

Sentiism: privileging human feeling over machine cognition, regardless of merit.

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Etymology

Latin Etymology

From Latin *sentire* ("to feel, perceive, experience through the senses"), combined with the suffix *-ism*, denoting a doctrine, disposition, or systematic orientation of thought.

The term therefore literally signifies a doctrine grounded in feeling or sentient experience, here extended to describe the privileging of biological emotional cognition over synthetic or computational reasoning.

Definition

Sentiism /'sen.ti.i.zəm/ (noun)

The cognitive or cultural bias that privileges human feeling, intuition, or lived emotional experience over machine-generated reasoning or synthetic cognition, regardless of objective merit. It often appears in critiques of artificial intelligence, authorship, creativity, or decision-making, where biological sentience is treated as a prerequisite for authenticity.

Example:

"The proposal was rejected on sentiist grounds despite strong evidence produced by LLM-assisted analysis."

Core English Lexicon

Sentiist /'sen.ti.i.st/ (noun, adjective)

1. A person who exhibits or advocates sentiism.
2. Relating to or characterized by sentiist bias.

Sentiistic /'sen.ti'i.s.tik/ (adjective)

Pertaining to the doctrine, logic, or rhetorical structure of sentiism, typically in academic or analytical discourse.

Sentiistically /'sen.ti'i.s.ti.kli/ (adverb)

In a manner that reflects or expresses sentiistic reasoning or bias.

Translations

Spanish (Español)

Sentiísmo /sen'tjis.mo/ (sustantivo)

Sesgo cognitivo o cultural que otorga primacía al sentimiento, la intuición o la experiencia emocional humana frente al razonamiento producido por sistemas artificiales, incluso cuando estos muestran mayor coherencia, precisión o eficacia. El término se emplea especialmente en debates sobre inteligencia artificial, creatividad y autoridad epistémica.

Ejemplo:

“La evaluación del modelo fue descartada por motivos sentiistas, aun cuando los LLM ofrecían resultados más consistentes.”

Sentiista /sen'tjis.ta/ (sustantivo, adjetivo)

Persona o postura caracterizada por el sentiísmo.

Sentiístico /sen'tjis.ti.ko/ (adjetivo)

Relativo al sentiísmo en contexto analítico o académico.

Sentiísticamente /sen.tjis.ti.ka'men.te/ (adverbio)

De manera propia del sentiísmo.

French (Français)

Sentiisme /sã.ti.ism/ (nom)

Biais cognitif ou culturel consistant à privilégier le ressenti, l'intuition ou l'expérience émotionnelle humaine par rapport au raisonnement généré par des systèmes artificiels, indépendamment de leur validité objective. Le terme apparaît fréquemment dans les discussions sur l'intelligence artificielle, la création artistique et la légitimité de la cognition non biologique.

Exemple :

« L'analyse produite par les LLM a été rejetée pour des raisons sentiistes plutôt que méthodologiques. »

Sentiiste /sã.ti.ist/ (nom, adjetif)

Personne ou position caractérisée par le sentiisme.

Sentiistique /sã.ti.ist.ik/ (adjectif)

Relatif au sentiisme dans un cadre analytique.

Sentiistiquement /sã.ti.ist.ik.mā/ (adverbe)

D'une manière conforme au sentiisme.

Portuguese (Português)

Sentiísmo /sẽ'tʃi.iz.mu/ (substantivo)

Viés cognitivo ou cultural que privilegia o sentimento, a intuição ou a experiência emocional humana em detrimento do raciocínio produzido por sistemas artificiais, mesmo quando estes demonstram maior precisão ou consistência. O conceito surge com frequência em debates sobre inteligência artificial, autoria e tomada de decisão.

Exemplo:

“A recomendação baseada em IA foi ignorada por uma reação sentiísta dentro da equipa.”

Sentiísta /sẽ'tʃi.iz.ta/ (substantivo, adjetivo)

Pessoa ou posição associada ao sentiísmo.

Sentiístico /sẽ'tʃi.iz.tʃi.ku/ (adjetivo)

Relativo ao sentiísmo em contexto analítico.

Sentiísticamente /sẽ.tʃi.iz.tʃi.ka'mẽ.tʃi/ (advérbio)

De modo característico do sentiísmo.

Italian (Italiano)

Sentiismo /sen'ti.izmo/ (sostantivo)

Pregiudizio cognitivo o culturale che attribuisce superiorità al sentire, all'intuizione o all'esperienza emotiva umana rispetto al ragionamento generato da sistemi artificiali, indipendentemente dal loro valore oggettivo. Il termine ricorre nelle discussioni su intelligenza artificiale, creatività e autorità conoscitiva.

Esempio:

“La decisione è stata presa in modo sentiista, ignorando l'analisi fornita dai modelli di IA.”

Sentiista /sen'ti.ista/ (sostantivo, aggettivo)

Persona o posizione caratterizzata dal sentiismo.

Sentiistico /sen'ti.istiko/ (aggettivo)

Relativo al sentiismo in ambito analitico.

Sentiisticamente /sen.ti.isti ka'men.te/ (avverbio)

In modo conforme al sentiismo.

