

Imagine a world where you can no longer trust your own eyes or ears. A world where you don't even know what is real anymore. No, I'm not describing a new movie to you; this is reality, and generative AI is building that right now. If I'm being straight to the point, AI is going to make us all lazy and incompetent. Generative AI makes crude images and creates pieces of stolen artwork, and the artist is never compensated for this common crime. It can make deepfake scams and steal your identity not only your face and credit card, but also your voice and even your body. It also uses power and water just to keep it running; seriously, we are losing so many things, and the world is oblivious to these crimes. It's truly a reminder that you're not in control no matter how much AI makes you think you are. These are exactly what I will be deep diving into, so come along and learn the truth!

First, generative AI completely takes away your ability to think for yourself and have original thoughts because, at the click of a button, you can get so many ideas in under 5 seconds. This is called cognitive offloading and instant gratification: you don't have to do any work to achieve; you can just click, and all the content is there. I think this is a good way to make humans incompetent, step by step, till AI takes over the world... Back in the day, you needed to look in a dictionary if you wanted to find a new word, or learn to spell something, or take hours to read a book to learn about a specific topic, but all these have been wiped out and changed into an extremely low-effort tap. From my standpoint, we are moving backwards instead of forward as a generation with these lazy actions. It is just insane how we as humans have devolved. AI is going to make tomorrow's kids have zero imagination and just not be able to have a creative mind, because everything is handed to them so simplified that they don't even try.

Secondly, generative AI can create images, not just simple things; anything you think of that you want to make can be created. Is it even creation? Is this a form of art? No, not at all. AI is so cheap-looking and completely sucks all life out of hours of painting and planning. It's such a simple and easy path to take because at this age, people always take the shortcuts in life. If you always take the shortcuts, you miss the beauty of everything else; for example, real art and pieces that take patience and time to work on so that you can be pleased with the final results, not just pleased that the Wi-Fi is working and the AI is finished doing all the heavy lifting. The most disgusting thing is also how you can post a photo of yourself, and someone can put it into an AI chat and make the AI take off your clothes without the victim even having a clue what their video is being used for. It could easily be child pornography, which is a horrible crime that is never truly solved because AI is no strings attached, as people assume.

Thirdly, AI is undoubtedly criminal; it can easily be used for Deepfake scams, which include cloning entire voices or fake videos to trick a victim's family into sending money to the scammer behind the screen. This is an insane crime, and the AI manufacturers get zero charges, or anything done to them, put into jail. Because they cannot directly connect OpenAI to the person behind the screen. And they make their videos nearly impossible to tell whether it's real or AI because of how much

content AI consumes about us, its constant learning, and the fact that we are all its muse. AI is slowly making us question our beliefs in what is real and what is fake because of the insane realism in its videos. Also, because it's constantly collecting data on every person, it could enable autonomous cyberattacks: Threat groups leverage large language models and machine learning to rapidly map network vulnerabilities, write custom malware, and execute zero-day exploits with minimal human effort.

Lastly, AI isn't just bad for humans; it is poisoning our earth because it uses massive amounts of our clean water and energy to power its huge data centers. It uses 5 million gallons of water per day, literally stripping an essential liquid to make us continue living. Big companies that make data centers put them in Third World countries and places, where there's no money, which is just cruel, and their small resources are being taken because you decided to generate another AI fruit video for a few likes. Without water, it would take roughly 10 days for us to die, and global society would end completely. So, the next time you think of asking ChatGPT a stupid question, or to finish your English assessment, remember how rapidly it's taking water from us, but not only us- our new generations.

Overall, generative AI is a huge problem, and I hope by writing this it shines a light on the things that have gone overlooked, ignored, and forgotten. But we won't forget it when our identities don't even belong to us, our waters all taken, our future children being put onto an earth where there's no life. Where their competence is extremely lacking, and their imagination no longer exists- is that really the future you want?

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