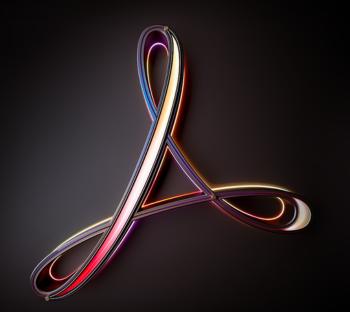


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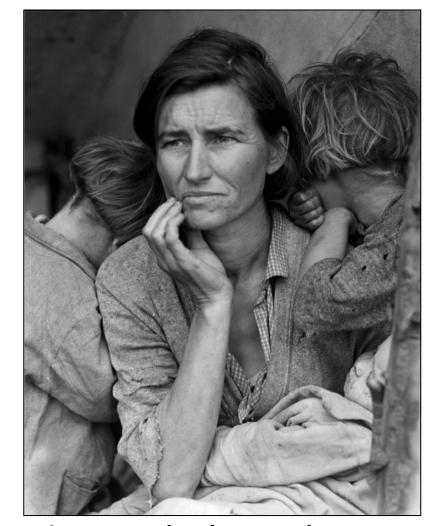


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## Using AI to Color Black & White Photos

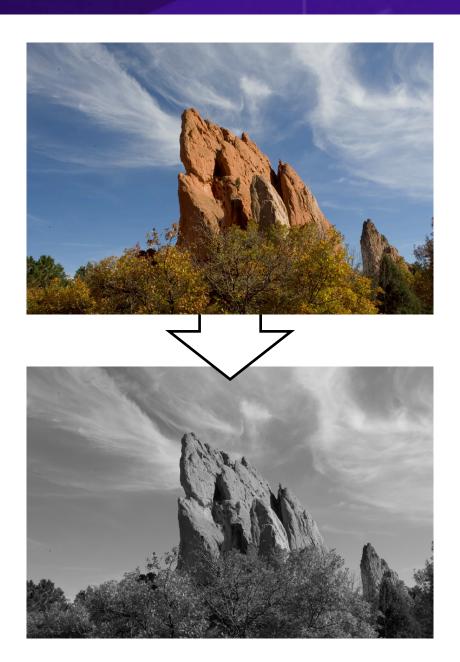
- We seek to colorize black-and-white photographs.
- Could gain new insights from historic photos.
  - But tedious and time-consuming to do by hand
- Colors depend on what is in the picture
  - This is an AI problem, i.e., the algorithm needs to "understand" the content as a whole.



Migrant Mother by Dorothea Lange, 1936. Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division, FSA/OWI Collection, reproduction number: LC-USF34-9058-C

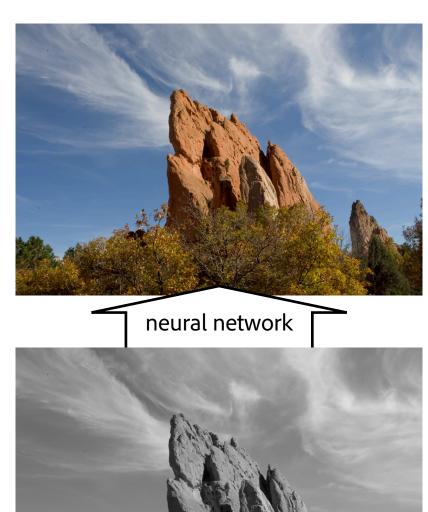
### A Problem Well-suited for AI

- Training data are straightforward to generate
  - Convert a color photo to black-and-white
  - We can get as much training data as we need



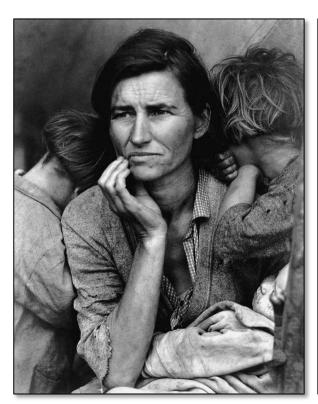
### A Problem Well-suited for Deep Learning

