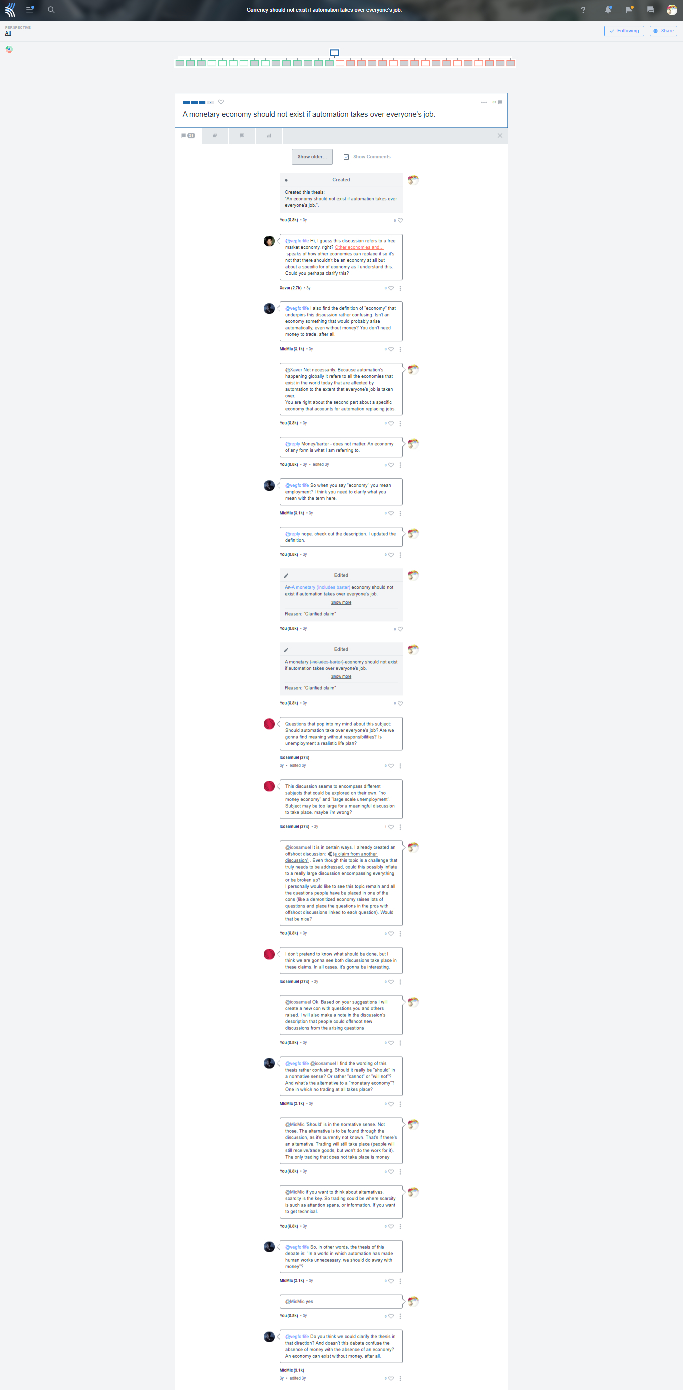
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A monetary economy should not exist if automation takes over everyone's job.

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"An economy should not exist if automation takes over everyone's job.".

You (8.8k) • 3y · 0

@vegforlife Hi, I guess this discussion refers to a free market economy, right? Other economies and... speaks of how other economies can replace it so it's not that there shouldn't be an economy at all but about a specific for of economy as I understand this. Could you perhaps clarify this?

Xaver (2.7k) • 3y · 0

@vegforlife I also find the definition of "economy" that underpins this discussion rather confusing. Isn't an economy something that would probably arise automatically, even without money? You don't need money to trade, after all.

MicMic (3.1k) • 3y · 0

@Xaver Not necessarily. Because automation's happening globally it refers to all the economies that exist in the world today that are affected by automation to the extent that everyone's job is taken over.
You are right about the second part about a specific economy that accounts for automation replacing jobs.

