



Press release

Internet pioneer Vinton G. Cerf: "Governments will always have the upper hand"

Berlin, April 13, 2018 - US computer scientist Vinton G. Cerf considers a takeover of power by individual corporations to be unlikely even in the age of artificial intelligence (AI). In an interview in the publication "Entering a new Era" published by the Vodafone Institute, Cerf said: "Governments will always have the upper hand".

If politicians wanted to, they could close or restrict the Internet. In addition, the market would be highly competitive. Even big players would have to face strong challengers again and again.

However, with reference to SpaceX and Tesla, Cerf found that companies were able to do powerful things

The interview is part of the publication "Entering a New Era - The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Politics, the Economy and Society" published by the Vodafone Institute. The paper brings together interviews with Martin Rees, Pascal Finett, Luciano Floridi, Nuria Oliver, Huw Price and essays by Andrew McAfee and Yuval Noah Harari. The author of the paper is the journalist and publicist Alexander Görlach.

Cerf is considered one of the "fathers of the Internet". In 2012 he was inducted into the Internet Hall of Fame as a founding member. He is currently Vice President and Chief Internet Evangelist at Google.

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