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Project Proposal Abstracts

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**AI influencers explaining and simplifying state and federal legislation (title TBD)**

Simplified: Generate AI “influencers” on social media platforms (Instagram, Tik Tok, Snapchat etc…) and have them explain State (and possibly Federal) level legislation in simplified terms.

Since the public’s attention has been commodified and monetized through the use of social media and the rise of “influencers” who, generally, have no merits besides being able to market themselves effectively (or by purchasing marketing preference for various platform’s algorithm’s), I propose we create a number (5-10) of Artificially generated influencers whose individual sex appeal and personalities are created to target general or specific audiences or demographics. Once we have curated these generated influencers, their social media posts would be used primarily to present simplified current legislation, starting at the state level, and possibly expanding to the Federal level. This would be used to engage a larger audience on current political issues by making the language of these documents more understandable by the average American.

This process would raise many ethical concerns which must not be overlooked, including misinformation if our model creates inaccurate simplifications, possible exploitation of sexuality and body image issues, among others that will present themselves as the work progresses. Many safeguards must be put in place, and our implicit biases would have to be constantly criticized while training the model and presenting the information, if it were to be made public.

**The Politicians of No Place (working title):**

Simplified: Train a model on political theory and practice to act as a “perfect” politician that users can interact with, and have it provided feedback on how it would achieve a set of “goals” dictated by rules.

Any governmental ideology, be it fascism or anarchy, will never exist in its pure theoretical state due to governments simply being collections of people. This piece attempts to explore this phenomenon by creating an interactive American politician who has been trained on a wide range of political theory, practice and speeches from text that is within the public domain. With the model trained on all this information, we would be able to create a set of rules in which the politician must adhere to create a “political utopia” choosing practices as it sees fit to accomplish its goal(s) constructed by these rules.

This would be a very challenging task, as it would take a level of abstract thought that may not be available from current AI models. But I think it would be possible to have a model that is able to have either limited interaction such as, pre-chosen user prompts, users could define their set of “rules” it must adhere to or which political ideologies the model should give more weight to. The agent could also generate and present political stump speeches revolving around a wide variety of current issues and affairs or specifics chosen by the user.

**I’m too tired to not be honest (working title):**

Simplified: Create AI generated dating profiles (images and bios) that are honest about our personalities and desires based sexual/sociological reports and surveys (Hite report, Masters and Johnson, etc…), not caricatures of ourselves presented to find the “perfect person”.

With the rise of online dating apps, people seem to be having a much more difficult time connecting and finding partners, which many accredit this to the belief that there is always someone better suited for you that you haven’t matched with yet. I would argue that this leads us to create profiles that create a polished caricature of ourselves to present on our profiles that make us as attractive to possible partners, trying to hide any possible flaws we believe we have or think would prevent catching that “perfect person’s” attention.

This piece would create AI generated profiles for fictional people, where their bio would be written to show their true desires in a partner as well as flaws they wish to hide. These bios would be a mix of our own interpretations of these desires and flaws in addition to one’s picked by a , and model that is trained on texts like The Hite Report series and other surveys and /reports (yet to be found) on American dating preferences and sexuality. The presentation of this piece is flexible and would work in multiple formats, including an interactive clone of a dating app (e.g. Tinder, Hinge, etc..), photos of the profiles hung in a gallery setting or other interactive media.