You (8.8k) • 3y · 0

@reply Money/barter - does not matter. An economy of any form is what I am referring to.

You (8.8k) • 3y • edited 3y · 0

@vegforlife So when you say "economy" you mean employment? I think you need to clarify what you mean with the term here.

MicMic (3.1k) • 3y · 0

@reply nope. check out the description. I updated the definition.

You (8.8k) • 3y · 0

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You (8.8k) • 3y · 0

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You (8.8k) • 3y · 0

Questions that pop into my mind about this subject: Should automation take over everyone's job? Are we gonna find meaning without responsibilities? Is unemployment a realistic life plan?

Icosamuel (274)
3y • edited 3y · 0

This discussion seams to encompass different subjects that could be explored on their own. "no money economy" and "large scale unemployment". Subject may be too large for a meaningful discussion to take place. maybe i'm wrong?

Icosamuel (274) • 3y · 1

@icosamuel It is in certain ways. I already created an offshoot discussion: (a claim from another discussion) . Even though this topic is a challenge that truly needs to be addressed, could this possibly inflate to a really large discussion encompassing everything or be broken up?
I personally would like to see this topic remain and all the questions people have be placed in one of the cons (like a demonitized economy raises lots of questions and place the questions in the pros with offshoot discussions linked to each question). Would that be nice?

You (8.8k) • 3y · 0

I don't pretend to know what should be done, but I think we are gonna see both discussions take place in these claims. In all cases, it's gonna be interesting.

Icosamuel (274) • 3y · 0

@icosamuel Ok. Based on your suggestions I will create a new con with questions you and others raised. I will also make a note in the discussion's description that people could offshoot new discussions from the arising questions

You (8.8k) • 3y · 0

@vegforlife @icosamuel I find the wording of this thesis rather confusing. Should it really be "should" in a normative sense? Or rather "cannot" or "will not"? And what's the alternative to a "monetary economy"? One in which no trading at all takes place?

MicMic (3.1k) • 3y · 0

@MicMic 'Should' is in the normative sense. Not those. The alternative is to be found through the discussion, as it's currently not known. That's if there's an alternative. Trading will still take place (people will still receive/trade goods, but won't do the work for it). The only trading that does not take place is money

You (8.8k) • 3y · 0

@MicMic if you want to think about alternatives, scarcity is the key. So trading could be where scarcity is such as attention spans, or information. If you want to get technical.

You (8.8k) • 3y · 0

@vegforlife So, in other words, the thesis of this debate is: "In a world in which automation has made human works unnecessary, we should do away with money"?

MicMic (3.1k) • 3y · 0

@MicMic yes

You (8.8k) • 3y · 0

@vegforlife Do you think we could clarify the thesis in that direction? And doesn't this debate confuse the absence of money with the absence of an economy? An economy can exist without money, after all.

MicMic (3.1k)
3y • edited 3y · 0

@MicMic this discussion's already in the direction you mentioned. The questions you pose already have been brought up and addressed. That is how we got to the term 'monetary economy'. The issue with your change is that money takes in too many forms to just call it 'money'. People might poke holes in that. Plus, I'm trying to focus the discussion around an economy as people's jobs revolve around one as does money. You are right that an economy can exist without money, that's why I specified that we are only talking about the monetary one and nothing else.

You (8.8k) • 3y 0

@vegforlife Ok, that makes sense. So what are the implied alternatives to using money? Exchanges based on barter and trust? Or do you have something else in mind? People would certainly still exchange goods and services and expect some returns.

