How Can We Build A Moral Robot?

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Artificial intelligence is already starting to drive our cars and make choices that affect the world economy. One day soon, we’ll have robots that can take care of our sick and elderly, and even rescue us in emergencies. But as robots start to make decisions that matter—it’s raising questions that go far beyond engineering. We’re starting to think about ethics.

Bertram Malle and Matthias Scheutz are part of a team funded by the department of defense. It’s their job to answer a question that seems straight out of a sci-fi novel: How can we build a moral robot?