



Modern day slavery

Our ancestors have fought hard for progress and individual freedom. Now achievements like enlightenment, the French revolution, abolishment of slavery and denouement of Apartheid are seriously under threat.

The rise of globalisation and digitalisation have changed the fabric of society. We are now literally interconnected and the potential to hinder vulnerable people and violate their civil liberties is becoming a serious societal problem.

The digital ability to monitor people's lives has led to the horror of groups experimenting with the practice of manipulating people's thought process and inflicting bodily harm at the push of a button.

While the evolution of artificial intelligence has led to improvements in medicine, biology, industrial design, construction and operation management, the integrity of human beings entrusted with vital responsibilities requires strict adherence to codes of conduct.

The ability of the few to directly communicate remotely and affect the physical and mental wellbeing of a person is spreading to greater number of people by just legally or illegally pairing one's smartphone one can gain access to sensitive data and more importantly to highly specialised applications.

The risk is that unauthorised access to sensitive data will limit the potential breakthroughs in scientific development and hence drastically improving our quality of life. An untrained individual can potentially within seconds jeopardise the safety and security of an entire community.

Nowadays not only government agencies and private detectives monitor our behaviour and gather sensitive private data but also many other individuals either for self interest or commercial purposes. The threat to our privacy and freedom of expression is ever increasing. This takes place not only in public environments but also in our homes. This has become a battle of sensors and mobile phones.

Through digital impulses and virtual needles one can be digitally controlled by somebody who can observe what you do and inflict pain in a designated area. Now not only do we have to pay special attention to trespassers and burglars but also to making sure that our physical spaces are digitally clean. We are learning several techniques to achieve this such as with liquids, sprays, fans, loud noises, designated applications and managing our mobile phones.

The objective is to shift the balance from a control culture to a united effort to preserve our rights to privacy and freedom of choice.

The threat of resource scarcity and automation require a change in our approach and objectives in years to come. One way to achieve this is to gradually alter our perception by teaching children at school sociology and the impact of globalisation on society.

In 2015 the UK Modern Slavery Act was a step in the right direction to remove commercial and individual exploitation. However further efforts are required to make sure human rights are respected worldwide.

The aim is to propagate solid values which will strengthen local communities and foster the right progress of technology without negatively impacting on our quality of life.