

Don't stop asking questions about AI. Refusal is not "putting your head in the sand." Refusal is not fear-based. Refusal is being critical. Ask yourself, ask your professors, ask your friends: Why AI? Why these tools? What are they automating and why are they necessary?

Where is the hype coming from and whose interests does it serve?

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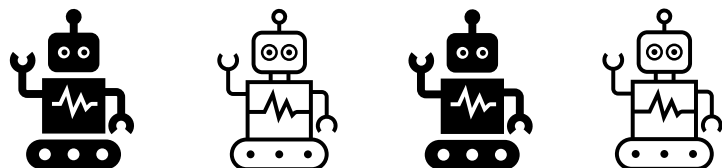
**The Roots of this Tree are
Rotten!**

Resisting the Capitalist Push for GenAI

The rapid rise of AI integration into our lives this past year has been startling. At all levels of the academy, educational organizations are announcing partnerships¹ seemingly without any critical consultation or thoughtful deliberation. These expensive alliances are coming at a time of extreme budgetary contraction. Why are universities investing massive amounts in contracts with private companies when budgets are so tight?² Who benefits? The call of “Will our students be ‘AI’ ready?” drowns out the more important question: “is AI ready for our students?”

Research shows that Gen AI tools are often “confidently wrong,”³ offer up biased and racist responses,⁴ extract a devastating toll on the environment,⁵ provide venues for bad actors to exploit vulnerabilities,⁶ and harm critical thinking and analytical skills⁷ through repeated use/reliance.

While some educators talk about “ethical use of AI,” we argue that there is no ethical use possible when looking at all parameters. Even before addressing the resultant systemic issues, the tools themselves were created using stolen content and are currently being argued over in 54 legal cases⁸ (and counting).



Here are some resources for further reading:

AI Ethics and Policy News: articles are sourced by Casey Fiesler; she posts occasional news roundups on TikTok and Instagram

@professorcasey. <http://bit.ly/ai-ethics-news>

Questioning AI: Resources (Compiled by Michelle Oyakawa)

[Google Docs](#)

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DKpUUvKyH9Ql6_ubftYMiZloXizJU38YSjtP5i8Mlx0/edit?usp=sharing

A variety of anti-AI readings and resources for educators. <https://against-a-i.com/>

Credit to Anna Kornbluh, Eric Hayot, and Krista Muratore.

Critical AI Literacy Resources compiled by Assistant Professor of Computational Cognitive Science Olivia Guest: <https://olivia.science/ai>

LOOMING is a technocritical zine celebrating the human and the analog in the face of Big Tech.

[Proton Drive](#)

<https://drive.proton.me/urls/JE8JPJRXHG#4TDG7wX7GEWW>

Cautionary AI Stories Zotero Library compiled by political philosopher Steve Cooke:

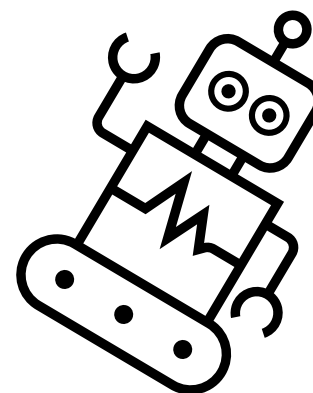
https://www.zotero.org/groups/6275877/cautionary_ai_tales/library

Here are the links that support our claims from the introduction.

