



On a long enough timeline the survival rate for everyone drops to zero.

# Stanford Scientist Can Tell If You're A Liberal Just By Looking At Your Face



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Since the beginning of the 21st century, the surveillance state has utilized technology derived from Silicon Valley, such as facial recognition algorithms, to enhance society's control.

Authoritarian regimes and unscrupulous [corporations](#) are leveraging these technologies to track citizens, stalk criminals, and monitor employees, but what if this technology, rapidly advancing in the last couple of years, can determine a person's political views?

Imagine this; obviously, the Washington Metropolitan Area is lined with surveillance cameras, with some cameras that may already be employing facial recognition algorithms. Hypothetically speaking, what if these cameras could recognize an angry mob and accurately (to some degree) identify their political views by observing their faces and then alert authorities of potential social unrest in a specific area.

While that technology has yet to be deployed, it may certainly exist.

Researchers have developed a facial recognition algorithm that they claim can determine a person's political views with reasonable accuracy.

Stanford University's Michal Kosinski conducted a study published on Monday in the [Nature journal Scientific Reports](#).

*"Ubiquitous facial recognition technology can expose individuals' political orientation, as faces of liberals and conservatives consistently differ," Kosinski said.*

He trained the facial recognition algorithm to accurately guess a person's political view with an accuracy rating of about 72%. To do this, the researcher trained an algorithm with over one million profiles from social media websites across the US, UK, and Canada.

*"Political orientation was remarkably better than cl*



*tive face pairs, afforded by a 100-item*

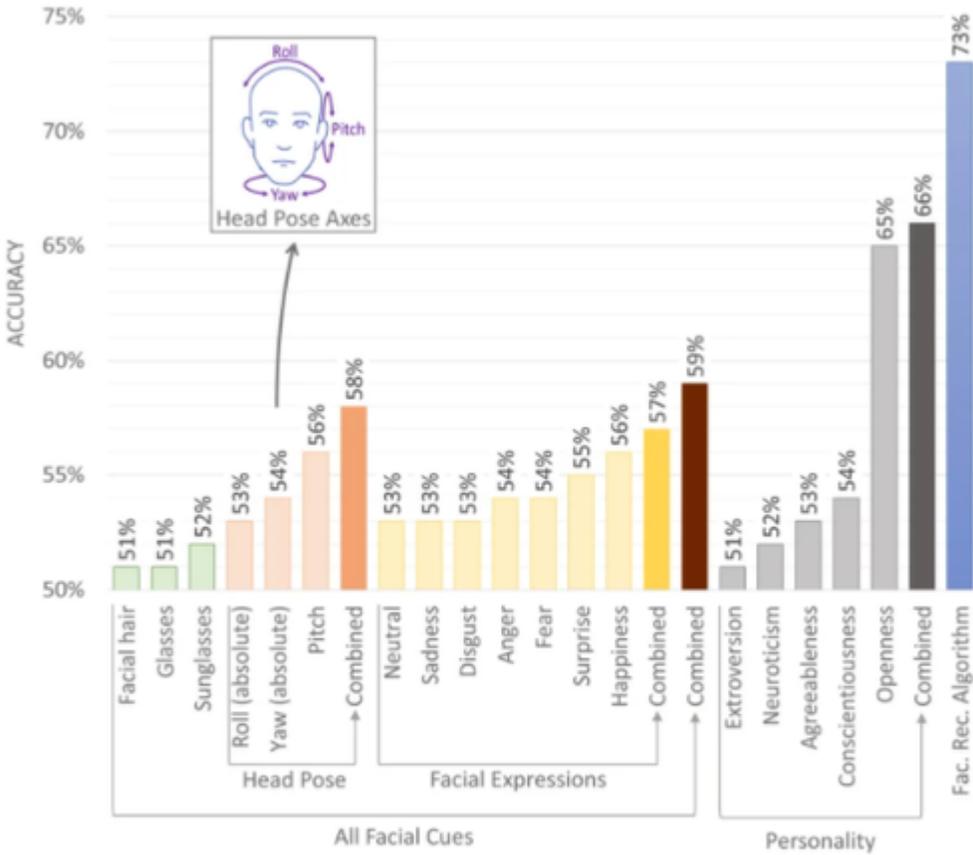
*personality questionnaire (66%). Accuracy was similar across countries (the U.S., Canada, and the UK), environments (Facebook and dating websites), and when comparing faces across samples. Accuracy remained high (69%) even when controlling for age, gender, and ethnicity," he said.*

Kosinski said the algorithm is "high predictability" in determining political views from viewing faces, which implies a notable difference between the facial images of conservatives and liberals.

One of the most significant facial features that differentiate both political parties' faces - aside from gender, age and race was head orientation and emotional expression. He also said liberals were more likely to stare directly at the camera and more likely to look surprised than disgusted.



Figure 3

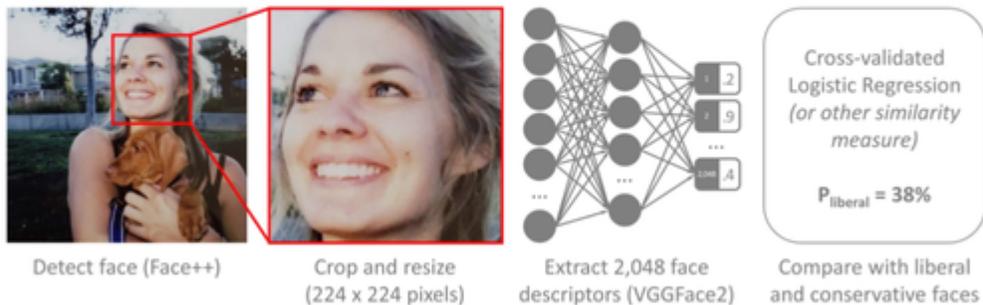


Accuracy afforded by transient facial features and personality traits when predicting political orientation in Facebook users (similar results were obtained in other samples; see Supplementary Table S1). All 95% confidence intervals are below 1% and are thus omitted.

Here are the procedures used to predict political orientation from facial images. And by the way, she's a liberal.

Figure 1

From: Facial recognition technology can expose political orientation from naturalistic facial images



Procedure used to predict political orientation from facial images. (To protect participants' privacy, we used a photo of a professional model. Their informed consent for publication was obtained.)

It was also explained that liberals have a different wrinkle pattern as they



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