

Dystopian China

In our opinion China is more dystopian than 1984, as the technology shown in 1984 is lacking in comparison: China provides 24/7 surveillance, which automatically judges your every action with the use of AI.

China also punishes citizens when acting against the governments will, with a list of so called “trust-breakers” who don’t have any real life to live left, as their employers fire them and their landlords evict them if you’d be on the list.

With your every move being monitored, China invented the “social credit” which is there to display how “correct” you are according to the government, it is kept via the aforementioned AI-judges.

Constant monitoring and a forced moral standpoint would in our opinion be the very definition of a dystopian government.

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Dear Group Members,

Today I would like to present to you why we should choose George Orwell’s “1984” as our book of choice.

I think an article I found might give us some insight into why it is relevant to present political issues, For example, the use of “alternative facts”, as openly used by Trump’s supporters, is similar to the concept of “doubethought” that appears in the novel, This concept is about accepting two contradictory statements as truth, like how we are supposed to accept “alternative facts” while still believing in “normal” facts.

Another powerful example would be how the US uses a massive surveillance system, second only to that used by the regime in “1984”.

With best regards

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