

Where the Ideology Chatbot Gets Its Responses

1. Primary Source

All answers come from the OpenAI model you configured (e.g., gpt-4o-mini). The model does not pull live data from the internet during inference. Instead, it uses the knowledge it was trained on (up to Oct 2023), including licensed data, publicly available data, and data created by human trainers.

2. Your Provided Context

If you upload a PDF or paste in text, that content is added to the prompt before sending it to the model. In your app, that's the `pdf_text` being appended to the user's question. This means the model is grounded in your uploaded document, and will try to use it as context. It doesn't store the file, and nothing gets logged unless you explicitly build logging into your code.

3. Perspective Simulation

The ideological voices (e.g., Libertarian, Keynesian, Green/New Deal) are simulated by adding system messages. This doesn't give the model new sources, but it biases the tone, arguments, and focus to align with that worldview. The actual knowledge still comes from the pretrained model plus any uploaded document.

4. No Hidden Sources

Unless you connect additional tools (like a database, API, or document store such as Chroma or LangChain), the model isn't drawing from any other source. It only uses: 1. Its pretrained knowledge (up to Oct 2023). 2. Your uploaded PDF or text (if provided). 3. The ideological instructions in the system prompt.