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Work of the Future Task Force report calls attention to exacerbated inequality due to technology

Still, risk of robot-induced “job apocalypse” is exaggerated, report says

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The MIT Task Force on the Future of Work released an interim report Sept. 3 that details its findings on the impact of technology on the labor market and economy. The report said that the challenge we currently face and are likely to face in the near future is not too few jobs, but rather the quality of those jobs and how accessible those jobs are to less-educated people. While technology development has caused an economic growth, this growth has expanded the upper and lower classes at the expense of the middle class.

The report will be presented at a briefing at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. Sept. 10, according to an email from the MIT News Office to *The Tech*. President L. Rafael Reif and MIT researchers will give remarks.

The Task Force was first convened by Reif in Spring 2018 to “understand the relationships between emerging technologies and work, and to explore strategies to enable a future of shared prosperity,” according to the report.

The Task Force is co-chaired by David Autor, professor of economics, and David Mindell, professor of science,