



Brief: 2024 Generation AI Survey

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Introduction

Artificial intelligence is set to define this generation. As today's young people have grown up, AI systems have advanced in parallel. Automated resume checkers, social media's uncanny recommendation systems, and AI-powered chatbots are just the beginning. And we're not separate from this revolution. As teenagers ourselves, we can see AI will shape our education, careers and lives.

For the past two years, our parents, peers, and policymakers have asked us many questions about the hopes and fears of today's young people with this technology. The Center for Youth and AI (YouthAI) surveyed teenagers on AI's impact on their lives – a cohort we're terming "Generation AI." Here's what we found.

Generation AI is growing up. What do they think?

80%

of teens say AI risks are important for lawmakers to address

59%

of teens are concerned about AI-generated misinformation

57%

of teens are concerned about advanced AI

47%

of teens use AI tools several times a week or more

65%

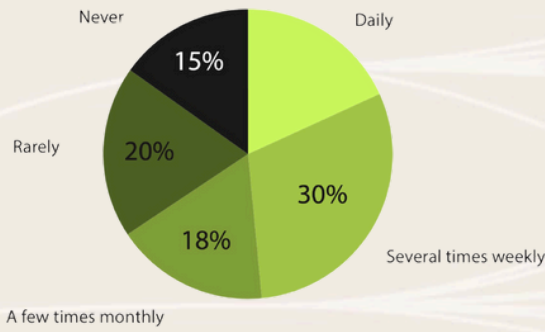
of teens factor AI automation into their career plans

Key Findings

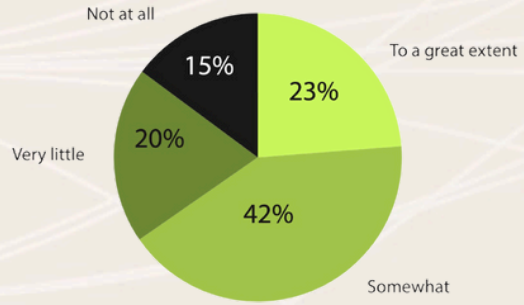
- **The vast majority of young people view AI risks as a top issue for lawmakers to address.** 80% said AI risks are important for lawmakers to address, compared to 78% for social inequality and 77% for climate change – only healthcare access and affordability was ranked higher at 87%. A significant portion of young people are concerned about advanced AI and its potential risks. 57% of respondents are somewhat or very concerned about advanced AI, compared to 39% who aren't. 45% believe AI could pose an extinction risk to humanity.
- **Nearly three in five were concerned about AI-generated misinformation and deepfakes.** 59% are concerned about AI-generated misinformation, 58% are concerned about deep fakes, and 51% are worried about AI used for mass surveillance. 47% were concerned about advanced autonomous AI escaping human control.
- **Approximately half of the respondents reported using AI tools like ChatGPT several times a week or more.** Another 18% used it a few times a month, and 35% used it either rarely or never.
- **A majority of young people are factoring AI into their career planning.** 65% of respondents have considered AI automation as a factor in their career plans, indicating widespread awareness of AI's potential impact on the job market.
- **Young people are generally supportive of AI-generated creative works.** 57% are in favor of AI-generated art, film, and music, while only 26% oppose it. This suggests a relatively low level of concern about AI's impact on intellectual property.
- **There's strong opposition to romantic relationships between humans and AIs.** 68% of respondents find such relationships unacceptable, compared to only 24% who find them acceptable. However, attitudes towards friendships with AIs are more evenly split, with 46% finding them acceptable and 44% unacceptable.



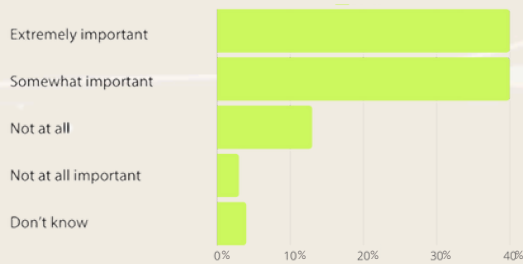
Q1. How often, if at all, do you currently use AI tools like ChatGPT in your life?



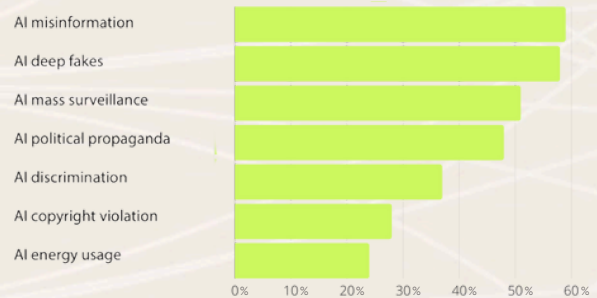
Q2. To what extent, if at all, have you considered AI automation as a factor in your career?



Q7. How important is it that lawmakers address potential risks of AI?



Q12. Which potential risks of AI are concerning to you?



In Their Words

“I just hope that as AI gets more powerful, we don’t lose touch with what makes us human. I don’t want to live in a world where everything is just automated and we’re not needed anymore.” (Age 17)

“I fear I won't have a job when I'm old enough to work” (Age 17)

“I never know if a picture I'm looking at is AI or not.” (Age 15)

About YouthAI

The [Center for Youth and AI](#) (YouthAI) aims to ensure that young people are represented, prepared and protected for the upcoming AI revolution. This report was written by Jason Hausenloy and Saheb Gulati, with contributions from Ian Habich-Ramirez, Jord Nguyen, Catherine Wang, and Cyra Alesha.

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