

Script n° 2

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Will robot take our jobs?

What are the chances that robots or computers will one day take over your job?

According to one study, 47% of US jobs have a high probability of becoming computerized and recently the Pew research Center surveyed 1900 experts who all agreed that automation and artificial intelligence will truly pervade our lives by 2025. But nearly half of the experts aren't optimistic about this automation at all. They say robots and other tech will displace blue and white collar workers. Masses of people will be effectively unemployed.

Still, you have the other half experts saying, yes, robots will do lots of work ,but humans will innovate to find new types of employments, just as they did after the industrial revolution automating many jobs.

So what's it like out there right now?

Two economists came up with a list of jobs according to how likely they could be automated. Among the top 15 jobs were things like proofreader, bank teller, secretaries and cashiers. Almost all these positions are already in decline in the US work force.

But what about those jobs with the lowest likelihood for automation? Well, these were things like, athlete, firefighter, teacher, and curator.

So, how should people prepare for the day when robots really take over? Well, maybe make sure your kids master the pitch instead of the keyboard.

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