- Training data are straightforward to generate
  - Convert to black-and-white any color picture
  - We can get as much training data as we need
- Train a neural network to predict the color version given the black-and-white image

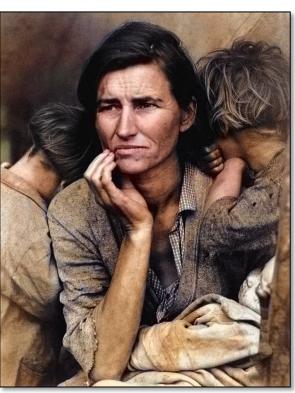




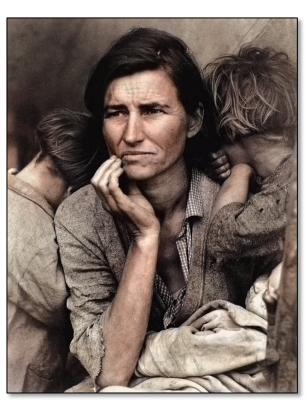
# **Automatic Results**



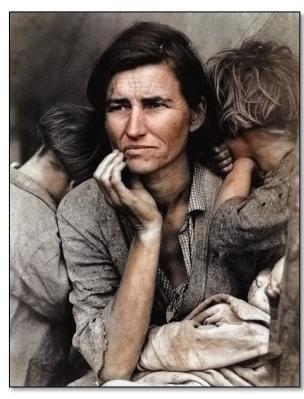
**Grayscale Input** 



Zhang, Isola, Efros. ECCV 2016.



Larsson et al. ECCV 2016.

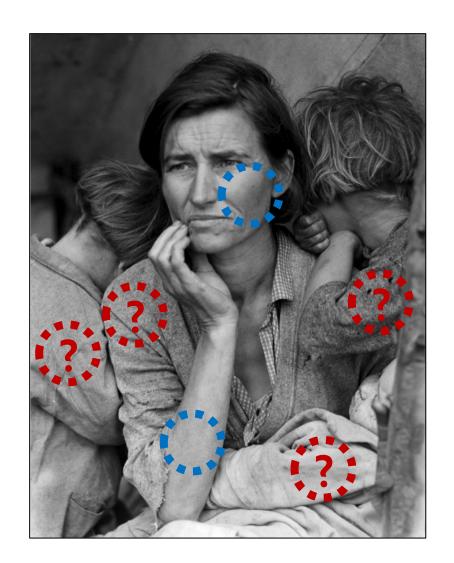


Iizuka *et al.* SIGGRAPH 2016.

Mostly gray and brown

## Color Ambiguity

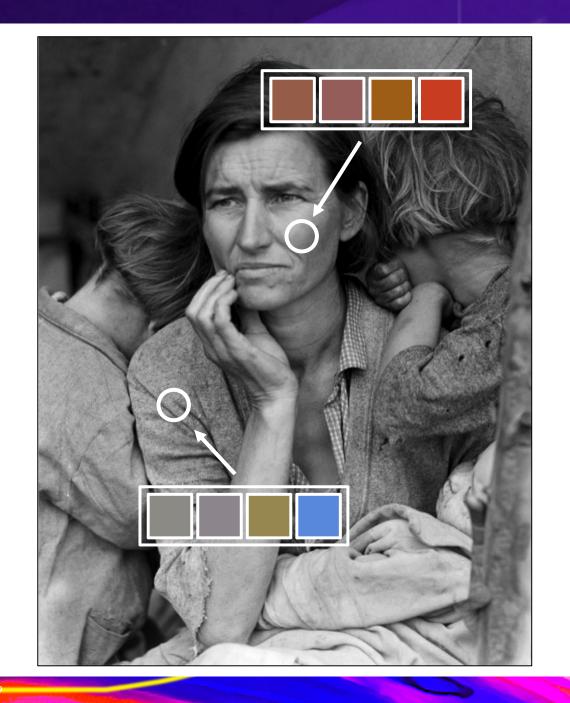
- Some colors are well defined, e.g., skin tones.
- Some colors are not well defined, e.g., clothes
- Ambiguity is a very hard problem to solve.

