

Our ideas about robots haven't changed in nearly 100 years.

But our feelings about a future with them has.

Past depictions in media led to a cultural fascination with robots, but also stoked fear about the dangers of technology & automation in the future...

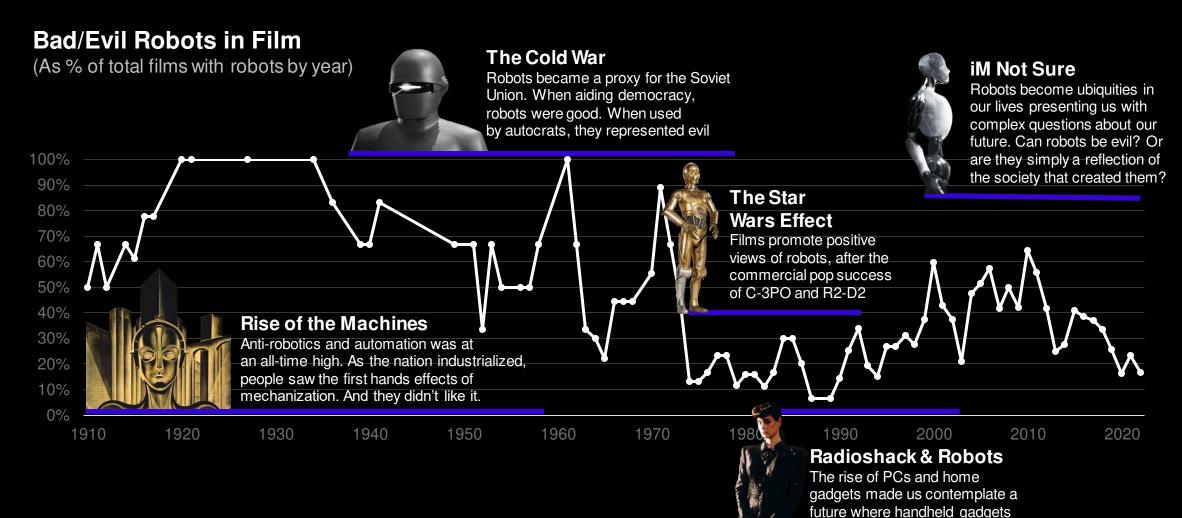
Today, with new advances in workplace automation, many of these age-old fears are finally being realized.

Robots in the workplace are already plentiful & will only continue to grow, leaving us wondering not just WHETHER robots will take our jobs, but rather... WHEN?

We Have Always Been Preoccupied with Robots

Since the advent of the Mechanical Turk, we are fascinated by automation but terrified by its lack of humanity. Robots in Pop Culture mirror our greatest fears and amplify our hopes of what is to come.

became our very hands.



Source: NBCU Internal Analysis of Films

So, it's no surprise we are worried that

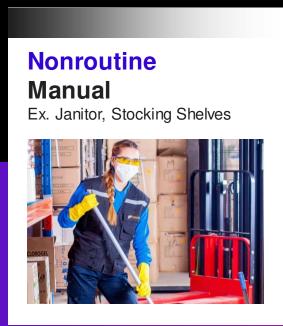
Robots Are Coming For (Some Of) Our Jobs

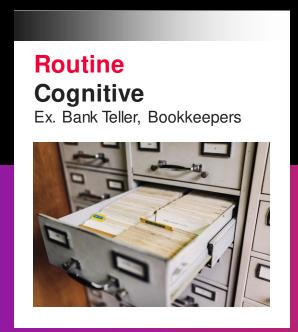
The perception is that manual jobs are destined for robots. The truth is a little different.

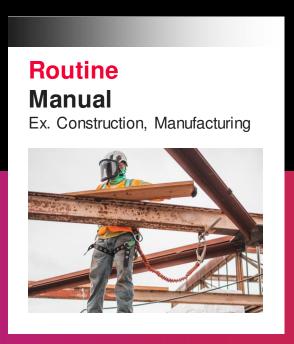
Routine jobs, regardless of if they're cognitive or manual, are the ones have already started to be automated and mechanized. These jobs have seen a 10pp reduction in openings over the last 20 years due to automation.

Non-routine jobs, which don't follow patterns, are hard for today's robots to mimic.









Sources: FRED; WSJ; Third Way

And The Rise of Robots Shows No Signs of Slowing

The application of robots is growing, while humans continue to speculate on how this might impact them...

+13%

Robot installation growth expected in the next year. Human Job growth?
Just 3%

82%

of humans think robots will do much of the work we do today by 2050. Yet 70% of people say that their job will not be impacted by robotics or automation. +\$15T

Al has the potential to boost global GDP this much by 2030. That would be equivalent of adding 1,372,905,975 humans to the workforce.

But Don't Worry Just Yet

Robots, Al and Automation are a long way off from changing the world.



Algorithms have repeatedly been shown to have deep flaws around race and gender.



Exposed to the internet, a chat bot quickly becomes sexist and pro-Hitler.



Robots fall short in traditionally human-held jobs. **Real-life example:** a security robot's workday was cut short when it drowned in a fountain.

Case in Point

We asked an AI to help us finish the headline for this slide, here is what it came up with:

"In the meantime, here are 10 jobs you can literally do today with a robotic partner at the edge of your own workspace."

Will Robots Take My Job?

Four Trends that will hold true in 2023 and their impact on marketers

01.

Distrust of Al and Algorithms

Al and blackbox technologies are increasingly distrusted and viewed negatively by the public

Marketing Implications
Using AI, Automation as a
marketing hook may hurt
brand perceptions

02.

Reject Recommendations

While small, a growing number of streamers state they are more likely to seek content rather than go with recommendations

Marketing Implications
In addition to cost, shift to
free AVOD (channel surfing)
to promote discovery

03.

Al to Help Shape Creative

After the recent success of an AI winning an art contest, expect a wave of new companies exploring ways for AI to help create images.

Marketing Implications
Expect AI to play a larger
role in creating ads

04.

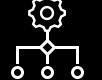
See (And Not See) Robots Everywhere

Aging populations and high labor demand, have turned many companies to AI and robotics. 2022 hit an all time high for robot installations.

Marketing Implications
Expect AI and Robots to be
used alongside existing roles
across the job spectrum

FUTURE PREDICTIONS:

How the Rise of Robots and Automation Could Become the Next (Human) Renaissance



Automation = Human Valuation

In places where automation is failing, demand and salaries for (human) jobs are projected to grow 10x those in automated fields



Labeling Requirements

Am I talking to a line of code? Did the video I get recommended come from an algorithm? Expect that push for transparency to come in the form of disclosures and labeling.



The Future is Neutral

Computers are not making their own AI (yet). Having HAL or C-3PO work besides us is still our choice.

Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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