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ARTISTIC INTERPRETATION OF HUMAN–ROBOT COOPERATION AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN ISAAC ASIMOV'S NOVELS

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Annotation

Introduction. Science fiction is a modern genre. Though writers in antiquity sometimes dealt with themes common to modern science fiction, their stories made no attempt at scientific and technological plausibility, the feature that distinguishes science fiction from earlier speculative writings and other contemporary speculative genres such as fantasy and horror. The genre formally emerged in the West, where the social transformations wrought by the first led writers and intellectuals to extrapolate the future impact of technology. By the beginning of the 20th century, an array of standard science fiction "sets" had developed around certain themes, among them space travel, robots, alien beings, and time travel. The customary "theatrics" of science fiction include prophetic warnings, utopian aspirations, elaborate scenarios for entirely imaginary worlds, titanic disasters, strange voyages, and political agitation of many extremist flavors, presented in the form of sermons, meditations, satires, allegories, and parodies—exhibiting every conceivable attitude toward the process of techno-social change, from cynical despair to cosmic bliss.

Education is a constantly developing system that plays an essential role in the progress of society. With the rapid growth of technology, new ideas about teaching and learning are appearing in the real world. Science fiction literature often helps people imagine future possibilities before they become reality. Isaac Asimov, one of the most influential science fiction writers of the twentieth century, was deeply interested in both scientific progress and human development. His stories present creative predictions about how technology could shape the learning process in the future.[1]

Asimov's classic science fiction novel, "I, Robot," provides an excellent example of social science fiction. The story is set in the future when robots have become an important part of society. In this future world, the robots are governed by a set of laws which they must obey. These laws are designed to protect humans from the robots.[2]

The story focuses on a group of robots who are accused of violating one of these laws. The robots must then find a way to prove their innocence and save themselves from destruction. This story not only explores the interesting question of what it means to be human, but also examines the complex relationship between humans and robots.[3]

In Asimov's fictional works, machines such as robots and artificial intelligence take part in education in various ways. They do not replace human teachers completely, but they help teachers and students to work together more effectively. These stories show schools where students learn through advanced devices and intelligent systems that understand their needs. Asimov also describes robots that can teach, guide and protect learners.[4] His ideas highlight important questions for modern

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education, such as the role of technology in classrooms, the balance between human and machine interaction, and the ethical concerns of relying on artificial systems.

Methodology. This study uses a qualitative research method based on textual analysis. The main purpose is to examine how Isaac Asimov represents artistic interpretation of human–robot cooperation and social problems in his science fiction stories. Several short stories by Asimov that focus on learning, technology and robots were selected for close reading. Attention is given to the roles of artificial intelligence, interactions between humans and machines, and the educational settings described in the texts. The analysis follows three steps. First, thematic elements connected to education are identified in the selected stories. Second, the functions of robots and intelligent machines in the learning process are examined. Third, the possible benefits and challenges of human machine collaboration are interpreted in the context of modern educational needs. Academic articles and theoretical works on technology in education are also reviewed to support the findings and show the connection between fiction and real-world developments.

Results. One of the most thought-provoking social issues in Isaac Asimov's novels is the prejudice directed toward robots. Although robots are created to assist humans and are often portrayed as highly intelligent, reliable, and ethical beings, they are frequently met with fear, distrust, and rejection. This attitude is especially visible in *The Caves of Steel*, where many people on Earth view robots as a threat to their jobs, social status, and way of life. Asimov uses these reactions to illustrate how societies often respond negatively to those they perceive as different.[5]

The discrimination faced by robots in Asimov's fiction closely resembles real-world forms of prejudice based on race, ethnicity, class, religion, or cultural identity. By presenting robots as rational and morally responsible beings who are nevertheless excluded from society, Asimov exposes the irrational nature of intolerance and social bias.[6] His portrayal encourages readers to reflect on the consequences of fear-driven attitudes and highlights the importance of empathy, acceptance, and mutual understanding. Ultimately, the novels suggest that genuine social progress can only be achieved when societies learn to overcome prejudice and embrace diversity.

Another important theme explored in Asimov's works is the fear of technological progress. Many characters in his novels are uneasy about the increasing presence of robots in daily life.[7] They worry that machines will replace human workers, reduce personal freedom, and diminish the value of human abilities. Such concerns are understandable, as technological change often creates uncertainty about the future and challenges long-established social and economic structures.

Rather than dismissing these fears, Asimov presents them as natural human reactions to rapid transformation. However, he also demonstrates that technology itself is not the true source of danger. The greater challenge lies in how people respond to change and whether society can adapt responsibly. Through his stories, Asimov argues that education, ethical regulation, and open dialogue are essential for ensuring that technological innovations benefit humanity. His novels therefore promote a balanced view of progress—one that recognizes both the opportunities and challenges associated with scientific advancement.[8]

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Questions of power and political responsibility are also central to Asimov's exploration of human–robot relations. As robots become increasingly capable of solving complex problems, they begin to play important roles in administration, science, and public affairs. This development raises significant questions about leadership, authority, and the extent to which intelligent machines should participate in decision-making processes. Through these narratives, Asimov examines whether superior intelligence alone is enough to justify political influence. He encourages readers to think critically about who should hold power and how that power should be exercised. At the same time, he warns against the concentration of authority in the hands of any single group, whether human or technological. In this way, robots become more than scientific inventions; they serve as symbols through which Asimov explores broader issues of governance, democracy, and social responsibility.[9] The relationship between humans and robots ultimately reflects ongoing debates about freedom, control, and the ethical use of power in modern society.[10]

Conclusion. Isaac Asimov's novels demonstrate that science fiction can be much more than a form of entertainment. Through his depiction of relationships between humans and robots, he explores important social issues such as prejudice, fear of technological change, political power, and the search for human identity. Rather than portraying robots as dangerous enemies, Asimov presents them as complex and intelligent beings whose interactions with humans reveal both the strengths and weaknesses of society.

The study shows that prejudice against robots often reflects the ways in which people discriminate against those who are perceived as different. Similarly, the fear of robots mirrors wider concerns about technological progress and its impact on employment, social stability, and human values. By addressing these issues, Asimov encourages readers to think critically about how societies respond to innovation and change. His works suggest that fear and intolerance can become obstacles to progress; while understanding and cooperation create opportunities for development. Another important aspect of Asimov's fiction is its exploration of power and responsibility. Through the growing influence of robots in social and political life, he raises questions that remain relevant today: Who should make important decisions? How can power be used responsibly? What role should technology play in shaping the future of humanity? These questions have become increasingly significant in the age of artificial intelligence and digital transformation.

Ultimately, Asimov's novels offer an optimistic vision of the future, one in which humans and intelligent machines are capable of working together for the benefit of society. His stories emphasize that technological advancement should be guided by ethical principles, mutual trust, and respect for human values. For this reason, his works continue to be relevant not only as classic examples of science fiction but also as meaningful reflections on the challenges and possibilities of the modern world.

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