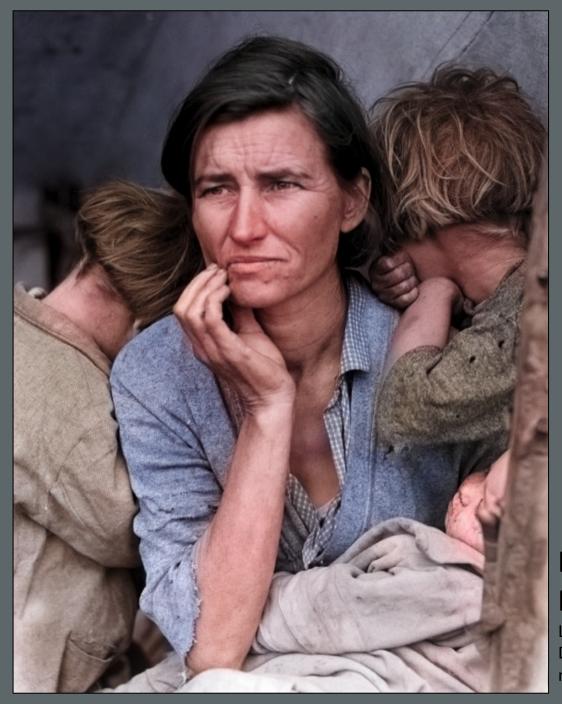


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## Adobe's Approach: Let the Artist Decide

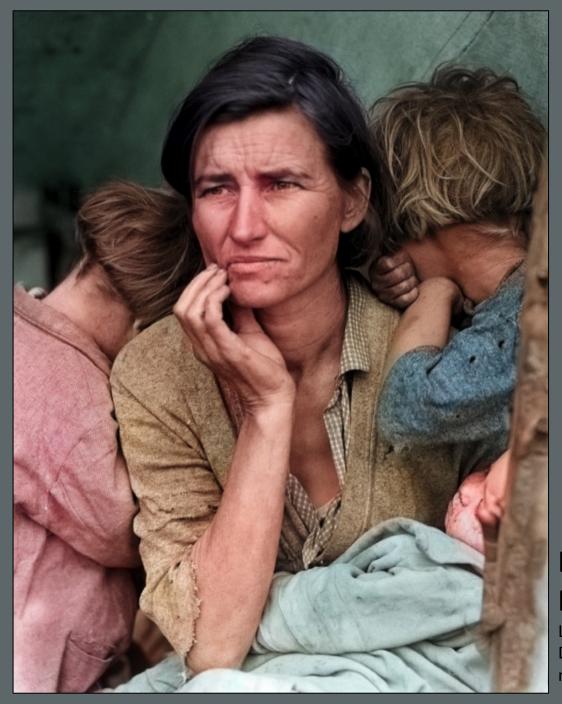
- The artist is in control.
  - The AI is merely a tool to help the artist.





