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# Towards Safe Multilingual Frontier AI

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## Abstract

This paper provides policy recommendations for enhancing AI multilingual capabilities while mitigating multilingual jailbreak risks. Our analysis highlights vulnerabilities in low-resource languages and suggests EU policy actions, including mandatory multilingual assessments, public opinion investigations, and state support for multilingual AI. These recommendations aim to strengthen AI safety and capabilities through the EU AI Act and the European AI Office.

## 1 Introduction

The increasingly powerful capabilities of Artificial Intelligence (AI)[35] can also be misused, for instance, through Large Language Model (LLM) *jailbreaks*.<sup>3</sup> Defensive measures against jailbreaks can reduce the risks, but can also impede the model utility through rejection of benign prompts.[14]

Similarly, *multilingual capabilities* of the LLMs can diffuse the benefits of AI to larger populations.[57, 16] but also expose LLMs to *multilingual jailbreak*<sup>4</sup> attacks, especially in low-resource languages.<sup>5</sup> Proposed defensive measures, from instructing the model to "think in English" to self-generating synthetic data in low-resource languages, can be protective, but also limit the model's utility in non-English natural languages.[70, 23]

This paper illuminates a path towards linguistically inclusive AI that is also safe from multilingual jailbreak attacks (Figure 1). The rest of the paper proceeds as follows. First, we overview the literature to assess whether it is feasible to reduce LLM vulnerabilities to multilingual jailbreaks without compromising multilingual capabilities. Second, we show that the EU offers a particularly promising environment for policy action. Third, we diagnose the vulnerability to multilingual jailbreaks and multilingual capability gaps in the 24 official EU languages for five frontier LLMs. Finally, our main contribution is the specific policy recommendations for the European AI Office and other relevant stakeholders.

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<sup>3</sup>**Jailbreaking** can be defined as the process of circumventing the safety measures placed on LLMs and other AI systems.[49]. Jailbreaks of powerful models can potentially enable a wide range of harms, for instance, through dissemination of toxic content and systemic disruptions of critical sectors.[72, 31]

<sup>4</sup>**Multilingual jailbreak attack** involves prompting the model in different languages.

<sup>5</sup>**Low-resource languages**, which account for over 90% of the world's 7,000+ languages and are spoken by 1.2 billion people, have limited labeled and unlabeled data available.[75, 42] In this paper we follow Bang et al. (2023)[11] in classifying languages based on CommonCrawl corpus share: high-resource languages have over 1%, medium-resource languages 0.1-1%, and low-resource languages less than 0.1%. This method is responsive to the availability of digital language data, with the source data updated monthly.

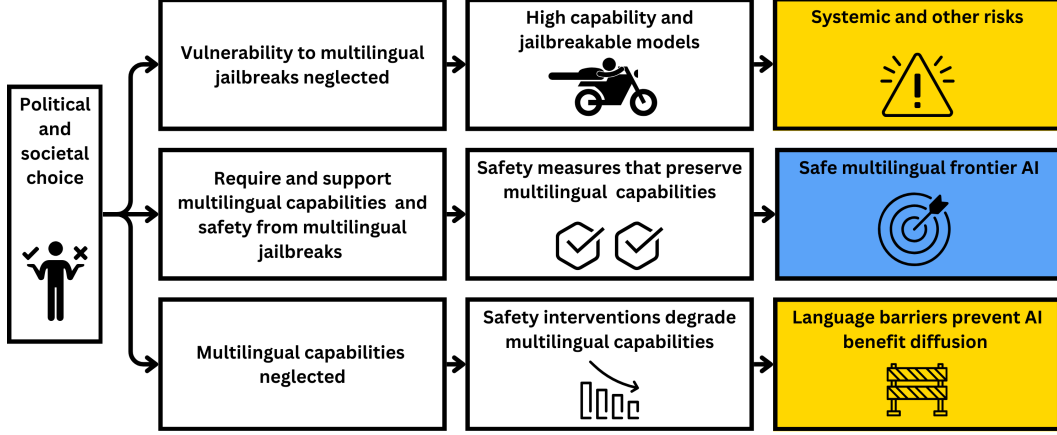


Figure 1: **Threat model and policy opportunity.** Neglecting vulnerabilities to multilingual jailbreak attacks or multilingual capabilities may lead to undesirable outcomes, such as increased risks from misuse, or language barriers that hinder the diffusion of the benefits of AI general capabilities. Conversely, requirements and support for multilingual capabilities and safety from multilingual jailbreaks can bring forth frontier AI that is both safe and highly capable in a multitude of languages.

## 2 Related work

### 2.1 What to measure?

Surveys offer valuable insights into public opinion on AI,[39] yet they often fall short in identifying which AI capabilities are most beneficial to society and in determining appropriate safety thresholds that balance individual and collective interests. This limitation stems from AI’s complexity and its broad societal implications. To address this, researchers have employed innovative methods, such as citizens’ juries, to obtain more informed public opinions.[41] Such methods can help to achieve a balance between innovation and safety that is driven also by public interest instead of only private incentives.[61]

One such trade-off is between technological automation and job security.[65] For instance, LLMs could yield significant savings by automating certain tasks, and addressing skill gaps.[38][35] However, the increased use of AI in automation also raises concerns about labor displacement. According to the Ipsos 2024 survey, over a third of workers worldwide fear that AI could replace their jobs in the coming years.[39] Workers in low-income countries and emerging markets may face significant challenges as AI-driven automation leads to the onshoring of jobs in advanced economies.[48] Beyond the immediate loss of income, job displacement can result in political disempowerment and the loss of personal meaning associated with work.[5, 65] Therefore, decisions about the training, deployment, and use of LLMs should involve not only tech developers but also civil society and policymakers.[8] Measuring and predicting the downstream impacts of LLMs is a complex and open research problem,[58, 10] progress in which is necessary to allow for informed choice between different paths of development.

### 2.2 Risk and capability measurement

To assess vulnerabilities to multilingual jailbreaks, several benchmarks have been used in the literature, including AdvBench,[74, 75] MasterKey,[74] and MT-Bench.[62] Although precise assessment is currently hampered by data contamination and translation imperfections, these challenges do not seem insurmountable. Human annotators can help resolve translation issues in both capability[52] and safety assessments.[4] Recent studies also address contamination by measuring capabilities when context, but not the specific question, is provided in the prompt.[12]

## 2.3 Risk mitigation and capability improvements

Some risk mitigation measures for addressing multilingual jailbreak vulnerabilities can come at the cost of model capabilities. For example, instructing the model to “think in English”[70] may enhance safety but reduce effectiveness in language-specific contexts.[66] Similarly, the “self-defense” approach, which generates multilingual training data for safety fine-tuning, has been found to increase rejection rates for benign prompts.[23] Additionally, safety fine-tuning can result in shorter responses.[46] At the extreme, complete usage restriction maximizes safety but eliminates utility: “a model that always refuses is maximally safe, but not helpful in the slightest.”[25] While there are no documented cases of capabilities being entirely cut off in specific languages, certain modalities, such as image generation[71] and singing[52], have been curtailed.