MicMic (3.1k)
3y • edited 3y 0

@MicMic I'm not implying there are any alternatives. I just created a discussion to discuss the pros/cons of humanity existing, surviving, and even thriving without money. This discussion could discuss alternatives as pros/cons, but is not required to. Yes, they still would if goods/services still existed in the moneyless world. It might be possible that in the moneyless world, we decide not to have them. It's all up for debate as to the best approach to continue human existence when humans are replaced by automation in the monetary economy

You (8.8k) • 3y 0

@vegforlife Well, if you want to discuss different approaches, we should probably turn this into a multi-debate. In the current format, you can't really go beyond "pro-con" relating to a single approach.

MicMic (3.1k) • 3y 0

@MicMic it's already a multi-debate with offshoot discussions (such as the discussion about what the role is in a fully-automated world). Feel free to add more offshoot discussions and link them here. I'm fine with keeping it a pro-con approach as it works for me. But for any chance of branches, I have a "questions section" that creates a multi-debate.

You (8.8k) • 3y 0

@vegforlife A multi debate in the context of Kialo is one in which multiple options can be discussed. Have a look at this one: www.kialo.com

Might this be what you have in mind? Right now, what you say about the intent of this debate doesn't match the format of the debate, I believe.

MicMic (3.1k) • 3y 0

@MicMic I see what you are saying, but I like this format as it helps me at least with adding and understanding claims (as I'm the main contributor of this discussion). As other people (or I) contribute more, this could change.

You (8.8k) • 3y • edited 3y 0

Hey all!! @reply
I hope it's okay to resurrect this discussion about what's included in the scope of the term "monetary economy". I know from what reading what was said in the comments here that the debate doesn't concern elimination of economy overall, but only of money. But it seems that there is the "term" money itself is ambiguous between at least two or three meanings.
It appears that sometimes elimination of money refers to eliminating the use of currencies. Other times, it seems to refer to eliminating any kind of "medium of exchange" or "store of value" or "methods of payment".
Maybe I am being overly careful here, but I see that some claims in the debate confuse these two meanings. So, for instance, the claim People will not have to worry… applies to the second meaning but doesn't necessarily apply to the first.
Sorry for a long wall of text, but I'd love to know what you all think!

nimchimpsky (463)
1mo • accepted by you (8.8k) 1

@nimchimpsky actually I really like that you're helping this discussion along - as I thought no one would and this is one of my favorites.

I would say that money is a medium of exchange, but not the only one - as there's barter, so it's not that. Yes, this is talking about removing currencies. Everything has value, so we can't remove that. Methods of payment might not go away, as people might just be given products that they need just because they live. For the purpose of this discussion, money would be what would look like currency: anything that is used in a way that has no intrinsic value when used: from gold to the dollar to stones.

So you're right - currency is the better word. It seems that 'money' is an assigned value to something or math: like saying this book is worth $5 or if I owe you $2 and you owe me $3, we could cancel out the two dollars without a transaction, which is money and the dollar you give me is currency. So I will say 'currency'. Good catch.

You (8.8k) • 1mo • edited 1mo 0

@reply I think I fixed the info section if anyone wants to see it.

You (8.8k) • 1mo 0

@vegforlife yay thank you for making that clear in the info. making it clear that we are referring to use of currency does a lot of help to seeing this debate more clearly. I see that, in the light of this clarity, many claims here might need a fresh look.
also, it's quite interesting how many meanings the word 'money' holds. i wonder if there is a common skeletal meaning beneath these different uses we just sketched.

nimchimpsky (463)
1mo • accepted by you (8.8k) 1

@nimchimpsky I'm surprised too - I always thought money and currency were kind of interchangeable.

if you'd like to, I could provide you with admin privileges, so you could change every claim to be about currency. The only common skeletal meaning is really currency beneath it all - it's not supposed to be about money per se, but only in terms of values and in a sense, digital transactions and stuff - it's beyond this discussion, you know?

I do think it's a lot clearer now - thanks for helping it out - actually thanks everyone for that.

I was thinking about having a shorter title, but need help thinking it up. Soemthing about how it shouldn't exist with complete economic automation or full automation of jobs or complete automation of workplaces. Nothing seems to work yet.

