaced by AI so that they are not "laid off" and are left "homeless" and on the streets. Meaning even if there is work for three days a week and a monthly earning of (RMB) 3000, generally everyone will be able to live worry-free life and allow society to carry on peacefully.



Currently popular joke on WeChat: ChatGPT should join CPC! Source: www.reddit.com

What about private capital-led institutions? They do not care about social problems at all. They do not show any concern regarding replacing employees with AI and kicking them out of jobs, regardless of the resultant "evil forces" in society. In this regard, China has an inherent advantage. As long as we plan strategies carefully and get back to the correct path, China has a far greater chance of succeeding in the AI era than the US. Confront the AI "tsunami" wave by chartering the socialist road. What else are you waiting for?

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