

Response from Clearview AI

The Business & Human Rights Resource Centre invited Clearview AI to respond to allegations in the report linked below that Clearview AI sells data to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to conduct mass surveillance of American citizens, which contributes to chilling Americans' rights to free speech and access to basic necessities.

- American Dragnet: Data-Driven Deportation in the 21st Century, Georgetown Law, Center on Privacy & Technology, May 10, 2022: <https://americandragnet.org/>.

On 9 June 2022, Hoan Ton-That, CEO Clearview AI sent the following response:

*“As a person of mixed race, the accuracy of facial recognition technology is important to me. Recent NIST testing has shown that Clearview AI's facial recognition algorithm shows no detectable racial bias, and to this date, **we know of no instance where Clearview AI's technology has resulted in a wrongful arrest.**”*

In the NIST 1:1 Face Recognition Vendor Test ("FRVT") that evaluates demographic accuracy, Clearview AI's algorithm consistently achieved greater than 99 percent accuracy across all demographics.

In the NIST 1:N Face Recognition Vendor Test ("FRVT"), Clearview AI's algorithm correctly matched the correct face out of a lineup of 12 million photos at an accuracy rate of 99.85 percent, which is much more accurate than the human eye.

According to the Innocence Project, 70% of wrongful convictions result from eyewitness lineups. Accurate facial recognition technology like Clearview AI is able to help create a world of bias-free policing.

Clearview AI is also committed to the responsible use of its powerful technology and is used only for after-the-crime investigations to help identify criminal suspects. It is not intended to be used as a surveillance tool relating to protests or under any other circumstances. Clearview AI only searches publicly available information on the internet that is accessible to anyone with a web browser, just like any other search engine such as Google, Bing or DuckDuckGo.

Clearview AI's agreement is with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), which uses our technology for their Child Exploitation Unit and ongoing criminal investigations. Clearview AI has enabled HSI to rescue children across the country from sexual abuse and exploitation. Clearview AI is not used for any immigration related purposes in DHS at this time.”