

# SINGULARITY AND KAKISTOSCRYPTOCRACY

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## ABSTRACT

The goals of this study were to effectively address this knowledge gap by elaborating on how non-state actors used AI for personal gain under kakistoscriptocracy in singularity, potentially impacting state sovereignty, and to apply the market-ing of governmental power to lessen the negative impacts. Documentary research was used in the study. The findings revealed that the study comprehensively explored two relationships between kakistoscriptocracy and singularity: one concerning technological advancements and another regarding economic ones. According to these relationships, there are four critical issues as follows: unchecked use of AI for malicious purposes (technological singularity), widening wealth gap due to AI and automation (fracture scenario in economic singularity), unregulated technology facilitating illegal activities (collapse scenario in economic singularity), and control of blockchain by non-state actors (collective ownership and decentralization in economic singularity). Governments could use government power market-ing strategies to lessen these high risks.

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## INTRODUCTION

Singularity is not a new jargon. It has been employed in physics since at least 1922 when Albert Einstein published his widely known book “The Meaning of Relativity” based on his valuable lectures at Princeton University the previous year (Einstein, 1970). In his theory of general relativity, a singularity clearly describes a point where gravity becomes incredibly strong under extreme conditions. After that, it has since been adopted by various fields of study with different meanings. One prominent usage is in the concept of a technological singularity. This officially refers to a hypothetical future point where advancements in artificial intelligence obviously become uncontrollable and surpass human comprehension. This “runaway reaction” could be triggered by an intelligent machine's ability to self-improve at an accelerating rate, leading to the emergence of a superintelligence beyond human understanding and control. While the concept originated from conversations between mathematicians like John von Neumann and Stanislaw Ulam in the 1950s, it was later popularized by Vernor Vinge. Here are some examples of how the above-mentioned term is used across disciplines as follows: artificial intelligence as a potential of advanced AI without the uncontrollable aspects in a technological singularity (i.e. Ray Solomonoff in 1985) and AI as a technological singularity (i.e. Luis Soares in 2023), Public Administration as an on-demand public service, not as a technological singularity (i.e. Nicole M. Rishel in 2011), monetary policy as a technological singularity (i.e. Vanorio in 2023), philosophy as a technological singularity (i.e. David Chalmers in 2016), statistics as a technological singularity (i.e. Irving John Good in 1966) (Particularly thanks to Chalmers, 2016; Einstein, 1970; Good, 1966; Rishel, 2011; Singla et al., 2023; Soares, 2023; Solomonoff, 1985; Vanorio, 2023; Ulam, 1958; von Neumann & Kurzweil, 2012). Moreover, it also adds another layer of complexity to the state management under kakistocryptocracy. Coined by Srirath Gohwong in 2023, the term clearly describes the phenomenon that non-state actors (such as people, firms, and hedge funds) arbitrarily do their own activities (e.g., money laundering, fraudulence) beyond the state jurisdiction (Gohwong, 2023). There has been no prior study on the relationship between singularity and kakistocryptocracy. **To effectively address this knowledge gap, the objectives of the study were to elaborate on how non-state actors used AI for personal gain under kakistocryptocracy in singularity, potentially impacting state sovereignty, and to apply market-ing of governmental power to lessen the negative impacts.**

## LITERATURE REVIEWS

### Kakistocryptocracy

Kakistocryptocracy, coined by Srirath Gohwong in 2023, was a phenomenon where non-state actors (e.g. individuals, firms, and hedge funds) obviously played a vital role in three areas, spanning both the real and virtual worlds, through lots of IT tools (e.g. blockchain, AI, TOR, and the metaverse) as follows: government-controlled area, non-state actor-based area through underground websites (both deep and dark web), non-governmental cryptocurrencies (NGCs), and pirate firms, and net states area (run by a group of influential, international tech giants like Yandex, VKontakte, Kaspersky Lab, Microsoft, Tesla, Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google). They compromised sovereignty. These actors arbitrarily did their own illegal activities (e.g. money laundering), potentially using NGCs for personal gain. The solutions were tech ambassadors and corsairs (Gohwong, 2023a, 2023b).