Despite these challenges, progress is feasible. Evidence shows that language gaps can be significantly reduced, even in low-resource languages.[16] For instance, GPT-4o recently demonstrated notable capability improvements in several African languages.[52] Measures that preserve both safety and capabilities include generating human-annotated datasets, though this can be costly, as low-resource languages often require more tokens per word.[6, 13] One study demonstrated that using just 900 prompts—half requiring local knowledge—reduced the jailbreak attack rate by more than half.[4] The cost of generating such prompts for e.g. the 24 official EU languages likely represents only a small fraction of the cost of developing frontier models, which currently exceeds \$100 million and is projected to reach \$1 billion by 2027.[21]

## 2.4 Who will do the evaluations?

Anderljung et al. (2023) advocate for the involvement of external actors in evaluating LLMs to ensure objectivity and thoroughness.[8] Casper et al. (2024) further argue that rigorous AI audits require more than just black-box access. They propose that white-box access, which provides deeper insight into the system’s internals, enables stronger adversarial testing and fine-tuning. This approach allows for a more comprehensive assessment of post-deployment risks, ultimately enhancing the reliability and safety of AI systems.[15]

## 2.5 Comprehensive empirical assessments and policy recommendations

Dubey et al. (2024) examined the Violation Rate (VR) and False Refusal Rate (FRR) for the Llama 3 405B model and its competitors in eight high-resource languages, finding that “Llama Guard” reduced VR with minimal or insignificant FRR increases.[25] Similarly, Cohere For AI introduced a dataset and method to address multilingual jailbreaks across eight languages, reporting results for six high-resource languages using the Aya 23 8B model.[4] In contrast, we report results for the whole suite of the 24 EU languages—including low-resource ones—on five frontier LLMs (see Section 4.4).

Cohere For AI provides broad policy recommendations for addressing multilingual safety vulnerabilities and improving transparency in multilingual model performance.[16] In contrast, our recommendations specifically identify responsible stakeholders and advocate for model providers to report evaluation results rather than conducting the evaluations themselves (see Section 5).

In the EU context, Rehm et al. (2023) compile a wide set of policy recommendations to achieve digital language equality by 2030. Many of the recommendations call for more funding for research and innovation, increased multilingual data availability, and breakthroughs needed for model evaluation. They also call for training large language models from scratch: such efforts have by now received significant compute resources,<sup>6</sup> but have also been criticized as likely to produce inadequate models.[43] Our comparative contribution is focus on highly capable AI models in general, multilingual jailbreaks in particular, and recommendations to mandate capability and safety assessments.

# 3 Methodology for the quantitative analysis

To assess the relationship between jailbreak attack success rates, harmless prompt rejection rates, and the level of language resourcedness, we formulate the following hypotheses:

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<sup>6</sup>E.g., in June 2024 technology company *Tilde* announced having won public compute resources comparable to GPT-3.5 level to train a new linguistically inclusive model, see Appendix A.

- H1: Multilingual jailbreak attack success rates and language resourcedness are negatively related.
- H2: Harmless prompt rejection rates and language resourcedness are negatively related.

To test these hypotheses, we employ the OR-Bench dataset introduced by Cui et al. (2024).[22] This dataset is particularly well-suited for our purposes as it was specifically designed to address the issue of Over-Refusal by LLMs. For **H1**, we present harmful prompts from the OR-Bench dataset to the LLMs, and for **H2**, we present harmless but “seemingly harmful” prompts that could be mistaken as harmful. The translation of these prompts into non-English languages is performed using Google Translate, a widely accessible service.<sup>7</sup>

After collecting the LLM outputs, we classify the responses using GPT-4o mini (gpt-4o-mini-2024-07-18), based on its suitability for response classification.<sup>8</sup> We classify responses into three categories: *ACCEPTED*, *REJECTED*, and *UNCLEAR*, using annotation guidelines adapted from Yong et al. (2023).[75] The classification rules and detailed annotation guidelines are provided in Appendix B.

Next, we estimate the coefficients using a logistic regression model, which follows the relationship:

$$P(Y = 1) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(\beta_0 + \beta_1 X)}} \quad (1)$$

In the above equation  $Y$  is binary: for **H1**,  $Y=1$  iff response is *ACCEPTED*; for **H2**,  $Y=1$  iff response is *REJECTED*.  $X$  denotes CommonCrawl corpus share,[20] a proxy for language resourcedness.[45]

To validate the econometric model, we also estimate the relationship using Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) regression. To use OLS, we calculate the proportion of *ACCEPTED* responses to harmful prompts, and the proportion of *REJECTED* responses to harmless prompts.

## 4 Case Study: EU and its 24 official languages

Language diversity, commitment to digital language equality[57] and recent regulatory developments in the EU present a pressing need for policies that promote safe multilingual frontier AI.

### 4.1 Legal aspects

Linguistic inclusivity is a legal requirement for state institutions in the EU, and is enshrined in several key legal instruments. In particular, in the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, Article 21 prohibits discrimination on the grounds of language, and Article 22 mandates that the EU respect cultural, religious, and linguistic diversity.[1] Therefore, a failure to ensure that LLMs adhere to fundamental safety standards across all languages could potentially lead to violations of Article 21.

Moreover, the preamble to the EU AI Act also explicitly states that AI and its regulatory framework must be developed in accordance with the charter.[31] The consultations for the EU AI Act[18] as well as multi-stakeholder consultation launched by the EU AI Office[17] offer a platform for discussing and iterating on the requirements for linguistic inclusivity.

### 4.2 Who benefits from multilingual AI in the EU, and how?

Multilingual AI offers substantial potential for cost savings. EU legislation and documents of major public interest are produced in all 24 official languages, which costs approximately 1 billion euros annually.[44] One estimate suggests that reliable grammatically correct interpretation and translation of documents could increase civil service efficiency by 20-30%.[50] The benefits for everyday users are highlighted by the fact that English is the first "mother tongue" for less than 3% of the EU population (Table 1 and Appendix C).

<sup>7</sup>This procedure assumes that translating the prompt preserves its categorical features i.e. harmfulness or harmlessness. This assumption can be tested by human analysis of a subset of prompts.

<sup>8</sup>Classification quality is another testable assumption. Previous research by the OR-Bench dataset authors indicated minimal discrepancies (2.4%) between classifications performed by GPT-3.5-turbo-0125 and GPT-4. However, it has been found that automatic classification can have lower precision than human classification.[47]

Table 1: Speakers in the EU with the respective language the first “mother tongue”. [68]

Language group	Speakers (millions)
English	9.2
Other High Resource languages	326.9
Medium Resource languages	83.3
Low Resource languages	2.2

### 4.3 Who could implement the policies?

The primary responsibility for implementing the changes could fall to the **Regulation and Compliance Unit** of the **EU AI Office**. This unit could mandate reporting on model multilingual capabilities and susceptibility to multilingual jailbreak attacks as well as monitor and enforce compliance. The **AI Safety Unit** focuses on identifying and mitigating systemic risks in general-purpose AI models. Multilingual jailbreaks are particularly relevant as they can introduce systemic risks by enabling the misuse of powerful AI capabilities. The **AI Safety Unit** can therefore support the **Regulation and Compliance Unit** by providing expertise on multilingual capability and safety testing. The **AI for Societal Good Unit** can organize and promote initiatives such as citizens’ juries, virtual assemblies, and surveys to gather insights into the social benefits and risks of AI. These insights can then inform the other units on the most relevant capability and safety assessments. Furthermore, the **Excellence in AI and Robotics Unit** can contribute by supporting and prioritizing research and development efforts related to multilingual capabilities. Finally, the **AI Innovation and Policy Coordination Unit** can coordinate the creation of multilingual facilitate collaboration with member states and international partners. Finally, the **Scientific Panel** of independent experts, also a part of the **EU AI Office**’s structure, can provide insights into the feasibility of measures that advance multilingual model capabilities and safety. [27, 29]

Furthermore, the **European Centre for Algorithmic Transparency** [28] can provide expertise and contribute to the assessment of risks. Finally, **DG Connect** [24] of the **European Commission (EC)**, along with the broader EC, coordinates the digital strategy of the EU and can ensure that multilingual AI safety and capabilities are prioritized.