You (8.8k) • 9d 0

@vegforlife yeah, i will take out some time for this sometime during this week or next and see if I can somehow survey the debate in this new light.

thank you so much for engaging on this.

nimchimpsky (463)
9d • edited 9d 1

@nimchimpsky thank you for invigorating it, as this is the discussion that I wanted to put on kialo above all the others :)

You (8.8k) • 9d 1

+ Write a comment…

Pros +

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People could receive goods/services created by automatons instead of paying for them in the fully-automated world.

These revolutionary times built the foundation for modern civilization before money (1,000BC): Agricultural Revolution (10,000BC) and barter (9,000BC)

Cons +

To prevent a monetary economy from existing would require active intervention and suppression.

Humanity never experienced complete automation before, which makes the necessity of removing money an uncertainty.

Movement towards a world without an economy is already underway.

In a moneyless society (a.k.a. a post-scarcity economy where everyone is a prosumer), money would not be a necessity.

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There is little possibility of transferring money to the unemployed without jobs.

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The problems associated with the monetary economy (such as socioeconomic inequality) will be eliminated.

Just like other technologies that become obsolete, money (an invention) will become obsolete with automation.

People will not have to worry over money anymore

Civilization can survive/thrive without money/barter, as it has done so in the past.

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The knowledge and conditions needed to automate labor comes from the sum total of human progress and therefore, in the long term, the fruits of its labor too belong to all of humanity. A monetary economy would be a poor fit for this eventuality.

Money should be eliminated, because it causes issues in society.

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This is a worth taking a chance on it, as there's little risk: spare currencies/the concept of it could be kept as a safeguard as we proceed, to restore it if complete automation doesn't work.

If this fully automated society is coupled with better systems of governance eliminating positions of power, then corruption would be virtually impossible.

A monetary economy is essentially a competition based economy. Therefore, this is really a question of whether or not we use competition in society. Competition by its very nature creates a very few winners, and a great many - as in billions - of losers. With de facto abundance created by automation, we no longer have to choose who gets resources and who doesn't. In fact, limiting people's access to resources becomes even more immoral. So yes, money has to go.

If people service their own needs (through 3D printing and growing food), then an economy is not needed (as no one would buy services and goods that they could accomplish themselves).

Eliminating the monetary economy could create a resurgence of it in limited settings. So complete removal's virtually impossible.

Having a limited monetary budget is what prevents people from over-consuming. If there is no money involved, people will be free to consume too much of Earth's limited resources (Fossil fuels, water, lands,...).

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Robots could take over the economy by owning and managing money, thus forming a robot-based economy

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Money is useful and important, and that will not diminish just because of automation.

Other economies and initiatives could replace the current one, as they already factor in automation (such as a resource-based economy).

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People's purpose in life (through jobs and monetary investments) might vanish.

Transitioning away from using currencies is difficult on a mass-scale

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We would really understand the importance of money only after complete automation takes place, as we won't know our needs until then.

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Humans might rebel to all the automation taking over everyone's jobs and decide to form societies away from automation where they create and maintain money there (such as through colonizing another planet or creating virtual reality worlds)

Unrelated
"The thesis talks about the consequences of automation, so it's not relevant to talk about a situation in which automation hasn't happen...

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A demonitized economy raises so many unanswered questions (listed in the pros) that need to be answered first that it forms a barrier to even conceiving the possibility of having no currencies. This makes even a world like that too hard to start.

The value of hard work that went into building savings becomes worthless (to the saver).

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Humanity currently has no replacement for the current economic system, so it is better to keep the monetary economy going than have nothing.

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An economy is how a society decides to allocate it's resources; it can't not exist.

Unrelated
"I changed the topic of discussion because this brought up a valid point. Automation will keep an economy going but specifically the...

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What is the role of humans in an automated economy?

Some cultures might not resist, due to their avoidance of anything relating to communism.

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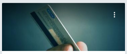

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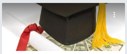

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