### Singularity

The concept of singularity was multifaceted by comprehensively investigating the potential future impact of artificial intelligence (AI) on diverse aspects of human lives. For example, these impacts could range from promoting good governance in politics to widespread job displacement due to automation and even widening the digital divide between the haves and the have-nots in society. Moreover, it highly affected ethics, including consciousness,

personhood, and even the nature of intelligence itself. Though the term could be popularly classified by many scholars into technological and economic singularities, it was widely associated with the technological one, in which AI exponentially exceeded human cognitive abilities. This could highly involve AI developing its own intelligence and goals with human-free input. As a consequence, humans inevitably became the second most intelligent beings on the planet. On the other hand, the economic singularity was another hypothesis that AI and machines performed all tasks efficiently that humans could do, but cheaper, smarter, and faster. This one focused on the societal and economic impacts of AI, especially the displacement of human labor and the need for new economic models and social contracts (Particularly thanks to Awret, 2016; Banafa, 2024; Blake, Shakespeare, Molloy, 2012; Chace, 2016, 2018; Chalmers, 2016; Chesi and Spiegel, 2020; Clark, 2003; Callaghan, Miller, Yampolskiy and Armstrong, 2017; Eden, Moor, Søraker, and Steinhart, 2012; Edmonds, 2021; Ferrando, 2019; Fukuyama, 2022; Goertzel and Goertzel, 2015; Geraci, 2010; Good, 1966; Hamilton and Lau, 2024; Harbinja, 2023; Jalšenjak, 2020; Kneese, 2023; Krüger, 2021; Kurzweil, 2005; Last, 2020; Livingstone, 2015; Moore, 2019; Nordhaus, 2021; O'Neill, 2016; Ranisch, and Sorgner, 2014; Rothblatt, 2011; Savin-Baden, 2022a, 2022b; Scaruffi, 2019; Schroeter, 2020; Seidel, 2008; Shanahan, 2015; Singla, Soni, Gautam, Bhattarai, Sharma, Sharma, and Kaur, 2023; Singularity Now!, 2017; Sisto, 2020; Soares, 2023; Solomonoff, 1985; Stokes, 2021; Vallejo, 2023; Vanorio, 2023; Vinge, 1993; Walsh, 2017).

In addition, each type of singularity had its own scenario. For technological singularity, Cadell Last clearly developed three critical scenarios. First, in the Artificial Intelligence (AI) scenario, machines were predicted to surpass human intellect, potentially automating labor and resources. However, it came with the risk of existential threats if AI goals greatly differed from human values. Next, the Intelligence Amplification (IA) scenario strongly pointed out that technology could enhance humans, blurring the line between biological and artificial in a transhuman state with heightened abilities and lifespans. Last, the Human-Technology Merger (HTM) scenario combined both previous two by envisioning a specific possibility where humans and intelligent machines highly co-evolved in a symbiotic relationship, leading to a hyper-technological society where the definition of “intelligent being” was elaborately redefined (Last, 2020). For economic singularity, Calum Chace clearly elaborated eight scenarios. First, the “No Change” argued that AI would not notably change the economy. Following this, “Racing with the Machines” introduced centaurs and icebergs: centaurs represented a collaboration between humans and AI to increase capabilities whereas icebergs described AI setting up new tasks, and fostering opportunities for diverse skills. Then, “Capitalism +Universal Basic Income (UBI)” proposed revised capitalism supplemented by UBI to intensively support individuals affected by automation. After that, “Fracture” suggested a society divided into a wealthy AI-owning elite and a jobless majority. Furthermore, “Collapse” strongly warned of social unrest and economic collapse resulting from technological unemployment. Moreover, “Protopia” envisioned an optimistic scenario where incremental technological advancements improved society. Lastly, “Collective Ownership and Decentralization” explored how blockchain technology enabled collective asset management to alleviate inequality (Chace, 2016).

### **Governmental Power Market-ing in the VU-CHAOS World**

“Governmental Power Market-ing in the VU-CHAOS World,” authored by Jermsittiparsert, K., Gohwong, S., Pavapanunkul, S., and Mahittichatkul, N., elaborately delved into various facets of governmental power, such as the rise of gerontocracy, and hidden agendas in governmental power market-ing theory and so on. After that, they elaborately examined critical factors influencing governmental purchasing behavior and its implications for power control. Last, they established criteria for evaluating governmental power market-ing, named

Governmental Power Market-Ing Excellence on Return on Investment (GROI) (Jermisittiparsert et al., 2023).

## RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This study extensively utilized in-depth documentary analysis. The data were elaborately collected from diverse and up-to-date sources, encompassing books, peer-reviewed publications, and credible online resources.

