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Why AI and facial recognition software is under scrutiny for racial and gender bias

In the light of the Black Lives Matter protests, AI and facial recognition vendors and users are taking notice of concerns over racial bias and privacy, reports Ron Alalouff.

The use of artificial intelligence (AI) has come under the spotlight recently, especially how algorithms can be biased against people of colour or women. And most recently, in the wake of the Black Lives Matter campaigns following the [death of George Floyd](#) in May, tech giants such as Amazon and IBM have suspended or withdrawn their facial recognition technologies which are based on AI algorithms.



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