



SAY NO TO FACEBOOK PROFILING USERS AS MENTALLY ILL

As reported by *Tech Crunch*, Facebook is now developing artificial intelligence to profile users as allegedly becoming depressed or suicidal. Your use of Facebook is in danger of being seen as symptomatic of mental illness. As a result, Facebook users may have their reputations ruined and be unduly subjected to mental health treatment. Facebook may be able to exert unjust control over users under the guise of helping them with mental health issues. This new program is a clear abuse of user data. As long as corporations such as Facebook control access to public information, people will give up personal data to make use of the platform where the public information is hosted. Facebook will then exploit this personal data for unfair social control, which this “mental health” AI profiling is an example of.

Stop Facebook from making this new program a reality!

Things you can do:

- 1) Support the global data commons: <http://getgee.xyz> Everyone should own public information—not corporations.
- 2) Comment on the *Tech Crunch* article: Facebook shouldn't profile you as "sick": <https://is.gd/LyJqni> (that short link expands to <https://techcrunch.com/2017/11/27/facebook-ai-suicide-prevention>)
- 3) Share the information on the back of this page: articles about Facebook inflicting psychological harm and links to resources for safe alternatives to psychiatry. Those same sources are available at <https://pastebin.com/Hmhiy6qp>

Facebook Inflicts Psychological Harm

- *Ars Technica* (2017): Facebook helped advertisers target teens who feel “worthless”
- *Guardian* (2012): Facebook’s dark side: study finds link to socially aggressive narcissism
- *Vice* (2017): Tricks Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat use to make people feel anxious and spend time on their sites
- *Harvard Business Review* (2017): Facebook is bad for your mental health

SOURCES: Visit <https://stallman.org/facebook> for links to these and more articles on the topic.

Safe alternatives to conventional mental health treatment

- Madness Radio's archive has free downloads of over a decade of shows: <http://madnessradio.net>
- The website for journalist and psychiatric survivor Will Hall offers a free PDF of the book *Harm Reduction Guide to Coming Off Psychiatric Drugs*: <http://willhall.net/comingoffmeds>
- Inner Compass Initiative: layperson drug withdrawal community's findings: <https://withdrawal.theinnercompass.org/>
- Find a Hearing Voices Network group offline for free, in-person peer support: <http://www.intervoiceonline.org/about-intervoice/national-networks-2>