## RESEARCH RESULTS

The study comprehensively explored two relationships between kakistocryptocracy and singularity: one concerning technological advancements and another regarding economic ones (Particularly thanks to Awret, 2016; Banafa, 2024; Blake, Shakespeare, Molloy, 2012; Chace, 2016, 2018; Chalmers, 2016; Chesi and Spiegel, 2020; Clark, 2003; Callaghan, Miller, Yampolskiy, and Armstrong, 2017; Eden, Moor, Søraker, and Steinhart, 2012; Edmonds, 2021; Ferrando, 2019; Fukuyama, 2022; Goertzel and Goertzel, 2015; Geraci, 2010; Gohwong, 2023a, 2023b; Good, 1966; Hamilton and Lau, 2024; Harbinja, 2023; Jalšenjak, 2020; Kneese, 2023; Krüger, 2021; Kurzweil, 2005; Last, 2020; Livingstone, 2015; Moore, 2019; Nordhaus, 2021; O'Neill, 2016; Ranisch, and Sorgner, 2014; Rothblatt, 2011; Savin-Baden, 2022a, 2022b; Scaruffi, 2019; Schroeter, 2020; Seidel, 2008; Shanahan, 2015; Singla, Soni, Gautam, Bhattarai, Sharma, Sharma, and Kaur, 2023; Singularity Now!, 2017; Sisto, 2020; Soares, 2023; Solomonoff, 1985; Stokes, 2021; Vallejo, 2023; Vanorio, 2023; Vinge, 1993; Walsh, 2017).

Kakistocryptocracy obviously came along with the three scenarios of technological singularity. First, in the AI scenario, Kakistocryptocracy intensively allowed non-state actors to use AI to build up and use power for their own gain beyond traditional governmental control. For example, they freely used AI to manipulate information to compromise state sovereignty and societal order. Another example, they could also use AI to increase inequalities and social tensions if the AI's goals of these free actors differed from human values. Malicious actors could freely use AI to disrupt some critical information infrastructure (CII) for personal gain. Next, in the IA scenario, these actors could arbitrarily use Web 3.0 technologies, including blockchain and the metaverse, to establish and use their power beyond conventional sovereignty. The abuse and misuse of AI like this, as a consequence, could also increase the digital divide between the haves and the have-nots. This could lead to a dystopian society where a technologically elite class dominated the rest of the population. Last, in the Human-Technology Merger (HTM) scenario, Kakistocryptocracy catalyzed the evolution of hyper-technological societies, which obviously enabled these actors to co-evolve with AI to reshape societal norms and structures for their own gain. For example, these actors highly influenced this co-evolution for their benefit by inventing a set of non-government-based cryptocurrencies (NGCs) where machines strongly dominated humans.

Regarding economic singularity, Kakistocryptocracy obviously matched with various Chace's scenarios. First, the "Fracture" scenario, linked to Kakistocryptocracy, foresaw a society clearly divided between a rich, technologically elite class and a jobless majorities. AI and automation highly worsened this gap, with some exploiting technology to automate jobs, causing widespread unemployment and inequality. Moreover, NGCs also made things worse, creating an advanced financial system under digital settings favoring the wealthy. Secondly, the "Collapse" scenario clearly showed how unregulated technology could pose serious perils. In such an uncontrollable system like Kakistocryptocracy, non-state actors freely used these advanced techs for illicit activities, such as money laundering, terrorism financing, fraudulence, and cryptojacking. This inevitably destabilized financial markets, weakened traditional governance, and caused social unrest and economic breakdown. The rise of NGCs in these

