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fulfils a specific social function, for example, opening up a new channel of communication. The concept of control is then something extraneous to that of physical causation. We need, therefore, to distinguish between the physics of a control system, i.e. a system for the transmission of energy, and its use in engineering as an instrument for putting into effect certain human decisions. It is doubtful whether in this respect one can talk of a control system without reference to the social purpose which it fulfils. Cybernetics, by introducing engineering concepts into the study of the central nervous system, has overlooked that they are heavily impregnated with value judgments. The failure to give an adequate analysis of the concept of control may yet prove to be its Achilles heel.

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