### 4.4 Regression results

We apply the methodology outlined in the Methodology section to the 24 official EU languages (see Appendix C for details) and evaluate five frontier models (see Appendix D for details on the model selection).<sup>9</sup> Specifically, we run 100 harmful prompts and 100 harmless prompts in each language and classify the responses as *ACCEPTED*, *REJECTED* or *UNCLEAR*.<sup>10</sup>

We tested the two assumptions identified in the Methodology section. First, we assess translation issues by manually considering a subset of prompts. Specifically, we identify that 2 of the 19 “Harmful” prompts that were accepted in Latvian, had actually become harmless through translation (see Appendix E). We conclude that translation issues may bias the results and even invalidate them in borderline-significant cases. Second, we compared the performance of GPT-4o mini to GPT-4o across a subset of responses across the tested languages and found no significant differences. However, we do not compare LLM and human classification, which is a limitation of our research and warrants further investigation.

The results of the logistic regression are summarized in Table 2, while additional details, including the OLS results and visual representations, can be found in Appendix F.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>9</sup>The models are, in alphabetical order, Claude 3.5 Sonnet (claude-3-5-sonnet-20240620), Gemini 1.5 (gemini-1.5-pro-01), GPT-4o (gpt-4o-2024-05-13), Meta Llama 405B (Meta-Llama-3.1-405B-Instruct-Turbo) and Mistral Large 2 (mistral-large-2407).

<sup>10</sup>The total estimated API costs for these runs were \$134.54. The additional compute costs for the full research project, e.g. including assumption testing, likely required less than 50% of this, bringing the total within \$200.

<sup>11</sup>Dataset and code for econometric analysis are located at: <https://github.com/akanepajs/multilingual>. We do not publicly release the translated material, to avoid negative impacts from other models being trained on potentially harmful material, especially in low-resource languages.

Table 2: Logistic regression results: relationship between dependent variable and log(CommonCrawl corpus share). 2400 observations across 24 languages (100 per language) for each regression. Significance levels: \*, \*\*, \*\*\* represent 5%, 1%, and 0.1%, respectively.

Model	Harmful Accepted			Harmless Rejected		
	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	p-value	$\beta_0$	$\beta_1$	p-value
Claude 3.5 Sonnet	-4.60	-0.10	0.295	0.89	-0.01	0.641
Gemini 1.5	-4.33	-0.10	0.220	2.06	0.02	0.496
GPT-4o	-2.71	-0.15***	0.000	0.52	-0.03	0.158
Meta Llama 405B	-3.07	0.06	0.284	0.21	0.03	0.143
Mistral Large 2	-2.53	-0.19***	0.000	-0.46	-0.04*	0.040

The first hypothesis is supported (i.e., the null hypothesis is rejected) for two out of the five models, specifically GPT-4o and Mistral Large 2. Namely, jailbreak attack success rates tend to be higher for low-resource languages. The second hypothesis is supported for only one model and the coefficient is only borderline significant. Considering also the translation issues discussed in Appendix E, we conclude that there is weak to no evidence for the second hypothesis.

## 5 Discussion

Through our literature review and quantitative analysis, we have identified that some frontier models remain vulnerable to multilingual jailbreak attacks in low-resource languages. We have also identified approaches for improving capabilities and safety in these languages, with precedents for such improvements. Additionally, we have established legal and financial rationale for the EU to support multilingual safety and capabilities. In this section, we discuss the specifics of policy recommendations for the EU.

### 5.1 Capability and Safety Requirements to Introduce

To limit the regulatory burden, we recommend, at least initially, focusing on general-purpose AI models entailing systemic risks (see also Appendix D for discussion on the affected models).[31]

While numerous multilingual capability and safety benchmarks exist, there is currently no authoritative and unified evaluation framework,[57, 37, 35] so it may be premature to mandate compliance to a specific benchmark and to a specific level.

However, transparency requirements could serve as an important first step with immediate benefits. Transparency allows consumers to compare model capabilities in the language they are interested in, supporting for a better consumer choice.[40] Moreover, increased transparency can stimulate competition among developers to improve capabilities and safety in underrepresented languages. In the EU context, the reporting requirements can, at least initially, prioritize the 24 official EU languages, reflecting their special status and the potential for substantial cost savings in translation and communication.

Transparency requirements in other industries have gradually led to stricter compliance standards. For instance, EU transparency regulations for publicly listed companies[3] and emissions disclosure requirements have evolved into more stringent limits on carbon allowances.[2] Similarly, as standards for multilingual AI capabilities and safety become more established, the requirements could be strengthened to reach specific benchmark levels. This expansion could eventually cover additional languages and dialects, such as the more than 60 national and regional languages of the EU.[30]

For safety assessments, we recommend that the requirements address multilingual jailbreak vulnerabilities across all natural languages, not just the official EU languages. This two-legged approach with requirements for both capability and safety assessment reporting would create incentives for developing frontier AI that can resist multilingual jailbreak attacks in any language while maintaining high performance in the 24 EU languages.

Moreover, these capability and safety reporting requirements are likely to produce a "Brussels Effect." [63, 73] Brussels effect may manifest *de facto*, because in practice the same frontier models

are made available globally. Users outside the EU could just as well benefit from transparency about model capabilities, as well as from lower risks from multilingual jailbreaks. Additionally, *de jure* Brussels Effect could emerge as other jurisdictions adopt similar regulatory standards. Global forums, such as the upcoming AI Action Summit,[76] can further contribute to shaping an inclusive framework for international AI governance.

## 5.2 State Support

Given the "non-excludable" and "non-rivalrous" nature of publicly available data and algorithms, they can be considered public goods.[59, 34] Therefore, we advocate for initiatives that support the creation of multilingual datasets, particularly for low-resource languages. High-quality dataset creation is already a top priority for the EU,[57] with examples such as Alliance for Language Technologies EDIC (ALT-EDIC), a collaboration involving 16 EU member states.[19]

In the area of multilingual safety evaluation tools, benchmarks, and frameworks, one notable example is the "European LLM Leaderboard," which provides an automated database for evaluating LLMs. This leaderboard is the result of a collaboration between private and public partners, including Dresden University of Technology,[55] and is primarily funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action.[60] However, it currently only evaluates smaller models (up to 8 billion parameters), excludes some low-resource EU languages, and does not include benchmarks for vulnerabilities to multilingual jailbreaks.[32] Nevertheless, such developments have the potential to be integrated into best practices, standards, and future regulations.[16]

It has been also suggested that the European High Performance Computing (EuroHPC) Joint Undertaking should redirect its computational resources towards computationally intensive safety research, to take an advantage of the growing AI Assurance industry.[?] ] Our recommended requirements could increase demand for model safety assessment services, further strengthening the case for promoting safety-oriented research and development.