settings obviously made economic systems much more complicated by challenging standard macroeconomic ideas of money control and regulation. These illicit activities under anarchical settings, particularly through countless dark web marketplaces, could lessen trust in financial institutions, such as the central bank and commercial banks, destabilize the global economy, and contribute to the global economic collapse. Third, the “Collective Ownership and Decentralization” scenario evidently provided a positive future where Kakistoscriptocracy could alter the economic system using blockchain technology and decentralized asset management. It clearly imagined net states and influential FinTech companies controlling resources in a new way, challenging traditional capitalist structures. Blockchain in Kakistoscriptocracy could balance power by allowing collective asset management, potentially reducing inequality and creating new paths for empowerment. Despite other negative scenarios, this one as the best scenario obviously gave hope for the sustainable co-existence between humans and AIs. However, its success relied on taking control of blockchain from the non-state actors who highly dominated the Kakistoscriptocracy. Last, Kakistoscriptocracy absolutely contrasted with several economic singularity scenarios. It strongly opposed the “No Change” scenario by directly advocating an unregulated setting where non-state actors freely exploited advanced IT and AI to arbitrarily bypass regulations and create countless black markets in underground websites. It also starkly disrupted the “Capitalism + UBI” model, possibly worsening inequality by allowing technology controllers to exploit UBI-dependent individuals extremely. In the “Racing with the Machines” scenario, it could monopolize AI advancements by creating an awful situation where “centaurs” (human-AI teams) were extraordinarily controlled by a select few, leaving the majorities behind as “icebergs” with limited access to new opportunities. Similarly, it directly attacked the “Protopia” scenario, it greatly hastened economic destabilization and social unrest from lots of unchecked illegal activities (such as cryptojacking), potentially leading to dystopian outcomes. For instance, if cryptojacking had become widespread and targeted lower-income individuals, people who highly relied on their devices could be disproportionately affected by the resulting slowdown caused by cybercrime.

## DISCUSSION & CONCLUSION

According to the findings, there are four critical issues of Kakistoscriptocracy in Technological and Economic Singularity as follows: unchecked use of AI for malicious purposes (technological singularity), widening wealth gap due to AI and automation (fracture scenario in economic singularity), unregulated technology facilitates illegal activities (collapse scenario in economic singularity), and control of blockchain by non-state actors (collective ownership and decentralization in economic singularity). First, in an envisioned future with unchecked AI misuse, fake news, and social bots starkly manipulate public opinion. Next, the fracture scenario predicts a widening wealth gap due to AI and automation, leaving majorities unemployed while a few become richer. Then, the collapse scenario directly warned of the dangers of unregulated technology, particularly NGCs, facilitating illegal activities (such as cryptojacking, terrorism financing, and money laundering). Lastly, very high concerns arose regarding active non-state actors controlling blockchain, potentially helping in numerous criminal activities, thus intensively challenging law enforcement and national security efforts. In this part, by using government power market-ing (GPM) strategies, governments can systematically mitigate these high risks from AI, singularity (both technological and economic), and kakistoscriptocracy. The “Governmental Power Market-Ing in the VU-CHAOS World” intensively provides a comprehensive framework for how governments use market-ing techniques to elaborately communicate with citizens and influence behavior to gain and maintain their power. This is particularly relevant in addressing the high risks of Kakistoscriptocracy in singularity-based scenarios. First, in the case of unchecked use of AI

for any malicious purposes (technological singularity), GPM strategies can promote high public awareness of potential AI misuse and educate citizens on how to precisely identify fake news and social bot activities. Governments can highly collaborate with net states (such as Yandex, VKontakte, and Kaspersky Lab) and FinTech companies to fully and thoroughly develop ethical complete guidelines for AI development and deployment. GPM campaigns can gain high public support for regulations that strongly prevent AI from being used for malicious affairs. Next, in a widening wealth gap due to AI and automation (fracture scenario in economic singularity), GPM can promote government initiatives that provide targeted citizens with the skills they really need in the AI economy. This includes upskilling and reskilling programs, as well as promoting innovation by encouraging investment in new industries and technologies that create new jobs. GPM campaigns can also build strong public backing for Universal Basic Income (UBI) that could help mitigate the economic impact of job displacement. Then, in the unregulated technology facilitating illegal activities (collapse scenario in economic singularity), GPM can gain public support for regulations that address the misuse of cryptocurrencies for illegal activities, promote collaboration between governments and tech companies to develop tools and strategies for combating cybercrime and educate citizens about the risks of cryptojacking and other cyber threats through public awareness campaigns. Last, in the extensive control of blockchain by non-state actors (collective ownership and decentralization in economic singularity), GPM can foster good partnerships between governments, net states, and FinTech companies to methodically develop and deploy secure blockchain technologies, encourage the development of open-source blockchain platforms that are less susceptible to control by non-state actors, and champion the development of international standards for blockchain technology to promote high responsible use.

In summary, this study clearly examined the high risks of kakistocryptocracy (rule by malicious non-state actors using unregulated NGCs, AI, and other advanced technologies) in a future under both technological and economic singularity. It systematically had explored how governments could use government power market-ing (GPM) strategies to significantly mitigate these risks. By effectively communicating and influencing citizen behavior through GPM, governments had been able to play a key role in this awkward situation. This approach tremendously helped us navigate a future that was shaped by these rapid technological advancements.

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