

Review of: "Beyond the Fear of Artificial Intelligence and Loss of Job: a Case for Productivity and Efficiency"

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This is a view from the Global South - refreshingly earnest and novel. In contrast to the “future of work” type of tone from the WEF, Oxford and what not, the authors show that they are actually thinking, probing and sharing. I encourage them to continue refining this paper.

Some brief suggestions - their balanced but positive view of looking beyond job loss and considering productivity is best pursued with abductive reasoning. Perhaps they might want to focus on 3 or so key industries - health, education, finance? - and develop a framework that weighs in on the negative, then positive affordances of AI.

Another minor suggestion is for the authors to state categorically that they are not advocating strong or super AI as replacement for human intelligence. Increasingly, it has been made clear (by Geoff Hinton, no less) that such use-cases would be dangerous. So what should augmented or collective intelligence (ie AI used with active human control) do in order to realise its potential of productivity and efficiency? That is the question.

Good luck; we need it.