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The purpose of this study was to examine the shifts in ethical perspectives that occurred in the late 20th/early 21st century due to the advent of modern technologies. From the invention of the telegraph in 1837 to experimental artificial intelligence in 2017, technological advancements have massively shifted accepted political and social philosophies by granting humans the abilities of worldwide communication, accessing public records, as well as advertising and social media. The spread of information across the United States through such devices allowed ordinary citizens to become informed about the current status of government, as well as use quantitative research to discern and apprehend sophistries in governing mentalities across America, such as the Jim Crow laws and Immigration reforms during the early 20th century, to effectively aid civil rights campaigns. Furthermore, by commissioning the development of state-of-the-art tech, which rapidly developed their militaristic and information capacities, governments transformed the ethical playing field of international affairs. Technology has also created myriad concerning moral and ethical dilemmas regarding advancements in biotechnical engineering, the decrease of social and sexual interactions, and privacy intrusion. With roughly 30% of the nation's population spending an average of 3 hours on their iPhones daily (Mackay, "Screen Time Stats 2019: Here's how much you use your phone during the workday"), the symbiotic cooperation of human beings with advanced technology calls for a structured system of objective laws that curb the detrimental effects of modern technology in the United States.

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