

Brief: AI Training Data

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Training data is computer-readable information (datasets) used to teach artificial intelligence (AI) models to identify patterns, make predictions, or generate new content.

Some of the most commonly used training datasets are scraped from the internet.



Policy Issues

- Copyright infringement
- Consent
- Discrimination
- Exposure to harmful content



The AI "black box"



Proposed Policy Solutions

Transparency:

- (1) Make training data scrutable to the public, researchers, and/or oversight and auditing bodies;
- (2) Provide the public with clear information about how their data could be used in AI training alongside options for opting in or out.



Considerations & Critiques

The limits of disclosure

- Understandability
- Actionability
- Verifiability

Meaningful options and redress for the public

- Opt-out and disclosure go hand-in-hand
- Right of action and oversight

Protection of trade secrets

Balancing disclosure with commercial interests



Thank you