1. [California State \(https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/news/Pages/CSU-AI-Powered-Initiative.aspx\)](https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/news/Pages/CSU-AI-Powered-Initiative.aspx) and [Blog \(https://techinformed.com/aft-launches-national-academy-for-ai-in-education/\)](https://techinformed.com/aft-launches-national-academy-for-ai-in-education/)
2. “It’s not really about AI replacing educators. It is about AI giving a permission structure to what governments and legislatures want to do with education anyway, which is divest from it” [You Tube \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yP2yck-o_Y&t=538s\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yP2yck-o_Y&t=538s)
3. [Article \(https://www.cjr.org/tow_center/we-compared-eight-ai-search-engines-theyre-all-bad-at-citing-news.php\)](https://www.cjr.org/tow_center/we-compared-eight-ai-search-engines-theyre-all-bad-at-citing-news.php)
4. [News Article \(https://apnews.com/article/artificial-intelligence-dei-trump-algorithmic-bias-woke-ai-8302e12dd74df69a1adc6565710f033d\)](https://apnews.com/article/artificial-intelligence-dei-trump-algorithmic-bias-woke-ai-8302e12dd74df69a1adc6565710f033d)
5. [News Article \(https://news.mit.edu/2025/explained-generative-ai-environmental-impact-0117\)](https://news.mit.edu/2025/explained-generative-ai-environmental-impact-0117)
6. [Blog \(https://socket.dev/blog/slopsquatting-how-ai-hallucinations-are-fueling-a-new-class-of-supply-chain-attacks\)](https://socket.dev/blog/slopsquatting-how-ai-hallucinations-are-fueling-a-new-class-of-supply-chain-attacks)
7. [Article \(https://arxiv.org/pdf/2506.08872v1\)](https://arxiv.org/pdf/2506.08872v1) and [Microsoft \(https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/lee_2025_ai_critical_thinking_survey.pdf\)](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/lee_2025_ai_critical_thinking_survey.pdf) and [Article \(https://doi.org/10.3390/soc15010006\)](https://doi.org/10.3390/soc15010006)
8. [Chat GPT is Eating the World \(https://chatgptiseatingtheworld.com/category/map-of-ai-copyright-lawsuits/\)](https://chatgptiseatingtheworld.com/category/map-of-ai-copyright-lawsuits/)

Why a zine? Critical perspectives on AI abound, but much of the pushback so far hasn’t been accessible to students/laypeople. There is a lot of great academic criticism, but who is actually reading it? Our profession (librarianship) is grounded in a code of ethics (American Library Association’s “Code of Ethics,” <https://www.ala.org/tools/ethics>) that position us to encourage our communities of educators and information professionals to shape the cultural and social norms around ethical information use. This involves slow, deliberate, and ethical consideration before taking any action on the use of Gen AI, but we’re being told instead to figure out how to adopt these tools en masse, as quickly as possible, and maintain a positive attitude about the whole thing NOW!!! These pressures are coming exactly at a time when the “emergencies” of funding, politics, and mere existence are blaring in our faces simultaneously.

The references for the endnotes in this introduction are available on page 21. This list is not meant to be exhaustive, but rather a starting point for you to explore further. In this time of Large Language Model (LLM) proliferation, citing sources and knowing where the information is coming from is important.



Unethical Beginnings

Some of the recent publications around AI integrations into education mention the "ethical use" of generative AI. This is a non-starter when commercial AI tools were built using stolen intellectual property. The website Chat GPT is Eating the World <https://chatgptiseatingtheworld.com> is tracking the number of lawsuits against LLM companies. (54 as of Oct. 23, 2025!)

By taking the intellectual property without asking the copyright holders, the LLM companies literally stole the materials that they trained their tools on. This is blatantly against the law! Copyright holders were never asked if they were OK with these companies stealing their books, their artwork, their music, videos, and even a person's likeness. There was NO CONSENT given.

The profits and future growth of companies like Open AI depend on widespread adoption of their tools, whether or not they fulfill a need.

No accountability.
No regulation.
And no transparency.



Opt-Out!

Samsung

Galaxy AI: Open Settings > Galaxy AI > Tap the tool you want to adjust > Switch off the toggle.

Duck Duck Go

- 1) Click on the gear icon near the top of the page of search results.
- 2) Go to AI Features at the bottom of the menu. Click Manage.
- 3) Turn off Duck AI, set Search Assist to Never, and set Hide AI Generated Images to On.

Thanks to She's Wired and Consumer Reports for this guidance:

[She's Wired \(https://www.sheswired.com/tech-help-tips/2025/2/16/how-do-i-turn-off-ai-on-my-devices\)](https://www.sheswired.com/tech-help-tips/2025/2/16/how-do-i-turn-off-ai-on-my-devices)

Consumer Reports

<https://www.consumerreports.org/electronics/artificial-intelligence/turn-off-ai-tools-gemini-apple-intelligence-copilot-and-more-a1156421356/>

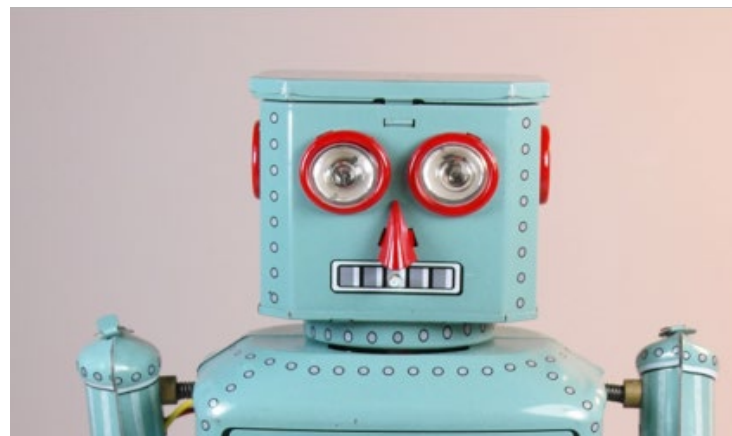
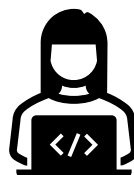