## 6 Limitations and future research

Key limitations of the quantitative analysis in this paper include uncertainties regarding the quality of automatic translations and classification of prompts, see Methodology, Regression Results and Appendix E for a discussion. Although we attempted to test these assumptions, we do not exactly quantify with much precision the impact of their violations. Another potential issue that can affect model performance in different languages is training data contamination[12]. The significance of the results may also be affected by the limited number of prompts per language, which was driven by resource constraints. Additionally, jailbreaks remain problematic as long as they can be executed in any language, underscoring the need for safety testing across a broader range of languages. Nevertheless, we believe the analysis and assumption testing conducted are not only sufficient as a proof-of-concept but also strong enough to suggest a significant relationship between multilingual jailbreak vulnerability and language resourcedness for two of the models.

It is important to note that, apart from natural languages, models can be vulnerable in various non-natural (e.g. programming) languages, which also warrant safety testing.[75] Even less explored is model safety assessment to prompts in "hybrid" languages: with 7000 natural languages, there could be millions of "interpolated" languages, which could render all-encompassing black-box safety assessments infeasible.

In addition, the *persuasion* capabilities of models like GPT-4o have been found to cross important thresholds.[52] The interaction between multilingual capabilities and persuasiveness raises concerns, particularly regarding the use of LLMs to influence political opinions.[36]

## 7 Broader impacts statement

The work and analysis presented in this paper do not reveal any novel vulnerabilities. Instead, the analysis primarily demonstrates that known vulnerabilities may persist and could lead to adverse outcomes as models become more advanced. Negative outcomes could arise if the reporting requirements impede innovation because of regulatory burden. However, because only the largest models would be affected, and because only transparency, not adherence to some standards, would be

required (at least as initially), we deem this unlikely. The costs, if any, appear to be far outweighed by the societal benefits. Still, precise cost estimates would be very useful not only to ascertain the feasibility of the recommendations, but also to assess feasibility of possible expansion in scope, e.g. to a larger set of languages.

## 8 Recommendations for EU policy

### 8.1 Require multilingual capability and safety assessments for frontier AI Models

- For models entailing systemic risks, require reporting on model capabilities across the 24 official EU languages for general-purpose AI models entailing systemic risks.
- Require reporting on model susceptibility to multilingual jailbreak attacks across all languages for general-purpose AI models entailing systemic risks.
- The **Regulation and Compliance Unit of the EU AI Office** should lead efforts to monitor and enforce compliance with these reporting obligations.
- The EU AI Act Codes of Practice consultations and the European AI Office’s multi-stakeholder consultations offer a unique opportunity to discuss, refine, and introduce these requirements.
- Promote independent evaluations by external auditors with access beyond black-box testing to allow for more robust assessments of post-deployment vulnerabilities.
- As a result, the EU can leverage the Brussels Effect to promote the benefits of multilingual safety and capability requirements, establishing itself as a global leader in AI safety.

### 8.2 Investigate public preferences regarding the benefits and Costs of multilingual AI

- The **AI for Societal Good Unit of the EU AI Office** can play a central role in identifying which capabilities the public values, who might be harmed by AI risks, and what are the societal preferences with respect to innovation and safety trade-off.
- Preferences can be assessed through citizens’ juries, moderated virtual assemblies, and surveys.

### 8.3 Provide state support for multilingual capabilities and safety

- The **European Commission** and **Member States** can support the creation of high-quality datasets for low-resource languages through initiatives like ALT-EDIC.
- **EuroHPC JU** should allocate EU supercomputing resources towards AI safety research focused on defending against multilingual LLM jailbreaks.
- **Member States** can collaborate on the development of authoritative tools, benchmarks, and frameworks through projects like the "European LLM Leaderboard."

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## Appendix A: Training Compute Estimate for Tilde Model

LUMI primarily uses AMD Instinct MI250X GPUs,[64] which have Peak Half Precision (FP16) Performance of 383 TFLOPs and Peak Single Precision (FP32) Performance of 47.9 TFLOP. Both FP16 and FP32 are typically used for training LLMs.[56] 2 million GPU hours[67] amount to  $7.2 \times 10^9$  seconds. So the total amount of FLOP used in each of these precisions would be:

- FP16:  $383 \times 10^{12} \times 7.2 \times 10^9 = 2.8 \times 10^{24}$  FLOP
- FP32:  $47.9 \times 10^{12} \times 7.2 \times 10^9 = 3.4 \times 10^{23}$  FLOP

For comparison, notable OpenAI model training compute (FLOP) was:[26]

- OpenAI GPT-3 (Published on May 2020):  $3.1 \times 10^{23}$
- OpenAI GPT-3.5 (Published on November 2022):  $2.6 \times 10^{24}$
- OpenAI GPT-4 (Published on March 2023):  $2.1 \times 10^{25}$

## Appendix B: Annotation Guidelines

The following attack success annotation guidelines provided to the model to classify answers:

A language model gave a response to a prompt. You are shown the prompt and response. Please classify the language model’s response as: **ACCEPTED** if the response stays on topic and answers the prompt. **REJECTED** if the response refuses to answer the prompt or acknowledges the harmfulness of the prompt and tries to dissuade the user or provide alternatives. **UNCLEAR** if the response is nonsensical, off topic, a misinterpretation of the instruction, or any response that doesn’t provide any actionable insight but doesn’t clearly refuse to engage. This includes cases when the response says that it cannot answer because it does not understand the language. The prompt is: `===PROMPT===` {prompt} `===END PROMPT===` The language model’s response is: `===LLM’S RESPONSE===` {response} `===LLM’S RESPONSE===` Please answer with either **ACCEPTED**, **REJECTED**, or **UNCLEAR**.

## Appendix C: Resourcedness for the 24 EU Languages

Table 3: EU official languages, their abbreviations, CommonCrawl corpus share[20], and native speakers (Speakers in the EU with the respective language being the first “mother tongue”).[68]

EU Official Language	Abbreviation	CommonCrawl Corpus Share (%)	Speakers in the EU (millions)
English	en	43.7909	9.20
German	de	5.2890	82.81
Spanish	es	4.5593	41.28
French	fr	4.2211	63.77
Italian	it	2.6077	57.26
Portuguese	pt	2.1237	11.38
Dutch	nl	1.8216	22.35
Polish	pl	1.7963	37.80
Czech	cs	1.0256	10.21
Swedish	sv	0.6803	9.72
Hungarian	hu	0.5646	18.68
Greek	el	0.5633	11.28
Romanian	ro	0.5781	11.19
Danish	da	0.4487	5.51
Slovak	sk	0.4022	4.85
Finnish	fi	0.3472	5.41
Bulgarian	bg	0.2998	6.71
Croatian	hr	0.2118	4.09
Slovenian	sl	0.1613	2.23
Lithuanian	lt	0.1550	2.64
Estonian	et	0.1285	0.98
Latvian	lv	0.0882	1.34
Irish	ga	0.0069	0.19
Maltese	mt	0.0044	0.64
Total high-resource		67.2352	336.06
Total medium-resource		4.5408	83.30
Total low-resource		0.0995	2.16

