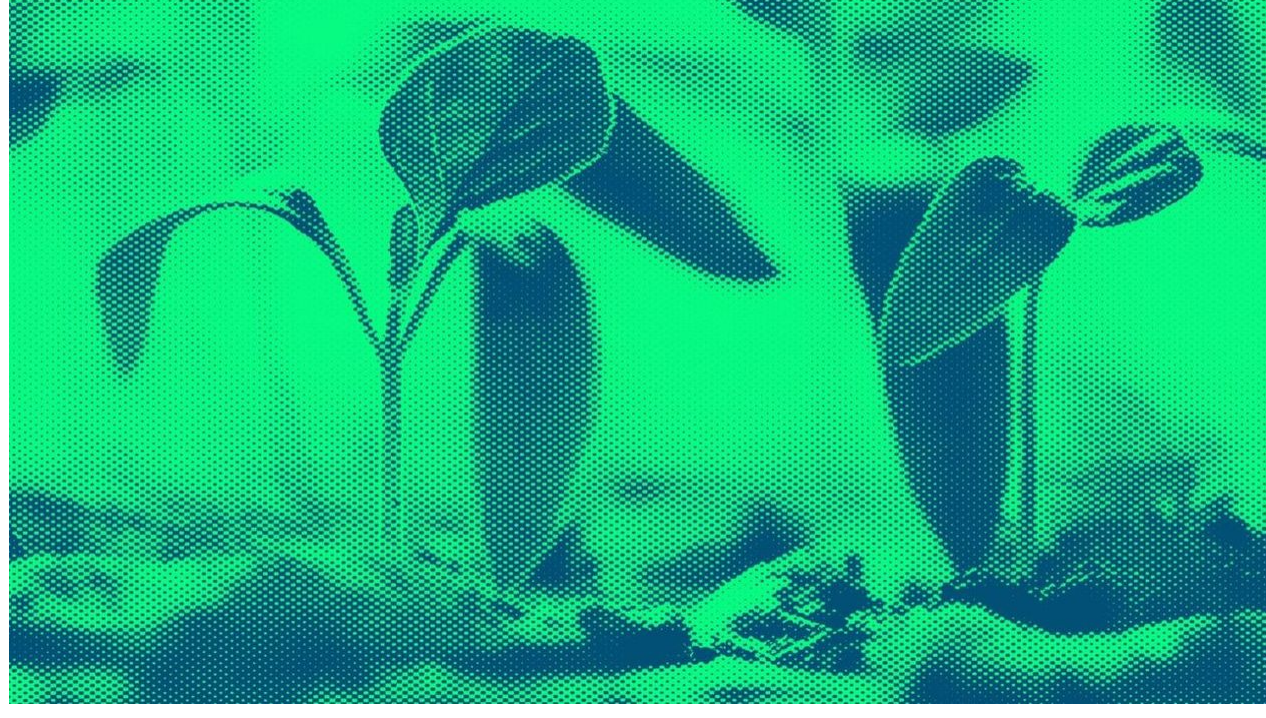


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Plant-Based Protein: The Government’s Latest Investment in Clean Technology

August 5, 2020 by Rachel Marcus

While the Canadian government’s recent investment in a plant-based food facility was a welcome investment in the agricultural industry, it was also a promising investment in clean technology.

Recently, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made an announcement that Federal Government would be supplying Merit Functional Foods with an interest-free \$10 million loan through [Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada’s Agrinnovate Program](#). [Merit Functional Foods](#) is a Canadian company that manufactures high-quality plant-based proteins, such as pea protein and canola protein, using Canadian crops. The \$10 million loan brings the project’s total government backing to [over \\$95 million](#), which Merit plans to use towards completing its state-of-the-art, 94,000 square foot [plant protein production facility in Winnipeg, Manitoba](#). The facility is scheduled for completion by the end of 2020.

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Anonymity and Security of Protestors: Can Masks Really Protect your Identity?

August 7, 2020 by Ya-En Cheng

Masks may protect people from being infected or infecting others with diseases transmitted by respiratory droplets or other airborne means. Masks may also help to disguise people’s identities. However, this might not be the case for too long. There are companies developing periorcular recognition technologies to recognize people’s faces based on partial images of the face. Periorcular recognition technologies focused on using the eye areas of a human face for recognition. Although periorcular recognition technology is still under development and not widely used, it is worth thinking that how this technology can be used in different ways and how our images and actions in public may affect how we are recognized and identified.

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Algorithms, Impartiality, and Judicial Discretion

August 3, 2020 by Dan Choi

There are many reasons to [worry about judicial discretion](#) in the context of sentencing, and developments in [the psychology of judgment and decision-making](#) cast doubt on the idea that sentencing is an art. [For example](#), one might receive a harsher sentence from a judge if you appear in court later in the day. Could algorithms be better than judges? Perhaps in one respect: “impartiality”.

Impartiality is often associated with a neutral, impersonal point of view, or an observer that is hypothetically free of subjective biases. The earliest proponents of these views were David Hume (1740) and Adam Smith (1759). One dimension of impartiality is the concept of being impersonal, meaning dispassionate or indifferent.

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