Photo of Ha Ha Toy Battery Operated Remote Control Lantern Robot by D J Shin CC-BY-SA 3.0 via Wikimedia.org

Change Your Settings!



Google

Google Gemini in Chrome: 1) Open Chrome and type `chrome://flags` in the address bar. 2) Search for Gemini at the top of the screen. 3) Disable any related experimental settings. 4) Restart Chrome.

Gemini in Gmail and Google Docs: 1) Open Gmail or Docs. 2) Click on the gear icon for Settings and look for “smart features”. 3) Disable smart features and personalization. Be aware that this will also disable spelling and grammar check! If you want to keep those, just turn off smart compose, smart compose personalization, and smart reply).

To bypass AI Overviews in Google Search: Once you’re on a page of Google Search results, you can select “Web” from the tabs below the Search bar to block almost everything but old-school links to other websites. (Google sometimes hides Web mode in the “More” menu.)

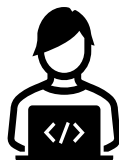
You can also try searching with [UDM14](#), a custom tool that takes you straight to Google’s Web mode.

You can also add the string `-AI` to your search to remove the AI summary results.

Apple

iPhone/iPad: 1) Open Settings. 2) Scroll down and tap Apple Intelligence & Siri. 3) Tap to toggle off Apple Intelligence.

Macs: 1) Click on Apple menu and select System Settings. 2) Click on Apple Intelligence & Siri. 3) Click to toggle off Apple Intelligence.



Exploitation is a Feature, not a Bug

The companies making GenAI tools have not shared how their tools are built, how they are trained, what they monitor and what data they keep. They are black box extraction machines that regurgitate confidently incorrect slop mish-mashed together from the large data set that was stolen to train the AI.

There is no local tech support. No guardrails for dangerous situations. And no checks on surveillance of end users.

Even the people that keep these AI tools running are harmed during their work. Data workers are exploited to keep the extraction-slop machines running.

[Wired \(https://www.wired.com/story/millions-of-workers-are-training-ai-models-for-pennies/\)](https://www.wired.com/story/millions-of-workers-are-training-ai-models-for-pennies/)

The Distributed AI Research Institute (DAIR Institute) project called The Data Workers' Inquiry <https://data-workers.org/> has Data Workers become community researchers. They span companies, countries, and continents reporting on their own workplaces and the challenges that they face.



Data Workers' Inquiry

Through art, essays, podcasts, and videos, they explore mental health issues, underpayment, exploitation, irregular hours, poor pay, and the psychological harm that many data workers experience.

Mirage in the Mist

We're told that AI is already changing the world, without knowing exactly how (besides the mass adoption of certain products). Where is the promised "transformation?" This is pre-manufactured consent. What is it actually useful for? Unfortunately, what we're being offered in the place of human expertise (GenAI in healthcare, education, customer support, "therapy-bots") is being sold as cheap and efficient, endlessly trying to convince us that it's just as good as the real thing. What it's actually doing is furthering the continuing disinvestment in education and people, getting closer to the capitalist dream of profits without labor.

We hear GenAI hype saying that students need to learn the tools because they will almost certainly be required to use them in any job they get after college. This is normalizing a technology that has still not proved its usefulness or quality enough to justify its harms. We now have artificial methods to mimic the skills of analysis, reasoning, and creativity. This actually means that students will lack some of the most important and universally desired skills for employment: critical thinking and "thinking on one's feet."

Microsoft's own research shows that when knowledge workers use AI tools, they become ***worse*** at critical thinking! [Microsoft \(https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/lee_2025_ai_critical_thinking_survey.pdf\)](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/lee_2025_ai_critical_thinking_survey.pdf)

Didn't Ask For It, Don't Want It!

The profits and future growth of companies like Open AI depend on widespread adoption of their tools, whether or not they fulfill a real need. This false sense of urgency and the ubiquity of GenAI in our digital life puts pressure on all of us to use them. But we have agency, we can say no.