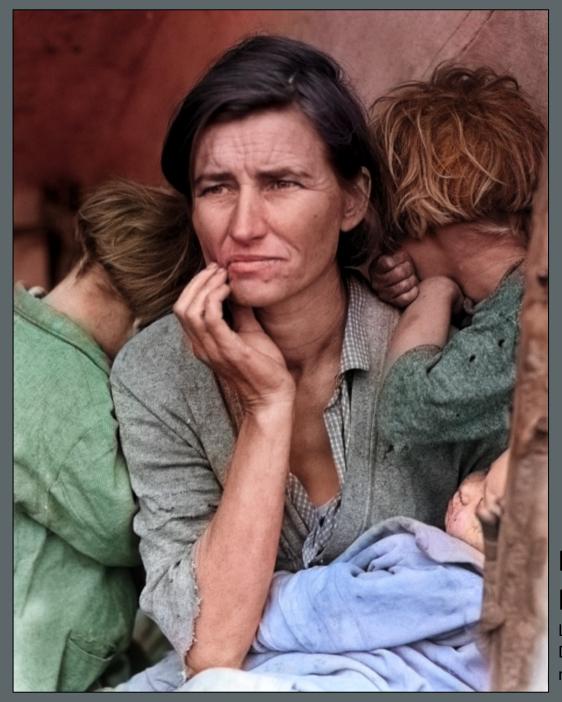
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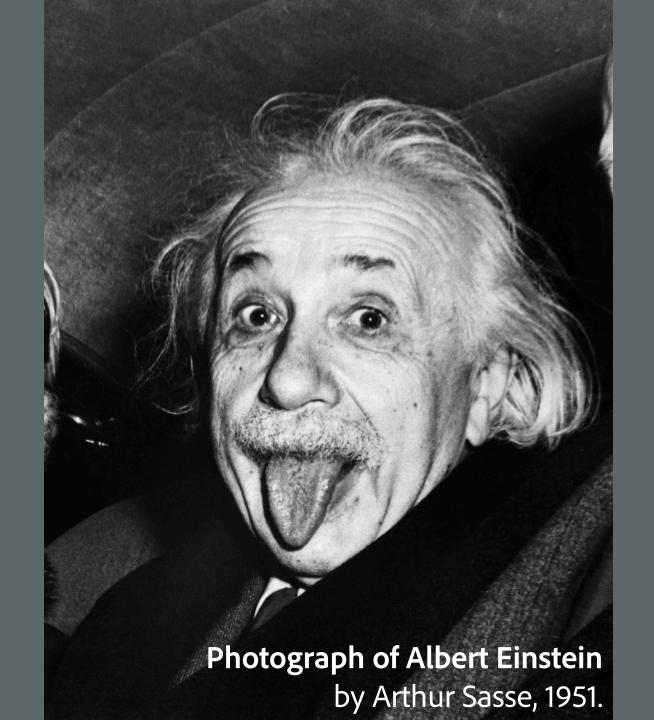
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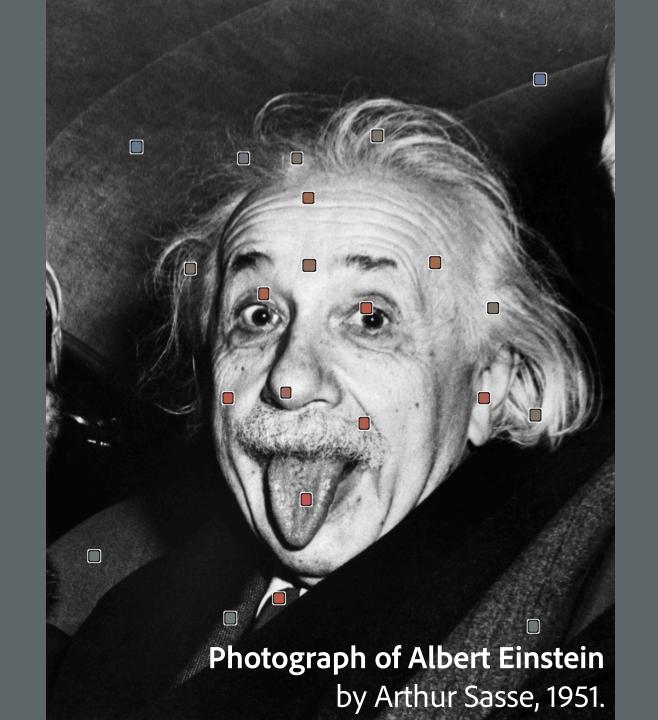
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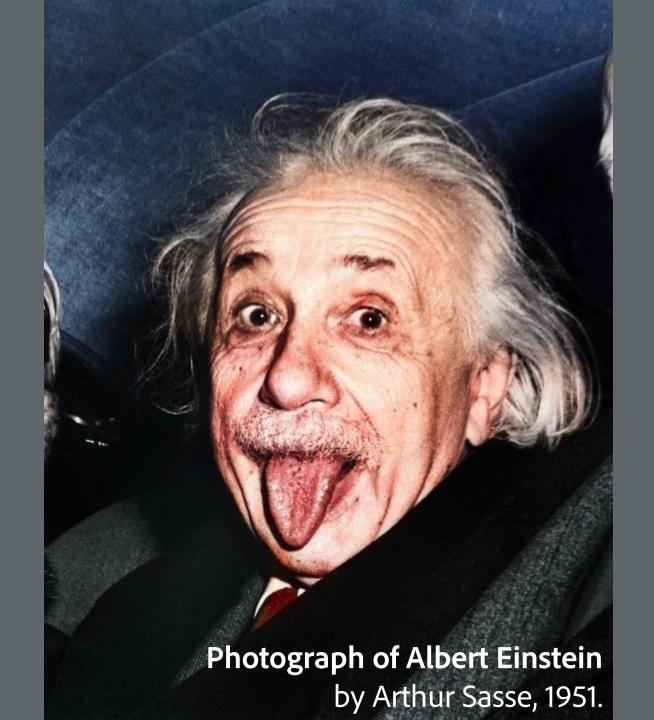


