

Top 5 tech documentaries on Netflix

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Documentaries are some of the most binge-worthy content on streaming platforms. Who hasn't spent entire nights browsing through nature, crime or history documentaries to gobble up some new fun facts? Tech documentaries are a relatively recent addition to the genre of documentaries, but their surging popularity indicates they are here to stay. Here are our five top picks for tech documentaries



you can watch on Netflix right now.

THE GREAT HACK

The Great Hack unveils the secrets of Cambridge Analytica, a British consulting firm, which unethically utilized private data on American voters during the 2016 U.S. Election. As the documentary points out, Cambridge Analytica derived data from Facebook to micro-target potential voters to make campaigns more successful.

The Great Hack displays all sides involved in this controversy, primarily focusing on various Cambridge Analytica whistleblowers and British journalist Carole Cadwalladr, one of the firsts to bring the misdeeds of Cambridge Analytica into the limelight.

If you have ever wondered how our private



data in social media websites can be used by third-party companies, The Great Hack is a must watch. Not only does it answer some key questions about cyber security, it will make you wonder just how valuable private data is in this modern world.

THE SOCIAL DILEMMA

It is not news that social media has a powerful effect on us. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. are platforms we use on a constant basis. But just how impactful is social media on our deep-rooted consciousness? The Social Dilemma attempts to answer this rather difficult question by combining the opinions and experiences of Silicon Valley IT experts and former employees of Facebook and Twitter.

A gripping documentary that makes you rethink how social media is catered towards



capitalist consumption, The Social Dilemma provides a deeper look into social media addiction, focusing on younger users. Featured interviews talk about how fake news can manipulate the youth and cause untold harm

in the growing minds of teenagers and young adults.

CODED BIAS

M.I.T Media Lab researcher Joy Buolamwini discovered the alarming fact that facial recognition technology is biased when it comes to scanning human faces. Coded Bias discusses the findings of this AI scientist and how computer-based surveillance can have major flaws.

According to Buolamwini, facial recognition software primarily consists of data of men and white-skinned individuals, meaning there are errors to be found when scanning for darker skins or individuals from ethnic backgrounds. This documentary explores the discrimination in modern AI, attempting to raise awareness on the social and cultural implications of purely machine-driven processes.

PRINT THE LEGEND

Ever wondered how 3D printing came to be? Or how it became the success it is today? Print the Legend dives into the history of famous 3D printing companies such as MakerBot, Formlabs and 3D Systems, focusing on how this revolutionary concept had its fair share of ups and downs while retaining its current reach.

Print the World also features interviews with Cody Wilson, a controversial figure in the 3D printing world, and how his gun rights advocacy brought forth a rather dark period in the history of 3D printing. All in all, an informative documentary that focuses on an often overlooked aspect of modern technology.

LIFE 2.0

Second Life, a video game that simulates the real world, allows its player to create avatars of themselves and essentially live a second life inside virtual reality. Life 2.0 highlights the players deeply immersed in Second Life, exploring how they have become dependent on their virtual existence. While addiction to video games have obvious consequences, Life 2.0 emphasizes how some of the players willingly chose to live in a virtual setting to escape the trauma of their own lives. With this documentary, you will get a gritty reminder of how video games can serve as a defense mechanism against real life atrocities such as molestation and abusive relationships.

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