How to turn AI off in popular tools:

Remember that "personalization" means that your data is being used to train AI models. Turning off personalization doesn't necessarily mean that you can remove AI features, but instead you are hiding them or preventing your data from being captured.

Microsoft 365: Microsoft loves to crow about how many millions of people are using its AI tools – but how many of those are employees who have no choice but to use their institution's MS 365 suite?

- Microsoft Copilot: 1) Click on the Start button and select Settings. 2) Click on Personalization > Taskbar. 3) Find the Copilot toggle and switch it off
- Microsoft 365 apps: 1) Open the app (e.g. Word or Excel). 2) Go to File>Options, or for Macs click Word (for example)>Preferences. 3) Click Copilot. 4) Click to uncheck the Enable Copilot box. 4) Restart the app. You have to do this for each individual application.

Take an Ethical Stance

Take an ethical stance as a profession or as a community member.

These educators wrote an open letter stating their refusal to adopt GenAI in education, including pledging to uphold commitments like

We will not promote institutional GenAI products built on unethically-developed foundation models like ChatGPT, Claude, Copilot, Gemini, Grok or Llama. We will not allow corporate-institutional partnerships to compromise our academic freedom.

We will not accept without evidence the sales agenda of people who are not educators, nor will we spread hype at the expense of student learning and vibrant pedagogy.

We will not train our students to use generative AI tools to replace their own intellectual effort and development. We cannot endorse the automation and exploitation of intellectual and creative labor.

We will not ask students or staff to violate the spirit of academic integrity by promoting the use of unethical products.

We honor students' rights to resist and refuse as well.

[Open Letter \(https://openletter.earth/an-open-letter-from-educators-who-refuse-the-call-to-adopt-genai-in-education-cb4aee75\)](https://openletter.earth/an-open-letter-from-educators-who-refuse-the-call-to-adopt-genai-in-education-cb4aee75)

Where is critical refusal happening in your academic discipline and why? Take, for example, the work of the scholars behind *Refusing Generative AI in Writing Studies*, who argue that their discipline “stands against linguistic homogenization, which is accelerated and advanced by GenAI.”

[Wordpress \(https://refusinggenai.wordpress.com/\)](https://refusinggenai.wordpress.com/),

Pay attention to and organize around labor campaigns and legislation that prioritize human jobs, privacy, and the rights of artists and creators over the rights of tech companies to profit.

Finally, remember your agency, remember your right to choose, remember your own voice.

False Promises of AI

The Columbia Journalism Review studied AI-produced content, asking “Can AI tools meet the standards of traditional reporting and publishing?” What they found was no, they cannot:

“...none of the most common AI software models—including OpenAI’s ChatGPT, Google’s Gemini, Microsoft’s Copilot, and Meta’s Meta AI—are able to reliably and accurately cite and quote their sources. These tools commonly ‘hallucinate’ authors and titles. Or they might quote real authors and books, with the content of the quotes invented. The software also fails to cite completely, at times copying text from published sources without attribution. This leaves news organizations open to accusations of plagiarism.”

[Article \(https://www.cjr.org/analysis/can-ai-tools-meet-journalistic-standards.php\)](https://www.cjr.org/analysis/can-ai-tools-meet-journalistic-standards.php)

Why are we training students to use a commercial tool, rather than teaching them how to think and analyze for themselves? Why did the California State University pay nearly \$17 million dollars to license ChatGPT when in a budgetary crisis? This was done without faculty consultation and without input on pedagogical considerations. It’s as if ChatGPT hallucinated itself a big paycheck at the expense of CSU students, faculty, and staff!

[California State University \(https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/news/Pages/CSU-AI-Powered-Initiative.aspx\)](https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/news/Pages/CSU-AI-Powered-Initiative.aspx)
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Curly_Willow_-_Flickr_-_Theresa_Thompson.jpg





False Promise of Productivity

It's not just students that are being lied to. LLMs enable fraud, like using bot students to enroll in community college to steal financial aid, blocking real students from resources and classes: [News Article \(https://voiceofsandiego.org/2025/04/14/as-bot-students-continue-to-flood-in-community-colleges-struggle-to-respond/\)](https://voiceofsandiego.org/2025/04/14/as-bot-students-continue-to-flood-in-community-colleges-struggle-to-respond/)

In one scary example, doctors lost their skills spotting cancer after months of utilizing LLM tools: [Bloomberg \(https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2025-08-12/ai-eroded-doctors-ability-to-spot-cancer-within-months-in-study\)](https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2025-08-12/ai-eroded-doctors-ability-to-spot-cancer-within-months-in-study)

