

Recently, I have learned a lot about Data Science. When learning, the presentation of 'Smart City' in a symposium I attended last year keeps popping up to my mind.

The speaker is a VT Computer Science professor. He talked about EMBERS (Early Mode Based Event Recognition using Surrogates), which is a fully automated 24×7 forecasting system for significant societal events using open source data including tweets, Facebook pages, news articles, blog posts, Google search volume, Wikipedia, meteorological data, economic and financial indicators, coded event data, online restaurant reservations (Open Table), and satellite imagery.

AI Tech is utilized. It is a Data science system to forecast societal events, an example of a data science application in our life. The talk reminds me of the movie *Minority Report*, and consequently, *I have wondered what kind of world we soon will face.*

*Minority Report* won 2002's [Saturn Award Best Science Fiction Film](#) . The main theme of *Minority Report* is the classic philosophical debate of [free will](#) versus [determinism](#) . Other themes explored by the film include [involuntary commitment](#) , the nature of political and legal systems in a high technology-advanced society, the rights of privacy in a media-dominated world, [\[31\]](#) and the nature of self-perception.

In the movie, the Police department stops murderers before they act, reducing the murder rate to zero. Murders are predicted using three mutated humans, called "Precogs", who "previsualize" crimes by receiving [visions of the future](#) . Would-be murderers are imprisoned in a benevolent virtual reality.

It would be great to have a murder free society. Then, we would expect a crime free life. And, by the same token, we would know what the date w. our significant other would happen before

we have it.

And, if we could know what the future would be, why bother to pray?

Do you want a Life without romance and myth? Life without romance and myth would be terribly dry! Won't it be? But, if you believe in God, or gonna go to another world soon, this wouldn't bother you. Right?

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[Minority Report \(film\) - Wikipedia](#)

**Minority Report** is a 2002 American neo-noir science fiction action film directed by Steven Spielberg and loosely based on the short story "The **Minority Report**" by Philip K. Dick.