

DATA PIONEERS SCIENCE

CONQUERING THE NEXT FRONTIER

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. DATA SCIENCE & ETHICS

- a. Should we fear data science?
- b. Bias and blind spots: How do we prevent them?
- c. How can we ensure that algorithms are fair?
- d. Are we sacrificing accuracy for transparency when we consider ethics in data science?

2. DATA SCIENCE & DEMOCRACY

- a. Can collection or use of data be regulated?
- b. How do we articulate data science and privacy?
- c. How do we articulate privacy standards in data science?
- d. Is data science a threat (e.g., Facebook, Cambridge Analytica) or chance for democracy?
- e. How can we help data science come out of a very specialized area ("black box," "dark room")?
- f. How can we implement a more transparent, data-driven society?

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3. DATA SCIENCE & BUSINESS/WORKPLACE

- a. As consumers, how are we benefiting from AI and big data?
- b. Individual echo chambers, bubbles? What limitations can you see to the progress of AI and machine learning?
- c. What skills will be necessary for future (non-specialized graduates) to be data science literate
- d. How will the role of a data scientist evolve with the entry of AI-enabled tools in the industry?

4. DATA SCIENCE & SOCIETY

- a. Should self-trained machines be allowed to enforce ethical rules or laws on human beings?
Can there be a risk of a Terminator-like scenario with an artificial intelligence taking over arbitrarily?
- b. Is data science taking away all sense of responsibility from humans (dehumanizing us, as in the Stanford prison experiment)?
- c. Who regulates the human controlling the machine?
- d. With big data, has social science “finally found its telescope?”
- e. Which sectors of human life could be most heavily impacted by data science in the coming five to 10 years?
- f. Should there be regulation on the implementation of data science?