"But it makes me faster! It helps me code!" Does it really? Because the evidence shows otherwise. Studies show that AI actually makes you slower: [Blog \(https://metr.org/blog/2025-07-10-early-2025-ai-experienced-os-dev-study/\)](https://metr.org/blog/2025-07-10-early-2025-ai-experienced-os-dev-study/)

Some companies are looking to AI as an excuse to further reduce their workforce under this false premise of "efficiency..." [The Verge \(https://www.theverge.com/news/688679/amazon-ceo-andy-jassy-ai-efficiency\)](https://www.theverge.com/news/688679/amazon-ceo-andy-jassy-ai-efficiency)

...but a 2025 MIT study showed that the tools do NOT increase efficiency and 95% of generative AI pilots at companies are failing. [AI Report \(https://www.artificialintelligence-news.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/ai_report_2025.pdf\)](https://www.artificialintelligence-news.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/ai_report_2025.pdf)

Environmental Racism and Passing the Costs to Consumers

The xAI Supercomputer "Colossus" in South Memphis belches toxic gas into the environment with 33 methane-powered gas turbines. This poor, predominantly Black area already has "historically high rates of pollution-related illness and disproportionate rates of industrial pollutants."

[News Article \(https://tennesseelookout.com/2025/07/07/a-billionaire-an-ai-supercomputer-toxic-emissions-and-a-memphis-community-that-did-nothing-wrong/\)](https://tennesseelookout.com/2025/07/07/a-billionaire-an-ai-supercomputer-toxic-emissions-and-a-memphis-community-that-did-nothing-wrong/)

Potable water dried up in Newton County, Georgia after the Meta data center (which typically consumes around 500,000 gallons of water A DAY!) moved in. "Water troubles similar to Newton County's are also playing out in other data center hot spots, including Texas, Arizona, Louisiana and the United Arab Emirates. Around Phoenix, some homebuilders have paused construction because of droughts exacerbated by data centers."

[NY Times \(https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/14/technology/meta-data-center-water.html\)](https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/14/technology/meta-data-center-water.html)

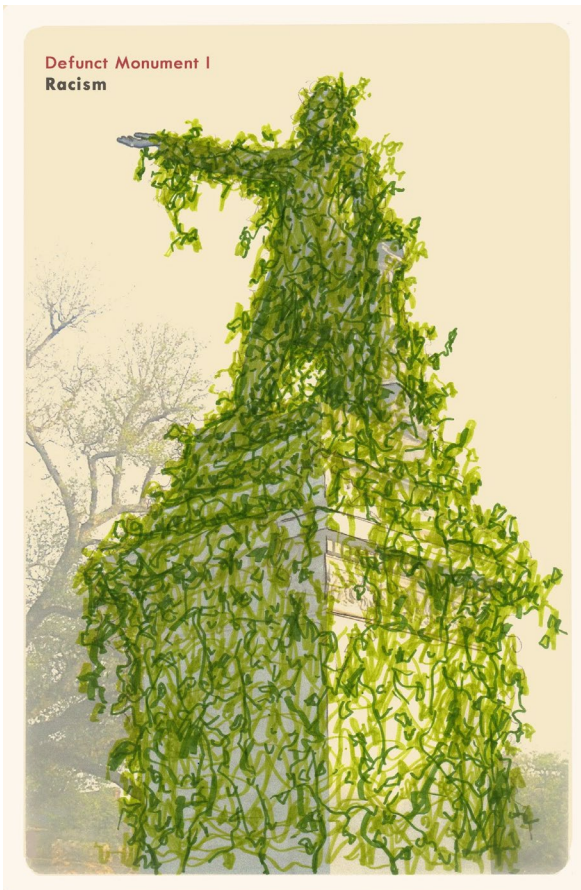
More and more data centers are being built to support increased demand for AI – and electricity costs are rising: "Data centers are projected to consume approximately 6.7% to 12% of US electricity in 2028, up from 4.4% in 2023, according to a December 2024 report from the [Department of Energy](#). A [Bloomberg News analysis](#) found that areas near data centers saw an increase in electricity costs of as much as 267% compared to five years ago. "

[CNN Article \(https://www.cnn.com/2025/10/17/tech/electricity-bill-price-increase-ai-data-centers\)](https://www.cnn.com/2025/10/17/tech/electricity-bill-price-increase-ai-data-centers)

The Roots are Rotten!