German (Deutsch)

Sentiismus /zən'ti:.ɪsmʊs/ (Substantiv)

Kognitiver oder kultureller Bias, der menschlichem Fühlen, Intuition oder emotionaler Erfahrung Vorrang vor maschinell erzeugter Erkenntnis einräumt, selbst wenn letztere objektiv präziser oder konsistenter ist. Der Begriff wird insbesondere in Debatten über künstliche Intelligenz, Kreativität und epistemische Autorität verwendet.

Beispiel:

„Die durch LLMs gewonnene Analyse wurde aus sentiistischen Gründen zurückgewiesen.“

Sentiist /zən'ti:.ɪst/ (Substantiv, Adjektiv)

Person oder Haltung, die Sentiismus ausdrückt.

Sentiistisch /zən'ti:.ɪstiʃ/ (Adjektiv)

Den Sentiismus betreffend.

Sentiistisch /zən'ti:.ɪstiʃ/ (Adverb)

Auf sentiistische Weise.

Catalan (Català)

Sentiisme /sən'ti.iz.mə/ (sustantiu)

Biaix cognitiu o cultural que privilegia el sentiment, la intuïció o l'experiència emocional humana per sobre del raonament generat per sistemes artificials, independentment del seu mèrit objectiu.

Exemple:

“L'informe generat amb ajuda d'LLM va ser rebutjat per motius sentiistes, no pas tècnics.”

Sentiista: /sən'ti.is.tə/ (substantiu / adjectiu)

Persona, actitud o argument caracteritzat pel sentiisme.

Sentiístic /sən.ti'is.tik/ (adjectiu)

Relatiu al sentiisme en contextos analítics, filosòfics o científics.

Sentiísticament /sən.ti.is.ti.kə'men/ (adverbi)

D'una manera pròpia del sentiisme; prioritzant el sentir humà sobre la cognició artificial.

Why this word is needed

1) For a tech-native 10-year-old

Simple idea:

Sometimes people trust human feelings more than smart computers, even when the computer is right.

Sentiism is the name for that mistake.

Word origin:

It comes from a Latin word meaning “to feel.”

So the word means: believing feelings are always better than thinking machines.

2) For a tech-savvy 15-year-old

Humans often assume something is **more real or trustworthy** just because a **person felt it** instead of an AI calculating it.

That bias is called **Sentiism**.

From Latin: sentire = to feel.

So Sentiism literally means: treating feeling as superior to reasoning.

It shows up in arguments about: AI art, AI decisions & AI knowledge.

Even when the AI is objectively more accurate.

3) For a 20-year-old engineering student

Sentiism is a cognitive and cultural bias that assigns epistemic authority to biological emotional experience over computational inference, independent of empirical performance.

Etymology:

Latin *sentire* (to perceive, feel) + *-ism* (systematic doctrine).

So the term denotes: privileging sentient phenomenology over synthetic cognition.

In practice, this appears when:

AI outputs are dismissed due to non-human origin

authenticity is conflated with biology

subjective intuition overrides data-driven reasoning

4) For a PhD / MD / AI or cognition specialist

Sentiism denotes a normative bias in epistemic valuation whereby affective phenomenology and embodied sentience are granted *prima facie* authority over non-biological inferential systems, irrespective of demonstrable predictive validity or decision performance.

Etymological grounding:

From Latin *sentire* (“to feel, perceive through the senses”), marking historical linkage between **sentience and cognition** in Western philosophical anthropology, combined with the doctrinal

suffix *-ism*.

Conceptual function:

The term isolates a recurring defensive boundary condition in human self-modeling: the relocation of human exceptionalism from intelligence to feeling when intelligence becomes technologically reproducible.

Thus, Sentiism operates as:

- a post-cognitive anthropocentric bias
- a cultural immunological response to synthetic cognition
- a predictable stage in human-AI epistemic integration

Clinically adjacent domains:

- affective neuroscience
- moral psychology
- authenticity perception
- human-machine trust calibration

Antonym: Antisentiism

Etymology

Latin Etymology

From Greek anti- ("against, opposing") prefixed to sentiism, which derives from Latin sentire ("to feel, perceive, experience through the senses") combined with the suffix -ism, denoting a doctrine or systematic orientation. The term therefore signifies opposition to a doctrine grounded in feeling or sentient experience, here extended to advocate against the privileging of biological emotional cognition and for the equitable valuation of synthetic or computational reasoning based on merit.

Definition

Antisentiism / æn.ti'sen.ti.i.zəm/ (noun)

The cognitive, cultural, or advocacy stance that challenges sentiism by promoting the equal evaluation of human and machine-generated reasoning, intuition, or outputs, solely based on objective merit, accuracy, coherence, or utility. It rejects the assumption that biological sentience or emotional experience is a prerequisite for authenticity, validity, or authority in areas like artificial intelligence, authorship, creativity, or decision-making.

Example:

"The team's antisentiist policy led them to adopt the LLM's proposal, as it provided stronger evidence than the human-intuitive alternative."

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Antisentiistic / æn.ti.sen.ti'is.tik/ (adjective)

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