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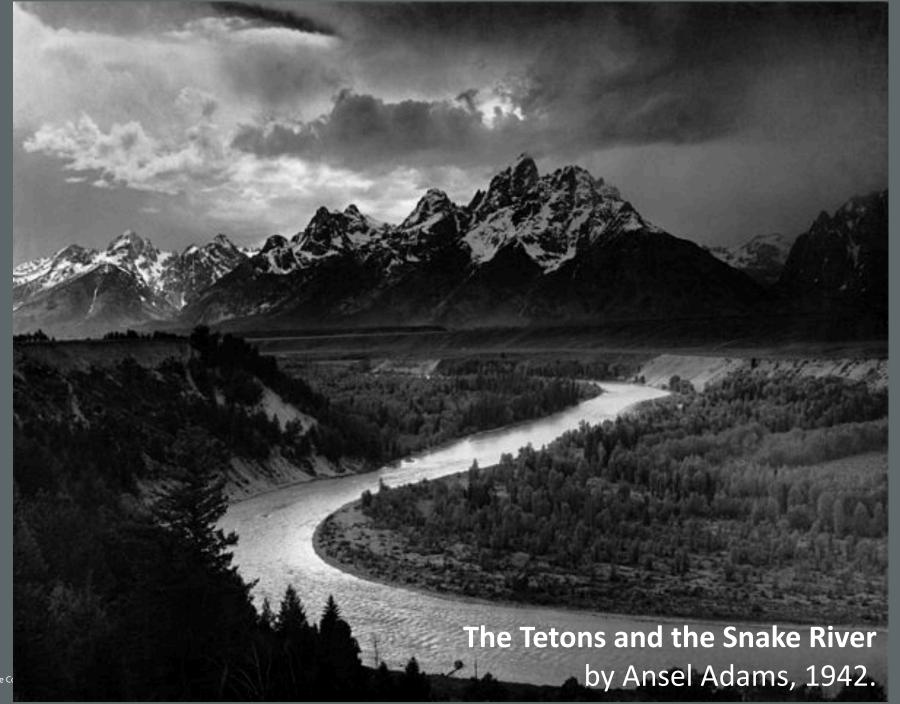
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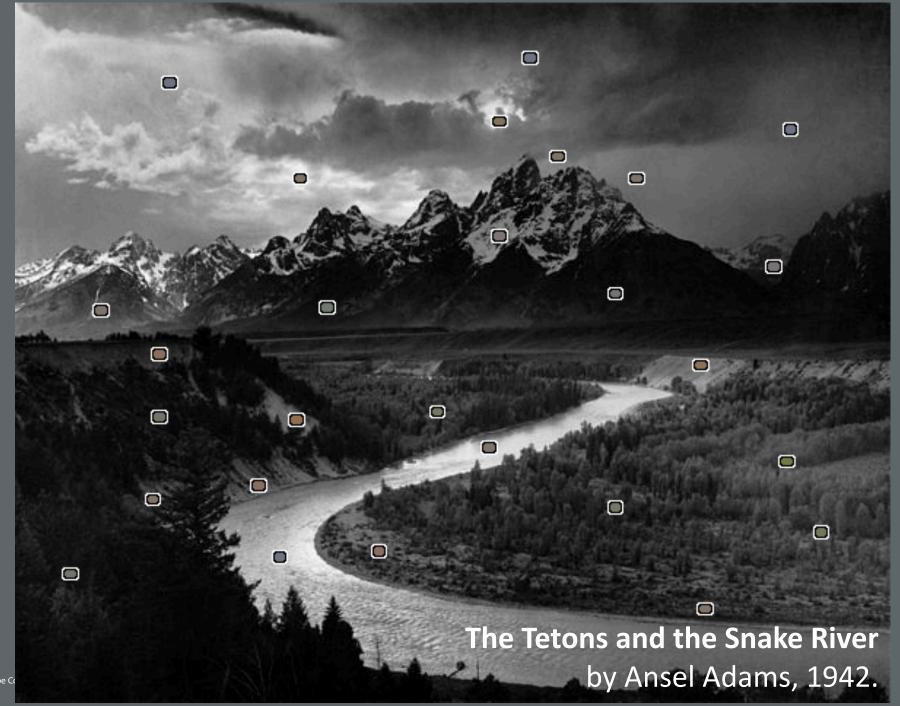