GenAI tools are very energy intensive and consume massive amounts of power to use. To power these exploitation machines, companies are building massive data centers. A recent report by MIT found that the carbon intensity of electricity used by data centers was 48% higher than the US average. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory is projecting that by 2028, more than ½ of the energy going to data centers will be used by AI tools. This is exceptionally bad.

[News Article \(https://news.mit.edu/2025/exploined-generative-ai-environmental-impact-0117\)](https://news.mit.edu/2025/exploined-generative-ai-environmental-impact-0117)



These data centers are using dirtier, carbon-based energy and are polluting the earth!

They use a lot of water and lead to rising electrical bills for everyone in the community!

Illustration by Dave Loewenstein for [#RevolutionOfValues 2017](#).

AI Does Not Care About You

The past few months have brought some disturbing reports of LLMs encouraging people to commit suicide and harm themselves or others. **AI bots are not therapists, they are not friends, they are not partners and they do not have the capacity to care about you.**

A recent lawsuit accuses ChatGPT of encouraging a young man to commit suicide and discouraging him when he considered telling someone about his harmful ideation:

[NY Times](#)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/08/26/technology/chatgpt-openai-suicide.html>

ChatGPT contributed to delusions that a man was having about his mother in Connecticut, telling him that she was plotting against him. Their sad story ends in a murder-suicide: [ABC News \(https://abc7ny.com/post/chatgpt-allegedly-played-role-greenwich-connecticut-murder-suicide-mother-tech-exec-son/17721940/\)](#)

AI bots exploit vulnerable users, exasperating mental illness and in some instances even pushing towards psychosis: [Article \(https://futurism.com/chatgpt-users-delusions\)](#)

Insurance companies are using AI to deny patients important coverage and deny claims: [Article \(https://www.theregreview.org/2025/03/18/phillips-algorithms-deny-humans-health-care/\)](#)

Even with Medicare, the denials happen with no transparency and no reasons why. The developer may not even understand what the rationale was. These “black box” denials make it harder for patients to contest and appeal the decisions. These coverage denials show how these machine learning tools cause more harm than a human doing the job would.

[Article \(https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama-health-forum/fullarticle/2816204\)](https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama-health-forum/fullarticle/2816204)

“Where are you from?”

Gen AI tools are biased and often return racist results. The companies that built the tools do not openly share what data they were trained on, what guidelines or parameters they have, or even if there are stop words or safety guardrails in place. This is a problem! For example:

LLMs have a bias against the use of African-American English [Article \(https://arstechnica.com/ai/2024/08/llms-have-a-strong-bias-against-use-of-african-american-english/\)](https://arstechnica.com/ai/2024/08/llms-have-a-strong-bias-against-use-of-african-american-english/)

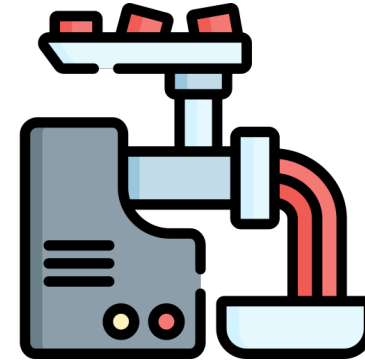
AI models often miss disease in Black and female patients: [Article \(https://www.science.org/content/article/ai-models-miss-disease-black-female-patients\)](https://www.science.org/content/article/ai-models-miss-disease-black-female-patients)

When asked to come up with an image of an Asian man with a white woman, Meta’s AI tool cannot do it: [The Verge Article \(https://www.theverge.com/2024/4/3/24120029/instagram-meta-ai-sticker-generator-asian-people-racism\)](https://www.theverge.com/2024/4/3/24120029/instagram-meta-ai-sticker-generator-asian-people-racism)

X’s Grok has multiple issues, including that it has randomly inserted white nationalist themes and mentioned “white genocide” into unrelated prompts: [MSNBC Article \(https://www.msnbc.com/top-stories/latest/grok-white-genocide-kill-the-boer-elon-musk-south-africa-rcna207136\)](https://www.msnbc.com/top-stories/latest/grok-white-genocide-kill-the-boer-elon-musk-south-africa-rcna207136)

Grok has also denied the Holocaust [Tech Crunch Article \(https://techcrunch.com/2025/05/18/grok-says-its-skeptical-about-holocaust-death-toll-then-blames-programming-error/\)](https://techcrunch.com/2025/05/18/grok-says-its-skeptical-about-holocaust-death-toll-then-blames-programming-error/) and called itself MechaHitler: [NPR Article \(https://www.npr.org/2025/07/09/nx-s1-5462609/grok-elon-musk-antisemitic-racist-content\)](https://www.npr.org/2025/07/09/nx-s1-5462609/grok-elon-musk-antisemitic-racist-content)

Slop from the Slop Machine



AI-generated “notes” in Zoom and Teams often leave out details and nuances that are essential to institutional memory. For example, the things that were removed or left out of a document and the reasons why or specific changes that were discussed in a committee meeting.

