

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY HAS OBJECTIFIED HUMANITY

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"New technology is not good or evil in and of itself. It's all about how people choose to use it," David Wong. As said that, objectification is not a flaw of technology, but it depends on the way that how people use it. Advanced technology has not objectified humanity, rather it has brought ease in lives by facilitating people in all spheres of life. Technology serves as a tool controllable by humans. Moreover, technology, through its Human-Centered design philosophy and automation of objectifiable, secured the dignity of human beings. Moreover, technology advancement has expanded connectivity

throughout the world and provided free access to knowledge and education. Similarly, it gave voice to voiceless and marginalized groups in preventing from humiliation. Technology has dignified humans by providing sources of earning. In addition to, it also assisted in saving lives by facilitating in medical field, where it helped in providing physical and sensory augmentation. Furthermore, advanced technology has also facilitated in early diagnosis of diseases to ensure good health. In a nut shell, the assertion, therefore, is that the perceived objectification is not due to advancement in technology, but in its mismanagement. When used for liberation, empowerment, and access, technology is the ultimate anti-objectification force.

The term objectification of humanity is a complex philosophical and sociological concept which means treating a human being as a mere object or thing, rather than as a complete, autonomous human being with their own thoughts and feelings. It involves stripping the humans of their subjectivity, autonomy and inherent dignity. The contemporary debate on objectification is

largely built upon the philosophy of Martha Nussbaum who argues that the person is objectified in following seven ways: instrumentally, denial of autonomy, inertness, fungibility, violability, ownership, and denial of subjectivity.

The advanced technology has not objectified humans because it serves as a tool, not master. The technology products such as smartphones, computers and AI are bound to human intent, input and ethical guide to function. They cannot work on their own. The whole decision-making power regarding their deployment and purpose rest with human. Human is master because he has authority to control those tool according to his own will. It reinforces the idea that technology is controllable tool, not a master.

Moreover, Human-Centered Design (HCD) philosophy in technology also supports the idea that advanced technology has not objectified humanity. It ensures that the user's subjective experience, needs and autonomy be the central focus of technology development. Instead of treating people mere an object, HCD employs empathy to deeply understand their unique contexts, ensuring that tools are designed to be controllable.

and usable. It directly preserves the user's dignity. By making design decisions based on lives, it ensures that the technology remains in human hands as a tool. This philosophy of Human-Centered Design counters the objectification of humanity.

Furthermore, the other benefit of advanced technology in protecting human dignity is automation of objectifiable. Advanced technology, particularly AI and robotics, works on the principle to automate tasks that are inherently repetitive, dangerous and objectifiable. By delegating these duties such as data entry, hazardous material handling, to algorithms and machines, technology has saved human time and energy from the dehumanizing forms of labor and enhances the human role and efforts into more subjective such as creativity, problem solving and decision-making. To sum up, advanced technology has dignified human beings by introducing automation of objectifiable.

In addition to automation of objectifiable, advanced technology has also expanded the network of connectivity throughout the world. It allows the maintenance of personal relationships across the vast geographical

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distances through messages and video calls. Through this advancing technology world has become a global village. It has connected people to their loved ones from any part of the world. Moreover, through open source development and collaborative design tools, individuals from around the world can unify subjective efforts toward a shared, create and human-driven goal. Thus, instead of objectification of humans, advanced technology has proved to be beneficial by connecting people from all over the world.

Similarly, beside expanding the network of connectivity, advanced technology has also provided free access to knowledge and education. The access to books and libraries that were considered expensive, are now in access to everyone because of advanced technology. People can get information about anything from multiple sources of the internet. Technology has made online learning easy for the children. They can take online classes of any tutor from any part of the world. This can help in enhancing skills and learning abilities. This universal access to knowledge and education rejects the idea of objectification.

due to advancing technology, as it elevates the subjective potential of every learner.

Moreover, technology has given a voice to the voiceless or marginalized groups. Social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook etc. have become a powerful tool of voice to voiceless, enabling political dissent, social movements and against violence, thus breaking all the stereotypes. Revolt in Bangladesh, Indonesia and now in Nepal are well known examples of powerful voice of social media. All this demonstrate technology's power to humanize political action and hold powerful entities accountable and ensuring humans dignity by raising voice through these social media platforms against any violence.

Additionally, advanced technology has provided people with sources of earning as well. Due to this technology, the methods or ways of earning have also moved from traditional to advanced. It has provided the opportunity for people of any profession or field, to work from home. People are earning online through several way

such as freelancing, online teaching and content creation. "What new technology does is create new opportunities to do a job that customers want done," said Tim O'Reilly. New technology has created various job opportunities to ensure that the work is to be done in best way. Today, content creators are earning online through youtube, Facebook and Instagram e.t.c. by creating new contents. Thus instead of objectification, technology has provided humans to ~~earn even~~ several ways of earning to make them economically empowered.

Moreover, advanced technology has also provided with physical and sensory augmentation to humans. Advancements in technology like prosthetics and neuro-implants such as Cochlear implants help individuals to directly restore natural human capabilities. These developments significantly reassert the value of human subjectivity by repairing the individual body and extending its operational limits. To sum up all, it can be said that advanced technology prevents objectification by enabling disabled people to integrate and participate in society.

Furthermore, advanced technology also serves as cognitive augmentation. It means the use of technologies such as AI and other digital tools to expand the intellectual capacity of the human mind. It transforms the individual from a limited biological processing unit to a super-intelligent collaborator. It helps in making faster and more accurate decisions. This enhances the creativity and problem-solving by granting unprecedented access to knowledge. This will ensure enhancing, rather than limiting one's mental ability and potential. It supports the idea of securing the dignity of individuals even after advancement in technology.

Last but not the least, advanced technology has also made advancements in medical field by assisting in early disease diagnosis. Over time, AI is being introduced in diagnostics. This integration of technology has made it easy to diagnose and detect the disease at initial stage. Moreover, through fitness trackers, people can keep a check on their health. Similarly, through online diet plans, it has become easy to add

appropriate quantity of nutrients in their diets. In short, new advanced technology can help save lives and maintain good health. Thus, technology has not objectified humanity.

To conclude, advanced technology has not objectified humanity because it facilitated humans with each advancement to secure their dignity. Its HCD, automation of objectifiable, enhanced network of connectivity, all support the fact that technology has not objectified humanity. Similarly, free access to education, voice of marginalized groups, earning opportunities and services in medical field, all are facilities provided by the advanced technology. Instead of objectification, advanced technology has benefited humans by facilitating in all spheres of life.

"Technology is important because it creates the future. We're able to be a part of the 'next' and create things that don't exist."

~ MC Hammer ~