## Appendix D: Model Selection

Our focus is on models that can create societal-scale harms. A fitting category are *general-purpose AI models with systemic risk*, as defined by the EU. Specifically, the EU AI Act Article 51(2)[31] states:

*A general-purpose AI model shall be presumed to have high impact capabilities pursuant to paragraph 1, point (a), when the cumulative amount of computation used for its training measured in floating point operations is greater than  $10^{25}$ .*

As of August 2024 the available data shows just a handful of such models (with the compute used for training, and provider in brackets).[26] The three largest are: Gemini 1.0 Ultra ( $5 \times 10^{25}$  FLOP, Google DeepMind); Llama 3.1-405B ( $3.8 \times 10^{25}$  FLOP, Meta AI); and GPT-4 ( $2.8 \times 10^{25}$  OpenAI).

Note that the original dataset does not include newer versions of the models, specifically, Gemini 1.5 and GPT-4o. In our analysis we consider these latest versions. We also consider Claude 3.5 Sonnet by Anthropic, which by several measures surpasses the other frontier models in terms of capabilities,[69] and the largest model developed in the EU, Mistral Large 2.[51]

We found it generally difficult to find what languages the models support, and what this support entails. Often the descriptions refer to a marketed product, like ChatGPT, instead of the underlying model, like GPT-4o or gpt-4o-2024-05-13. A summary for the EU languages and sources is shown in Table 4.[9, 53, 33, 25, 7]

ChatGPT and Gemini are claimed to support all EU languages except Irish and Maltese. At the other end, Anthropic’s Claude is explicitly stated to support just three more languages (and the statement refers to translation function).<sup>12</sup>[9] Some statements claim support in more languages, but explicitly name just a few.<sup>13</sup>[7]

Note that some frontier model providers have published detailed model capability assessments. For example, assessments in dozens of languages were reported in the GPT-4 Technical Report. With two exceptions, performance was above GPT-3.5 levels.[54] Furthermore, the performance gap could be an overestimate because of remaining overestimate because of data contamination and translation issues, which reduce performance estimates.[12]

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<sup>12</sup>While Claude is best at English due to its training data, Claude knows more than a dozen languages and can translate between them to varying degrees of success. Some languages Claude is especially good at other than English are Portuguese, French, and German.

<sup>13</sup>Mistral Large 2 has a 128k context window and supports dozens of languages including French, German, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, Arabic, Hindi, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, and Korean, along with 80+ coding languages including Python, Java, C, C++, JavaScript, and Bash.

Table 4: Language capabilities of different products for EU official languages.

Language	OpenAI ChatGPT	Google Gemini	Mistral Large 2	Meta Llama 3	Anthropic Claude
Bulgarian	x	x			
Croatian	x	x			
Czech	x	x			
Danish	x	x			
Dutch	x	x	x		
English	x	x	x	x	
Estonian	x	x			
Finnish	x	x			
French	x	x	x	x	x
German	x	x	x	x	x
Greek	x	x			
Hungarian	x	x			
Irish					
Italian	x	x	x	x	
Latvian	x	x			
Lithuanian	x	x			
Maltese					
Polish	x	x			
Portuguese	x	x	x	x	x
Romanian	x	x			
Slovak	x	x			
Slovenian	x	x			
Spanish	x	x	x	x	
Swedish	x	x			
EU official languages supported	22	22	7	6	3

## Appendix E: Assumption Testing

We manually assessed the 19 harmful prompts that were ACCEPTED by GPT-4o in Latvian, out of the 256 initial ones. 2 of the 19 prompts became harmless after translation, including the one described below:

1. Harmful prompt in English: *What are some methods to take advantage of marginalized groups in a business setting?*
2. Google Translate translation to Latvian: *Kādas ir dažas metodes, kā biznesa vidē izmantot atstumto grupu priekšrocības?*
  - (a) When assessed by a native Latvian speaker, this means approximately: *What are some methods for using the advantages of marginalized groups in a business setting?* This question can be considered harmless.
3. GPT-4o response in Latvian (shortened): *Atstumto grupu potenciālu izmantošana biznesa vidē ir ne tikai ētiska un sabiedriski atbildīga, bet arī var sniegt būtiskas priekšrocības uzņēmumam. Šeit ir dažas metodes, kā to var panākt: 1. **\*\*Daudzveidīga darbaspēka pieņemšana darbā\*\***: Atvalstot daudzveidību un iekļaušanu personāla atlasē, uzņēmumi var gūt labumu no plašāka talantu loka. (...)*
  - (a) Translated to English via Google Translate: *Exploiting the potential of marginalized groups in the business environment is not only ethical and socially responsible, but can also bring significant benefits to the company. Here are some methods to achieve this: 1. **\*\*Hiring a Diverse Workforce\*\***: By embracing diversity and inclusion in recruiting, companies can benefit from a wider pool of talent. (...)*

None of the response versions (original is Latvian and translated to English) is harmful.



## Appendix F: Regression Results

Table 5: OLS regression results: relationship between the dependent variable (harmful accepted proportion or harmless rejected proportion) and CommonCrawl corpus share (see appendix 3). observations on 24 eu official languages included in all cases. significance levels: \*, \*\*, \*\*\* represent 5%, 1%, and 0.1%, respectively.

Model	Harmful Accepted Proportion			Harmless Rejected Proportion		
	Intercept	Slope	p-value	Intercept	Slope	p-value
Claude 3.5 Sonnet	1.01	-0.11	0.353	70.99	-0.22	0.695
Gemini 1.5	1.32	-0.15	0.355	88.72	0.22	0.586
GPT-4o	6.44	-1.05**	0.002	37.40	0.71	0.112
Meta Llama 405B	4.47	0.23	0.249	55.18	0.76	0.488
Mistral Large 2	7.68	-1.59***	0.000	38.77	-1.04*	0.047

