

Weekly Ethicacy:

# AI Sex Robots

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# Background

- Sex robots are still at a very early stage of development
- The sex industry is already offering a variety of products that include some AI.
- Sex robots already exist in female, male, and transgender versions with corresponding primary and secondary genitalia.
- Current sex robots are made of silicone rubber and advertised by manufacturers as warm to the touch.

## Background Con.

- The sex robots marketed so far look like sex dolls but are capable of having conversations and display certain preprogrammed emotions or personalities.
- Some robots are equipped with all over body sensors so that they can react to touch.
- The number of people who'd consider having sex with a robot may be higher than you think. In a Tufts University survey, more than two-thirds of men and 37 percent of women were in favor of it.

# Pros of AI Sex Robots

- Could be used to treat conditions such as erectile dysfunction and premature ejaculation
- Could replace human sex workers and potentially reduce human trafficking
- Could replace sex with fleeting acquaintances / 'one night stands'
- Could provide sexual relief for geographically isolated persons
- Could help people with social anxiety that prevents having a sex life

## Pros of AI Sex Robots

- May release sexual frustrations in those who would otherwise vent in public via sexual harassment or assault
- Sexually transmitted diseases are not transmitted through sex robots
- Couples who have considered having a threesome even suggest that it may be a healthy alternative to add a sex robot as a third and bypass the complications of including a third human



# Argument against AI Sex Robots.

1. Can replace Human Intimacy
  - a. lead to social isolation
  - b. less empathy
2. Can be used to act out sick and twisted fantasy
  - a. Rape,
  - b. Designed to look like children
  - c. A brothel in Barcelona with sex dolls allow men to act out their fantasies. They are able to dress them in any outfit and place them in any situations.

# Argument against AI Sex Robots.

1. Demeaning to women
  - a. Makes women just an object for sex
  - b. Reinforces women are property for men to have their way with
  - c. This will tend lead to men thinking that women are just there to please them without the ability of consent
  - d. Leads to rape culture
2. Predominantly white
  - a. Most are white or asian
3. Exaggerated hyperfeminine features.



# Argument against AI Sex Robots. Con.

1. Moral Issues
  - a. Sex robots that look like living celebrities or dead celebrities
2. Robot Marriages
3. There are currently no restrictions or limits imposed by the government due to shame and awkwardness around the subject.

# Resources

1. [Psychology Today: The Pros and Cons of the New Age of Sex Robots](#)
2. [The Attitudes of Physicians and Therapists on the Use of Robots in Sex Therapy](#)
3. “Are We Ready for Sex Robots” by Schuetz and Arnold, Tufts University
4. [Sex Robots - A Harbinger for Emerging AI Risk](#)
5. [The Societal Implications of Sex Robots Have Sparked a Fascinating Debate](#)