TIMNIT GEBRU

About: Born and brought up in Ethiopia, she came to the US aged 15. Studied at Stanford from where she has a doctorate. Co-founder of Black in AI. Worked at Apple (contributing to the first iPad), at Microsoft in its Fairness, Accountability, Transparency and Ethics in AI (FATE) lab and at Google on ethics in AI before leaving controversially at the end of 2020 after a dispute over an academic paper.

Ideas: Groundbreaking research on American demographics, car ownership and voting patterns; followed up with research into racial biases in facial recognition software. Tech brings bias which needs to be tackled at source.

Content: Extensive media coverage. Check out @black_in_ai and @timnitgebru.

T50 Verdict: "Inspirational at every level. To create a fair and life-enhancing tech future the world needs Timnit Gebru."