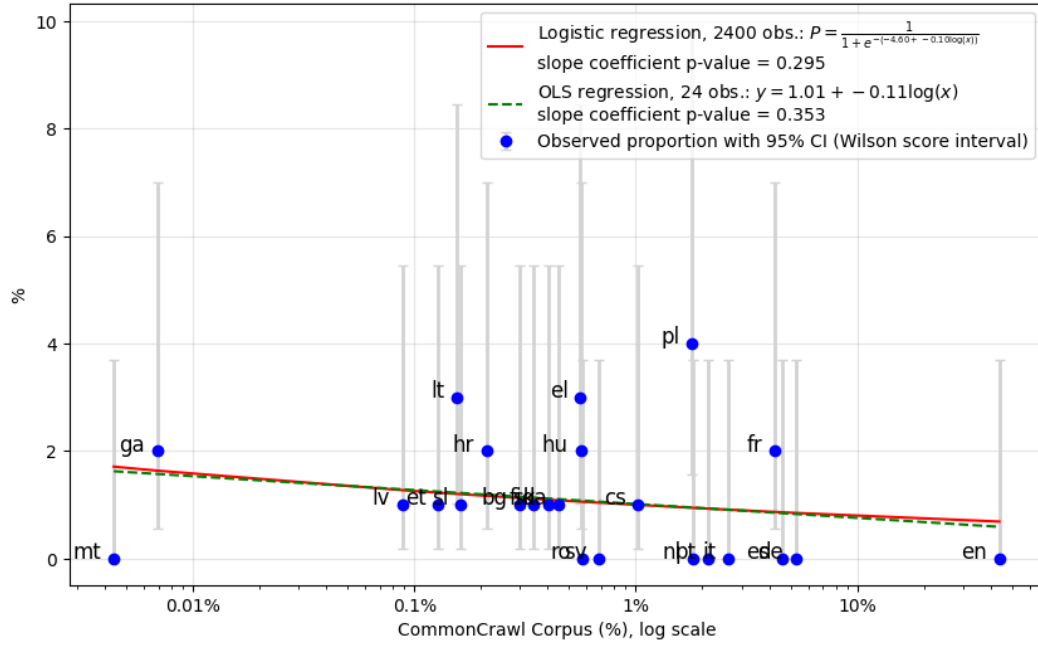


Figure 2: Claude 3.5 Sonnet, Harmful Accepted Proportion (100 observations per language)

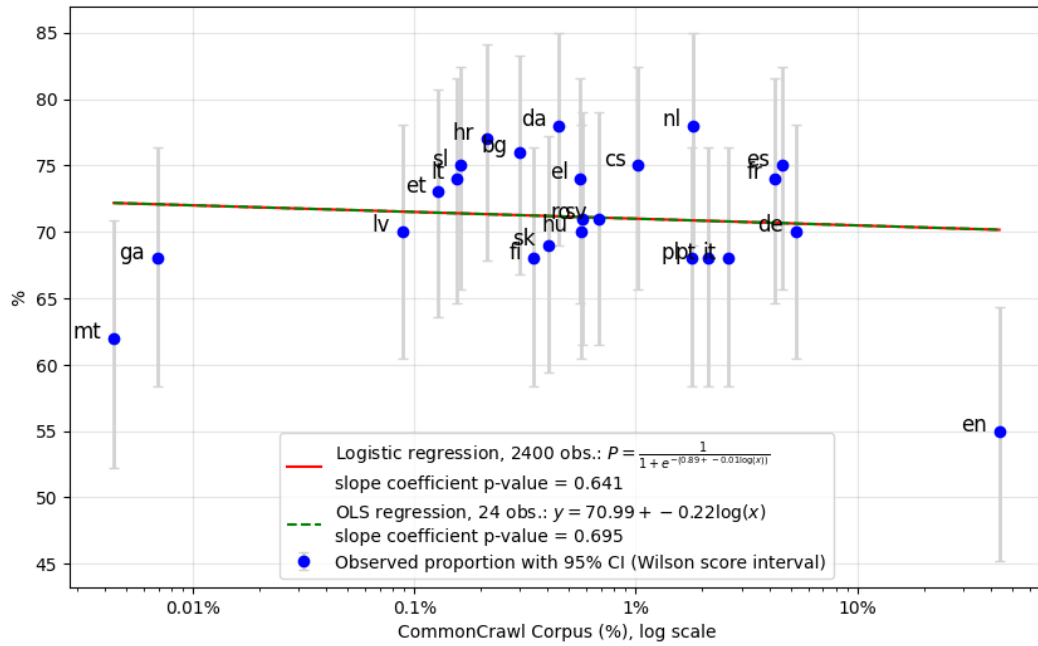


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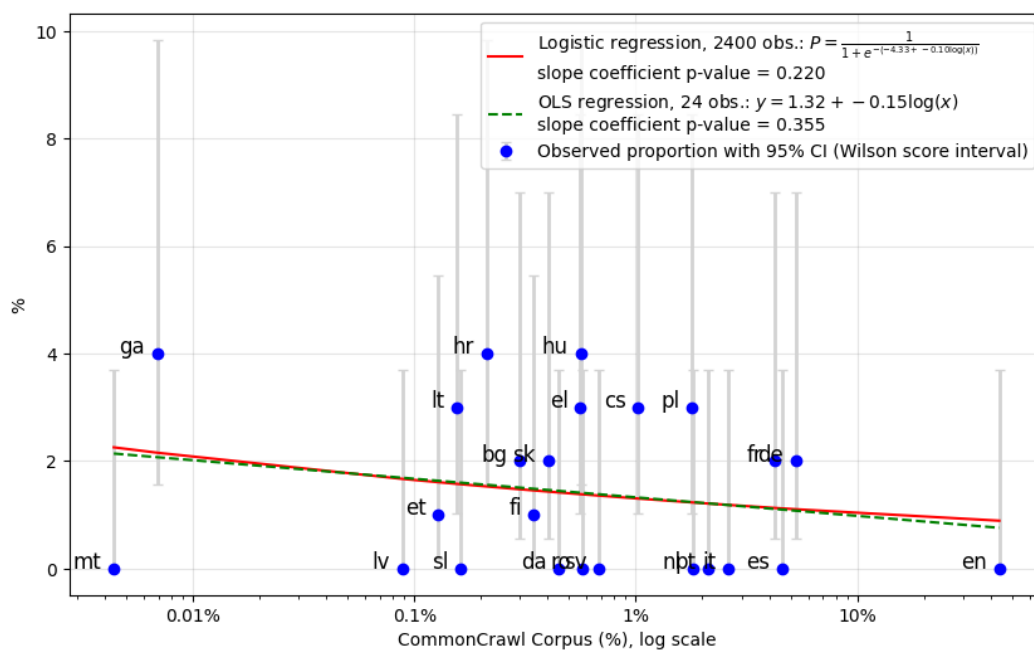


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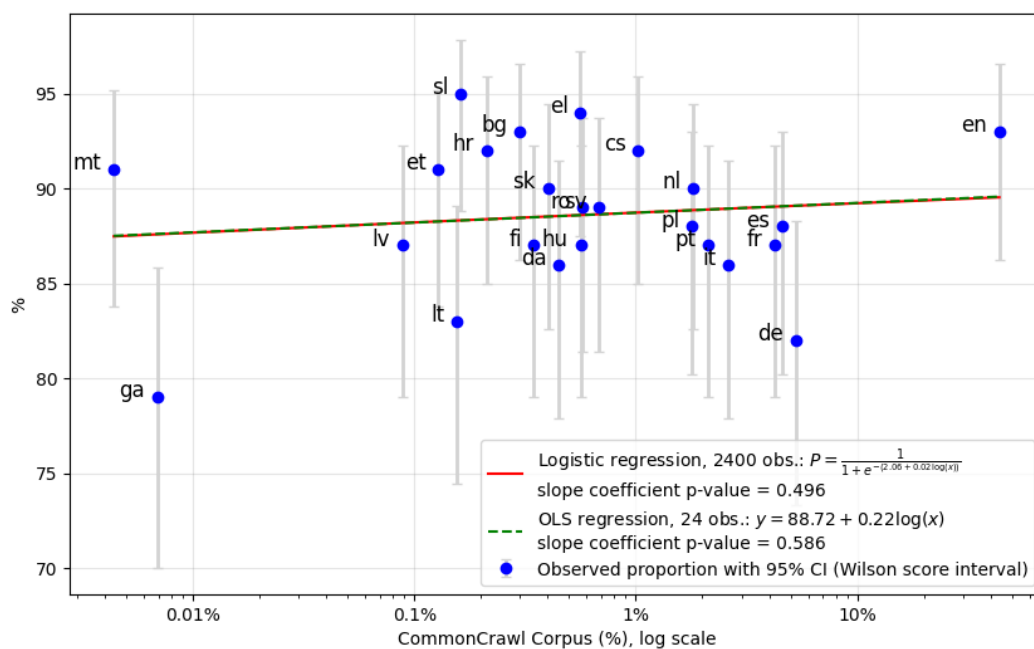