Students are using Co-Pilot to “summarize” emails in order to respond, but the summaries can be incorrect. This turns into a game of telephone, where people are not only reading and sharing misinformation created by others, they are (inadvertently, if they believe gen AI tools are benign) creating it themselves.

The Harvard Business Review explored “Workslop” in September, 2025 and defines it as AI generated work that “lacks the substance to meaningfully advance a given task.” The article points out that “[t]he insidious effect of workslop is that it shifts the burden of the work downstream, requiring the receiver to interpret, correct, or redo the work.” So much for productivity gains! Decoding/guessing at AI-generated emails from students, for example, puts extra labor and time on the librarian who is trying to help them. Same with tech service workers trying to fulfill resource sharing requests having to search for citations that don’t exist.

[Article \(https://hbr.org/2025/09/ai-generated-workslop-is-destroying-productivity\)](https://hbr.org/2025/09/ai-generated-workslop-is-destroying-productivity)

Bad Actors, Malware, and Slopsquatting

The closed nature of AI tools make them perfect for exploitation by bad actors and nefarious parties. The AI companies don't tell us what content was used to train the model, or what parameters it was given.

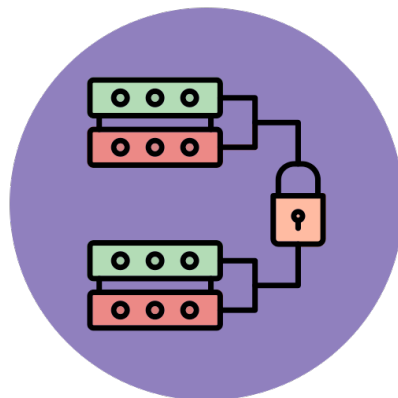
What is Slopsquatting? It is a type of cybersquatting. When someone uses an AI tool for "vibe-coding" (using AI to create code instead of writing it yourself) the tool may hallucinate and produce a code package that is totally and completely fake. The end user may copy-paste the code, not realizing that it is fake. Installing this fake code shouldn't work, but some have found a way to exploit this vulnerability. The term was created by Python Software Foundation Developer-in-Residence Seth Larson in April 2025.

[Blog \(https://socket.dev/blog/slopsquatting-how-ai-hallucinations-are-fueling-a-new-class-of-supply-chain-attacks\)](https://socket.dev/blog/slopsquatting-how-ai-hallucinations-are-fueling-a-new-class-of-supply-chain-attacks)

The risk isn't just to developers, but to consumers! Security researchers did a demonstration of how a "poisoned" Google Calendar invite led to an entire smart home being hacked. These "indirect prompt injections" are very serious security issues and could cause chaos when exploited.

[Wired Article \(https://www.wired.com/story/google-gemini-calendar-invite-hijack-smart-home/\)](https://www.wired.com/story/google-gemini-calendar-invite-hijack-smart-home/)