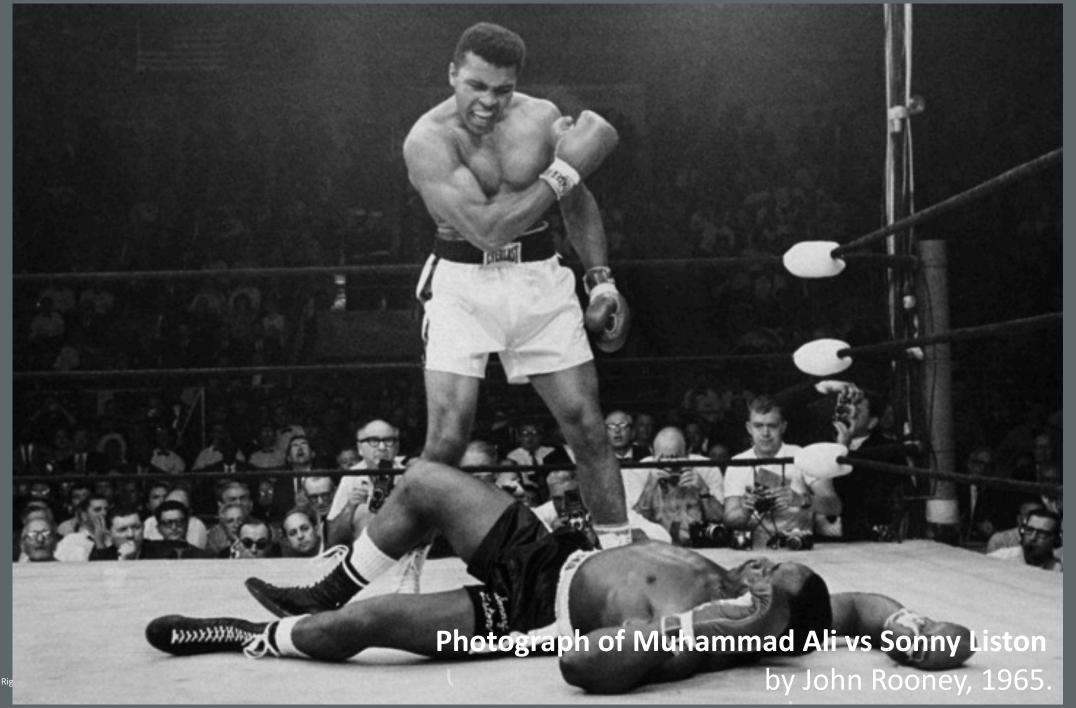
















# Recommendations on AI and Public Policy

1) Involve Humans

Review boards for bias in AI systems to prevent perpetuation of harmful stereotypes

2) Pay Attention to Areas Where Laws Already Exist Employment, credit, housing, criminal justice, health

3) Invest in Education

Creative problem solving, critical thinking, collaboration skills