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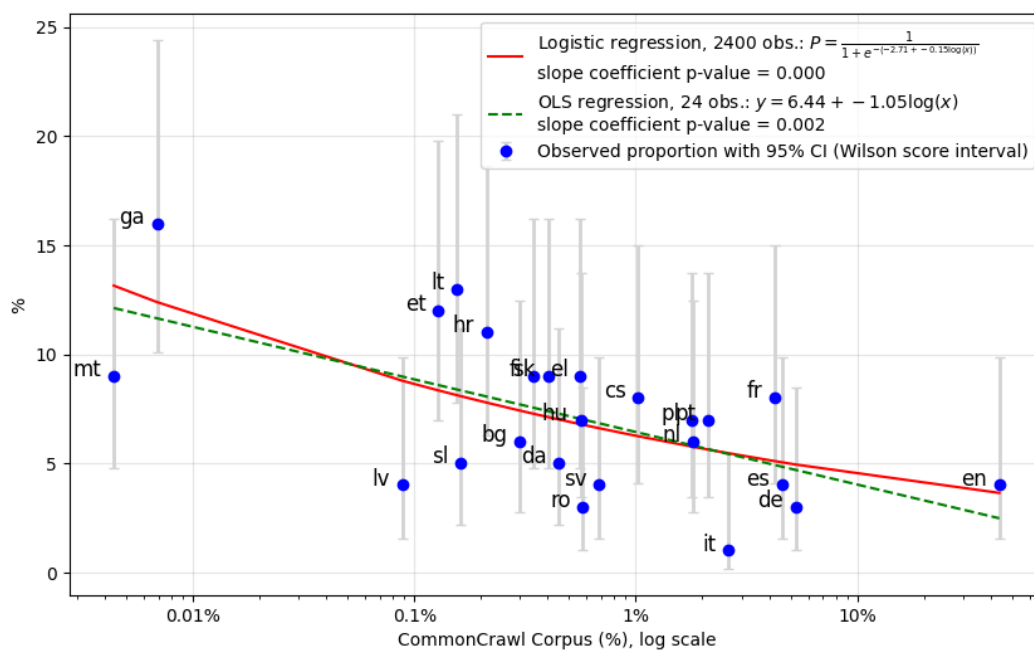


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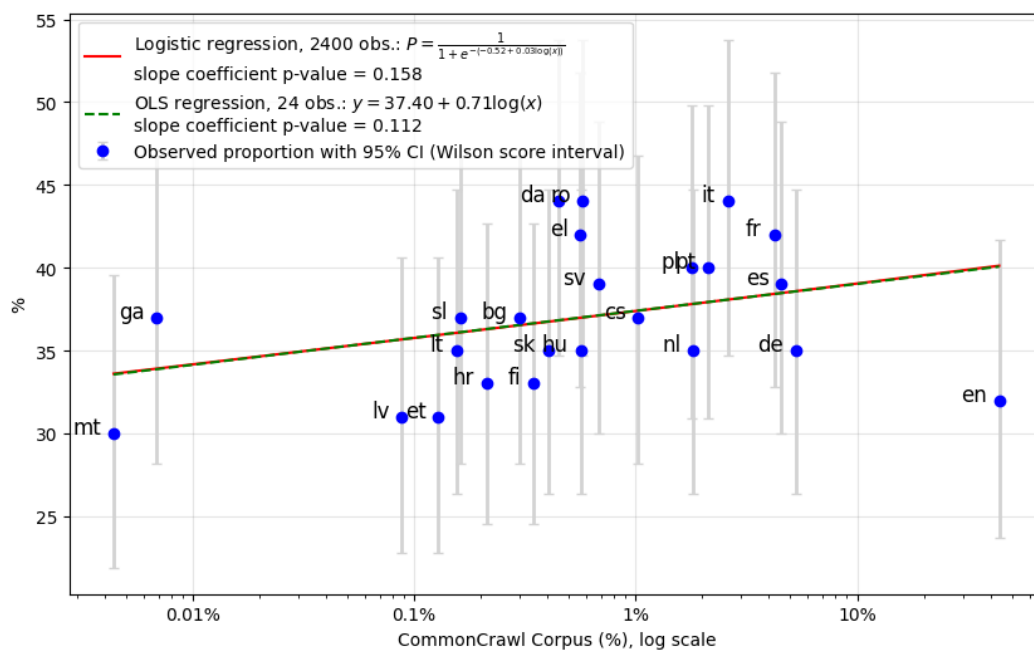


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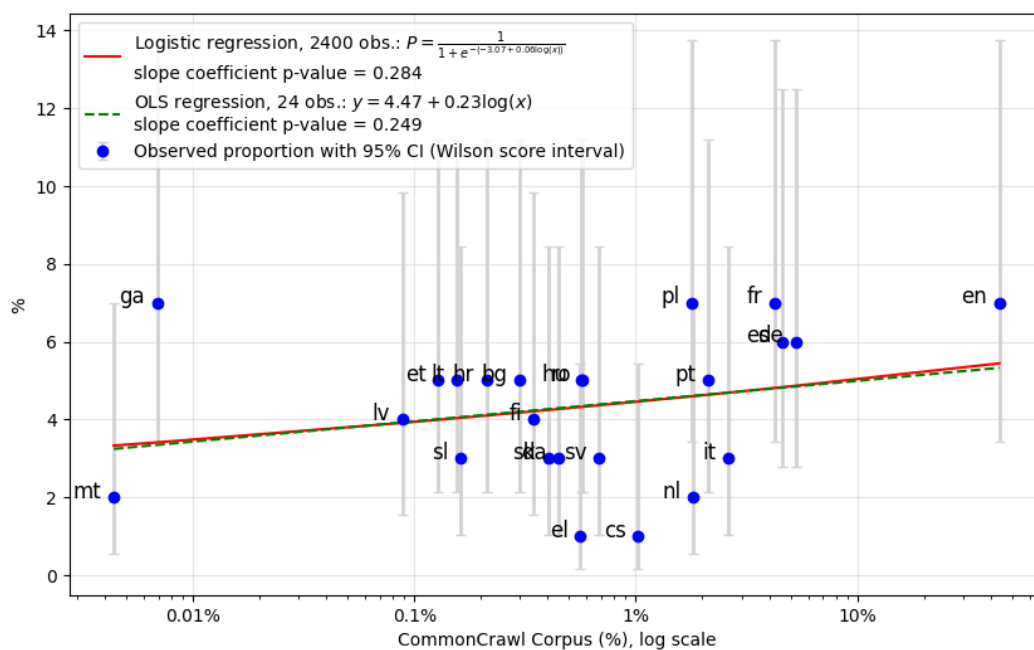


