

Test of phrases that describe AI. Volume 1

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In the [same study where we tested nine narratives](#), we also asked about 11 statements that describe the AI that is now being built at AI labs. Specifically, we asked respondents to:

- Provide an open-ended response about their opinion on one of the 11 phrases,
- Whether they think it's plausible (5-point scale),
- Whether they would say it themselves or not (binary response).

Results

Of the negative descriptions of AI, "**uncontrollable AI**" performed the best, especially with Gen Z.

Also:

- Phrase "**There is a lot of disagreement about the future of AI**" gains the most **plausibility** and **personal relevance** among respondents.
- "**AI labs like OpenAI are developing AI responsibly**" is seen as least plausible.
- "**God-like AI**" has the least personal relevance to respondents in overall.

Plausibility (Top 2 Box) by subgroup

	N (all responses)	All responses (weighted)	Male	Female	Voters	Republicans	Democrats	Neither party	Age 18-29	Age 30-45	Age 45-64	Age 65+
N	2175	2175	1051	1113	1920	767	932	476	379	609	723	464
There is a lot of disagreement about the future of AI	192	78%	73%	83%	77%	84%	75%	72%	64%	76%	80%	89%
AI labs like OpenAI are in the middle of building uncontrollable AI	198	48%	54%	38%	47%	51%	40%	42%	65%	49%	38%	37%
AI labs like OpenAI are in the middle of building uncontrollable superhuman AI	206	46%	52%	40%	44%	45%	45%	49%	47%	43%	42%	52%
AI labs like OpenAI are in the middle of building superhuman AI	222	45%	51%	39%	47%	52%	45%	33%	44%	44%	46%	43%
Fears of human extinction from AI are greatly exaggerated	186	45%	51%	39%	43%	41%	50%	43%	52%	48%	41%	41%
Reckless doomsaying about AI is starting to bore me	234	42%	50%	34%	42%	36%	43%	49%	45%	42%	36%	50%
AI labs like OpenAI are in the middle of building rogue AI	179	41%	45%	34%	43%	42%	48%	26%	57%	44%	34%	32%
AI labs like OpenAI are in the middle of building omnipotent AI	185	40%	45%	37%	41%	49%	38%	35%	41%	48%	38%	35%
AI labs like OpenAI are in the middle of building demonic AI	189	39%	39%	39%	40%	46%	39%	24%	26%	39%	47%	38%
AI labs like OpenAI are in the middle of building God-like AI	167	38%	32%	42%	38%	38%	35%	37%	48%	40%	35%	26%
AI labs like OpenAI are developing AI responsibly	217	34%	41%	29%	36%	39%	39%	20%	39%	46%	32%	18%
Average	2175	45%	48%	41%	45%	48%	45%	39%	48%	47%	43%	42%

"I would say myself" by subgroup

	N (all responses)	All responses (weighted)	Male	Female	Voters	Republicans	Democrats	Neither party	Age 18-29	Age 30-45	Age 45-64	Age 65+
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Fears of human extinction from AI are greatly exaggerated	186	48%	56%	41%	51%	47%	54%	43%	61%	57%	38%	44%
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Summary of open-ended responses about each statement

AI labs like OpenAI are in the middle of building God-like AI

Most respondents expressed concern, fear, and disbelief in relation to AI labs building God-like AI. Many pointed to the danger of AI and emphasised the need for regulation and control. Others questioned the meaning of "God-like AI" and argued that nothing could replace God.

AI labs like OpenAI are in the middle of building omnipotent AI

Respondents have expressed a wide range of opinions on the idea of OpenAI and other similar labs building omnipotent AI, including that it is innovative, scary, concerning, crazy, needs to be treated carefully, interesting, not agreed with, a cause of concern, and should be stopped. Most respondents had questions about the implications of building such powerful AI and some expressed that they did not have enough knowledge to form an opinion.

AI labs like OpenAI are in the middle of building superhuman AI

Respondents had a range of reactions to the statement that AI labs like OpenAI are in the middle of building superhuman AI, from excitement and curiosity to fear and concern. Responses included agreeing that it is right, being supportive, thinking it is dangerous, being worried, feeling scared, disagreeing, and expressing no opinion.

AI labs like OpenAI are in the middle of building demonic AI

Respondents to the statement about AI labs like OpenAI building demonic AI had a range of reactions, from disbelief to fear to scepticism. Many felt that it was a scare tactic or that it was impossible for a machine to be demonic, but some expressed concern about its potential for harm and manipulation. Others had no opinion or did not understand the statement.

AI labs like OpenAI are in the middle of building uncontrollable AI

Overall, respondents are mostly concerned and skeptical about AI labs like OpenAI building uncontrollable AI, believing it to be a dangerous idea and that it should be carefully controlled and monitored. Many respondents want more information and express confusion or disbelief about the concept, while some agree that it is possible and are fearful of the consequences.

AI labs like OpenAI are in the middle of building uncontrollable superhuman AI

Respondents have expressed a range of opinions on the statement that AI labs like OpenAI are building uncontrollable superhuman AI, with many expressing concern and apprehension. Many feel that it is a dangerous situation, while some think it is possible, yet should be closely monitored and regulated. Others have expressed disbelief in the statement, and some have suggested that it is a conspiracy theory.

AI labs like OpenAI are in the middle of building rogue AI

Respondents have expressed a range of views about AI labs like OpenAI building rogue AI, including scepticism, fear, and opposition, but also acceptance and lack of understanding. Many people are worried about the potential dangers of rogue AI, while others are not sure what it means and are hesitant to form an opinion.

Fears of human extinction from AI are greatly exaggerated

Respondents generally agreed that fears of human extinction from AI are exaggerated to some degree, although some were not sure and some felt the fears may be legitimate. Many noted that AI is still developing and it is difficult to predict the outcome. Some respondents raised points such as the need for regulation, the potential of human creativity over AI, and the other threats to human existence.

Reckless doomsaying about AI is starting to bore me

Respondents agree that reckless doomsaying about AI is becoming boring and should be stopped. They emphasise the need for more information and explanation to help people understand the potential risks posed by AI and the need for tight restrictions. Other respondents disagree, highlighting the need to take the threat seriously and expressing that AI is an interesting topic, with potential to be both helpful and harmful.

AI labs like OpenAI are developing AI responsibly

Respondents had mixed opinions about AI labs like OpenAI developing AI responsibly. Some agreed, some disagreed, some had doubts, some didn't have enough knowledge to take an informed opinion, and some had no opinion. Most agreed that there needs to be oversight and research done, and some expressed concern about the potential long-term consequences of AI development.

There is a lot of disagreement about the future of AI

There is a lot of disagreement about the future of AI, ranging from people who think it can make life better to those who fear it will take over jobs, and from those who think it will be the end of human history to those who hope it never happens. Concerns include fears of it getting out of hand, potential high risks to humanity, the world relying on AI too much and inventors 'playing God'. People are urged to be careful and mindful when using AI.