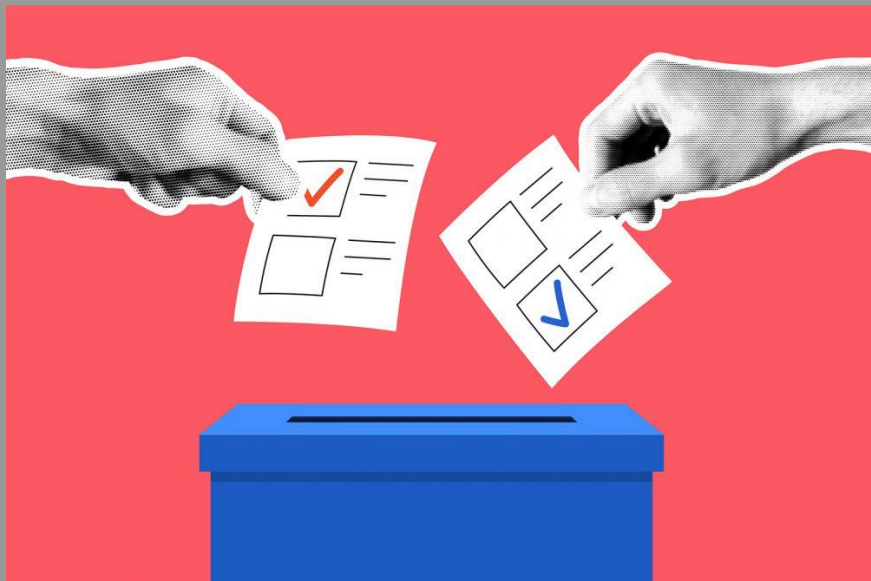


Who Gets to Shape Democracy? Democracy Beyond Elections in the Age of AI

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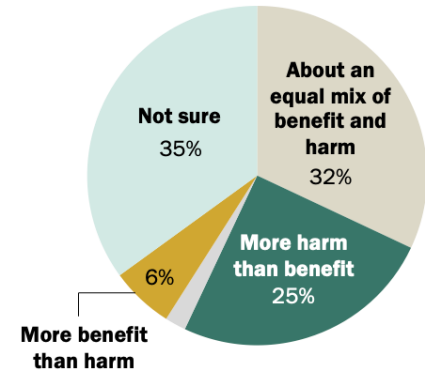




Who Shapes Informed Citizens?

Many teachers are uncertain about the use of AI tools in K-12 education

% of public K-12 teachers saying there is generally ____ when it comes to the use of artificial intelligence tools, such as ChatGPT, in K-12 education



Note: Share of respondents who didn't offer an answer is shown but not labeled.

Source: Survey of U.S. public K-12 teachers conducted Oct. 17-Nov. 14, 2023.

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The Central Question

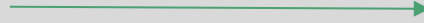


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Teachers

Parents

Journalists



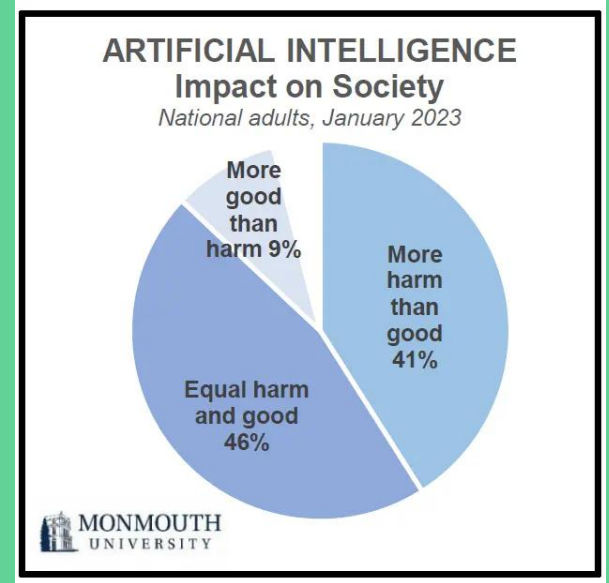
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Social Media

Who, or what, is shaping the citizens democracy depends on?

Who Shapes Public Conversations?



Civil Discourse

Town Halls



Feeds

Newspapers



Comment Sections

Classrooms

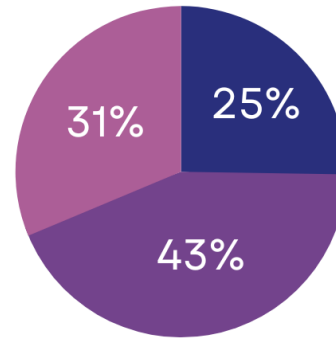


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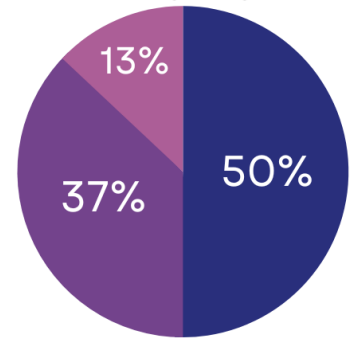
Who Shapes the Future?

Youth Are Concerned about Democracy but Believe in its Power

"I feel confident about democracy in the U.S."



"Democracy is capable of creating change"



CIRCLE
Pew Center for the Study of Public Life

Source: CIRCLE 2022 Post-Election Survey

Youth Participation

Students



Researchers



Developers



Lawmakers



Communities



Can Artificial Intelligence Make Democratic Citizens More Human?

Educate or Manipulate?

Encourage Discourse or
Encourage Division?

Support Participation or
Replace Communities?

Final Thoughts

- ❖ What kind of citizens should we choose to become?
- ❖ AI may shape the tools we have, but it is up to humans to shape democracy
- ❖ How can we use the new tools we are provided with to encourage discourse amongst the younger population and encourage them to become involved in civic education?

Thank you!



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