

This psychologist could stop police racism before it happens

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“Hey, man,” says the officer sauntering up to your car. The nonchalant greeting might seem insignificant – but it’s not. If you’re white, that police officer is statistically more likely to lead with “Hello, sir.”

Jennifer Eberhardt, a social psychologist at Stanford University, heads a team of computational linguists, engineers and computer scientists, which is developing speech-recognition and transcript-analysis software for policing. Using machine intelligence, the system scans transcripts from body-camera footage to recognise patterns of racial disparity.

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