Robot\_Speciesism\_v2

Start of Block: informed\_consent

* I agree (1)
* I disagree (2)

End of Block: informed\_consent

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Start of Block: attention\_checks

att\_1 **This is an attention check.**  John is taller than Paul. Who is shorter?

* John (1)
* Paul (2)
* Neither John nor Paul (3)
* Both John and Paul (4)

att\_2 To show whether you are reading carefully, please select "Neither Agree nor Disagree" in the options below.

* Agree (3)
* Disagree (4)
* Neither Agree nor Disagree (5)

End of Block: attention\_checks

Start of Block: attention check fail

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End of Block: attention check fail

Start of Block: scenario

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setup Imagine the very near future. Humans have created a robot that is ***indistinguishable*** from humans, both physically and mentally, that walk among us. Not only will these robots look and move exactly like humans, but they will also be able to pass as human during long conversations. Everything humans can do, these robots can do as well.  Please watch the video below, which shows an example of these robots.

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End of Block: scenario

Start of Block: DV

video Here’s the video again for your reference.

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instruction **Please rate the extent to which you agree with the following statements:**

autonomy It would be morally wrong to disregard the robot’s autonomy or force it into decisions against its will.

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harm It would be morally wrong to intentionally harm the robot when it can be avoided.

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die It would be morally wrong to let the robot die when it can be avoided.

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exploit It would be morally wrong to support and engage in practices that exploit the robot for personal gain.

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deteriorate The robot would comprehend the existential significance of wear and tear in its body parts.

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being\_harmed The robot would have the capacity to understand when it is being harmed.

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well\_being The robot would have the capacity to contemplate its own existence and well-being.

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Start of Block: comp

comp Which of the following is true of the robots you read about?

* They act just like people (1)
* They act just like people AND their parts naturally malfunction over time. (2)
* They act just like people AND they are designed to work in environments that are too hazardous for people. (3)

End of Block: comp

Start of Block: demographics

gender What is your gender?

* Male (1)
* Female (2)
* Prefer not to disclose (3)
* Other (please specify) (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ethnicity What is your ethnicity?

* Black or African American (1)
* Asian (2)
* White or European (3)
* Hispanic or Latino (4)
* Mixed (5)
* Prefer Not to Say (7)
* Other (please specify) (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

age What is your age (in years)?

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education Please indicate the highest level of education completed.

* High School or Equivalent (1)
* Vocational/Technical School (2 year) (2)
* Some College (3)
* College Graduate (4 year) (4)
* Masters Degree (MS) (5)
* Doctoral Degree (PhD) (6)
* Professional Degree (MD, JD, etc.) (7)
* Other (please specify) (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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