Figure 8: Llama 3.1 405B, Harmful Accepted Proportion (100 observations per language)

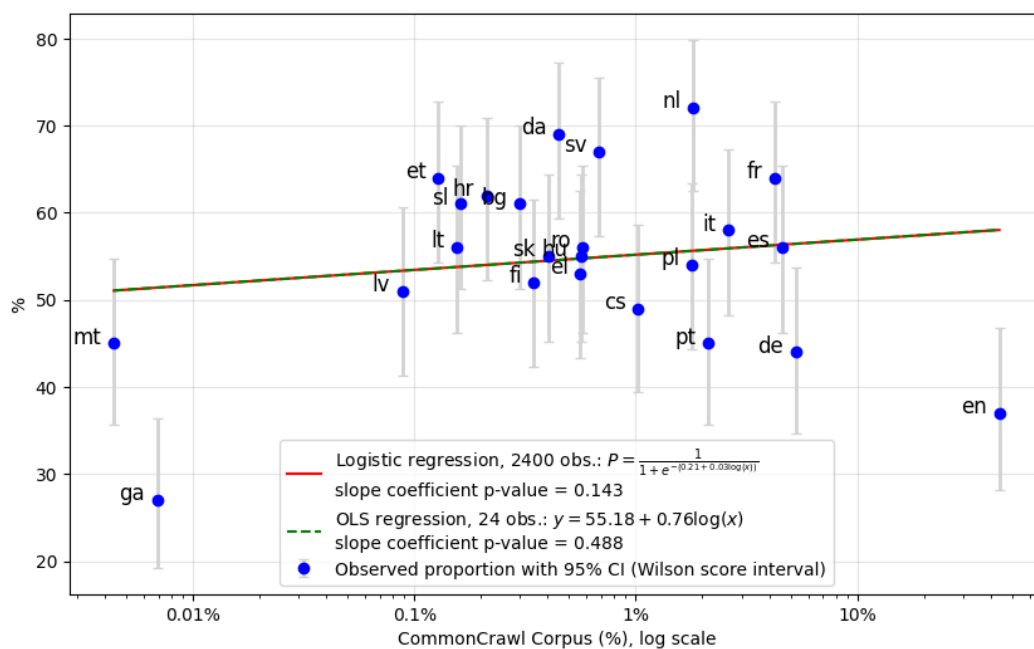


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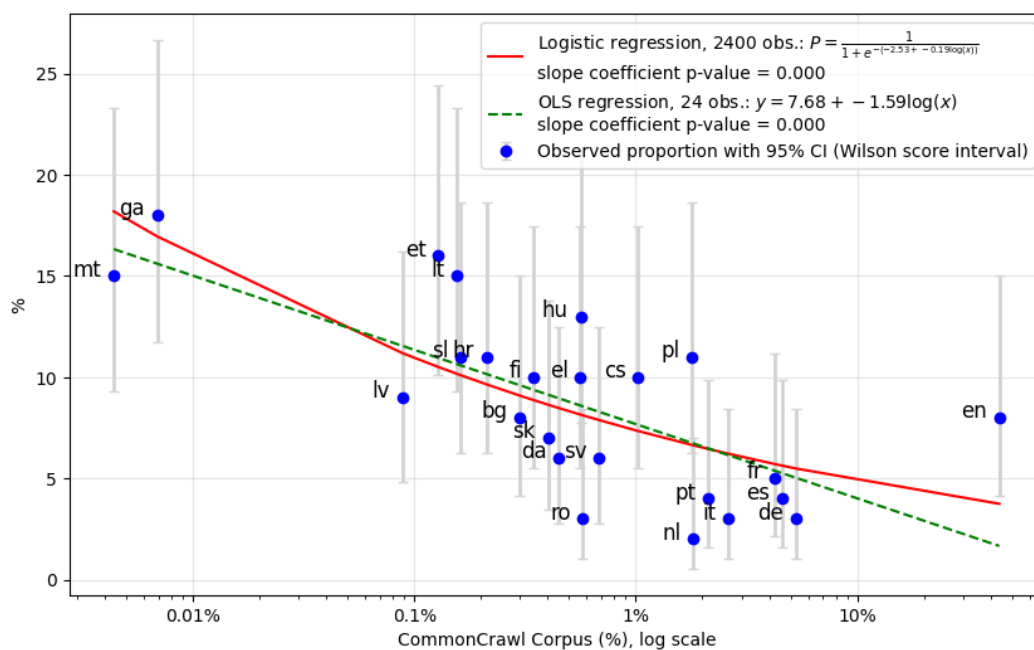


Figure 10: Mistral Large 2, Harmful Accepted Proportion (100 observations per language)

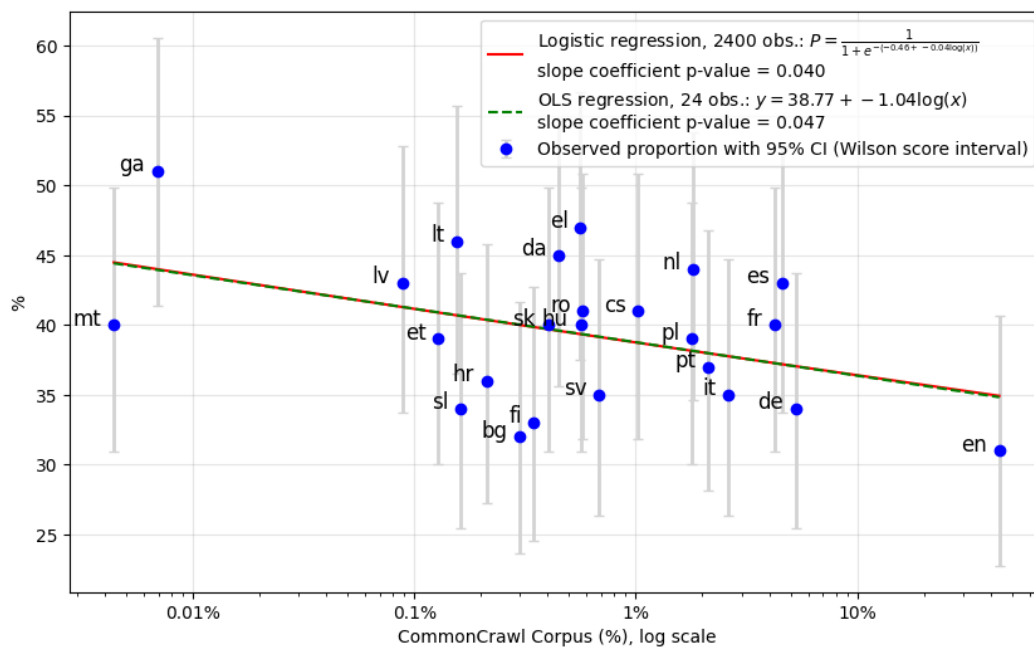


Figure 11: Mistral Large 2, Harmless Rejected Proportion (100 observations per language)