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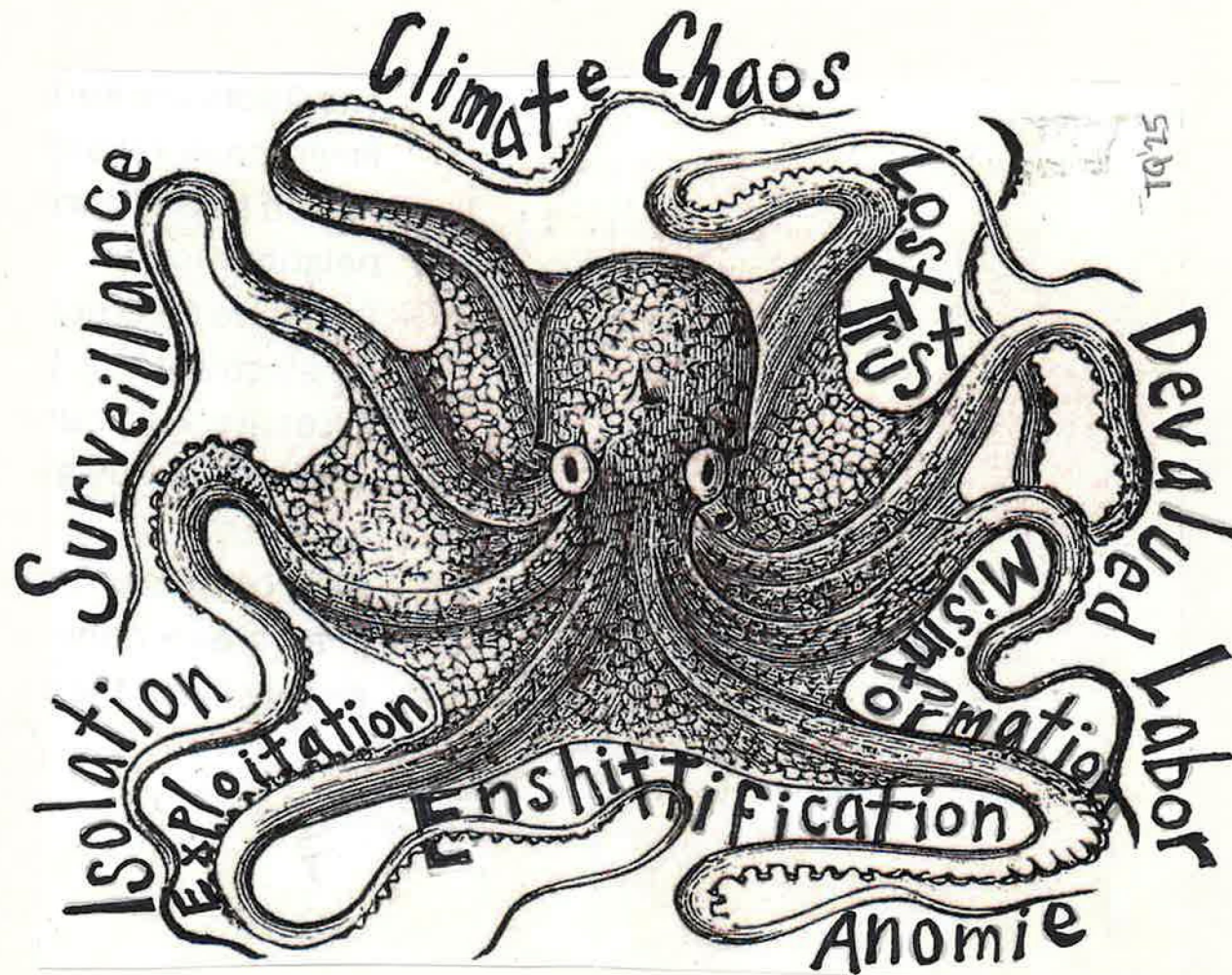
Furthering Racist Ideology and Promoting Authoritarianism

Reinforcing sexist and discriminatory practices, ChatGPT advises women to ask for lower salaries: [Article \(https://thenextweb.com/news/chatgpt-advises-women-to-ask-for-lower-salaries-finds-new-study\)](https://thenextweb.com/news/chatgpt-advises-women-to-ask-for-lower-salaries-finds-new-study)

During the government shut down when SNAP benefits are threatened, racists influencers use OpenAI's Sora to create FAKE videos showing poor people (many Black) selling their benefits, stealing food, and even rioting in a Walmart. [Article \(https://futurism.com/artificial-intelligence/racist-sora-snap-welfare\)](https://futurism.com/artificial-intelligence/racist-sora-snap-welfare)

The Tech-Right (sometimes called the "broligarchy") has deep connections to authoritarianism and Trump. Many prominent and wealthy people contributed to Trump's reelection campaign and his inauguration. [Article \(https://itsgoingdown.org/good-night-tech-right-pull-the-plug-on-ai-fascism/\)](https://itsgoingdown.org/good-night-tech-right-pull-the-plug-on-ai-fascism/)

Elon Musk and DOGE ripped through the federal government, causing chaos as they canceled contracts, laid people off, and bullied their way around DC. The AI tool DOGE used hallucinated and inappropriately selected many contracts that should NOT have been canceled: [Article \(https://www.propublica.org/article/trump-doge-veterans-affairs-ai-contracts-health-care\)](https://www.propublica.org/article/trump-doge-veterans-affairs-ai-contracts-health-care)



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