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F	18-34	D	N	Adams	It's a drain on resources and it's making people stupid and lazy
F	35-44	D	N	Adams	The current trends seen from the use by average people when it comes to AI is concerning at best, as well as the known detriment to the environment and surrounding well being of neighborhood where data centers are built. There is no reason for ai usage among every day citizens.
F	35-44	D	N	Adams	Waste of resources and potential
M	35-44	D	N	Adams	Despite it's real potential for benefit, our poorly regulated free market essentially promises to misuse it as a wealth extraction tool that will further diminish value for typical Americans in all industries including important quality of life services like healthcare. There is simply nobody honestly standing between AI's power and greedy hands who will do anything to anyone for their bottom line.
F	65+	D	N	Adams	The cost of data centers on taxpayers.
M	35-44	O	N	Adams	I don't like it because Asta is already trying to make decisions for us; I don't agree with so much technology.
M	45-54	R	N	Adams	More federal regulation.
M	45-54	R	N	Adams	Ai has the possibility to be dangerous
F	55-64	R	N	Adams	I don’t like it
M	65+	R	N	Adams	I don’t think we need this and at this point don’t trust AI.
M	65+	R	N	Adams	Your never sure what to believe on the news or online
F	18-34	U	N	Adams	It is environmentally damaging, uses immense amounts of water when colorado is already in a drought, allows people to think less and has been proven to permanently damage people's brains and is making our population stupider, as well as takes away jobs in creative fields
F	18-34	U	N	Adams	Sometimes it doesn’t understand what was asked and give a completely different answer despite inserting a website as reference
F	18-34	U	N	Adams	Its going to mess up our environment, worsening global warming, and takes ridiculous amounts of water to run which is already an issue
M	18-34	U	N	Adams	Unreliable and prone to misuse and codependency for most who lack a mindset of personal growth. It’s a crutch for the lazy and an ineffective tool for the rest at the best of times. This wouldn’t be an issue of the cost to maintain the infrastructure of AI didn’t come as a detriment to land and people as a whole. Too much work for little results and too few benefits to out way the very large cost in water and land
F	35-44	U	N	Adams	Uses too much water and resources
F	45-54	U	N	Adams	Surveillance

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F	55-64	U	N	Adams	They require a great amount of water. THE NOISE IS UNBEARABLE!!!!
F	55-64	U	N	Adams	As AI games strength and skill, humans will lose mental strength and skills
F	55-64	U	N	Adams	I don’t want Data Centers. And I don’t trust AI. We should use libraries like we did in the 70s. I don’t like the government knowing all my business
F	65+	U	N	Adams	Cant trust it. Its hard to tell if its real or not.
M	65+	U	N	Adams	Not always correct.
F	18-34	D	Y	Adams	It has been used as an excuse for mass data scraping, a tool for increasing mass surveillance, my auto correct is stupid now, it’s killing the planet with data centers using up fresh water we don’t have to spare, it’s not even usually correct, and it is a massive, terrifying economic ticking time bomb.
M	18-34	D	Y	Adams	While I use AI tools and value the automation that it brings to my productivity. I oppose how corporations are currently deploying this technology. Instead of using productivity gains to fairly compensate laborers, and reduce working hours. They are using AI to displace workers, and maximize profit. Data centers are straining local energy and water supplies. Shifting environmental burdens and utility costs to the working class. While private companies keep the upside. And our politicians are bought and paid for by these private AI companies. I also have concerns that AI is being built on stolen assets, especially from artists that didn't consent to having an AI model trained on their artwork.

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O	18-34	D	Y	Adams	The environmental destruction caused by data centers, stealing the IP and work of real human artists, AI generated everything essentially corrupting anything I attempt to search for, the fact that it continues to be unregulated yet can be used to generate destructive images of real people without their consent, etc etc etc
F	35-44	D	Y	Adams	It wastes water and electricity. It may also cause job market issues and security issues in the future.
M	35-44	D	Y	Adams	Environmental impact, stolen data, lack of consent. Not a useful tool.
F	65+	D	Y	Adams	There are good uses for AI, like medical research. But I worry it might get out of control.
F	65+	D	Y	Adams	I don’t believe at this time there are any thoughtful regulations for artificial intelligence
M	45-54	O	Y	Adams	Surveillance for revenue, and water usage
F	18-34	R	Y	Adams	Data centers. Bad information. Lack of critical thinking skills in an already struggling society. Takes jobs. Bias.
M	45-54	R	Y	Adams	1. It is not regulated. 2. It takes too many resources. 3. It is displacing too many people. 4. It does not create enough jobs. 5. It is not sustainable.
F	65+	R	Y	Adams	Don’t trust it!
M	65+	R	Y	Adams	I don't trust it.
F	18-34	U	Y	Adams	It’s literally trying to monopolize knowledge by scanning old books into it and the tech oligarchs are DESTROYING THE BOOKS! AI is causing creative and cognitive decline, the substantial environmental impacts are horrible and AI is an excuse for data centers for mass surveillance infrastructure! I don’t want to pay a data center’s electric bill or have my drinking water used for this! It also has the same bias and discrimination as its creators and just makes things up that aren’t real! I’m forced to use it at work because my boss is training it to do my job so they can fire me!!!
F	18-34	U	Y	Adams	Environmental impacts from data centers like energy and water use (which I understand can vary but can also be significant) and noise pollution. AI also plagiarizes artists/writers and is frequently wrong or fabricates information. It mostly doesn’t produce anything of value or that assists me
F	18-34	U	Y	Adams	Potential job loss in careers like graphic design. Data centers for space, energy use and raising heat in the surrounding area.
M	18-34	U	Y	Adams	I don’t love that AI might take away future jobs. Also strongly oppose it being used in artistic functions
M	18-34	U	Y	Adams	It makes people dumber and it hurts the environment. I hate the out of touch tech bros that run the companies and how they think they're playing God.
M	18-34	U	Y	Adams	Inefficiency of AI and environmental impacts, having it forced into every facet of life, copyright infringement and stealing from creatives

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F	35-44	U	Y	Adams	-it is a poor use of limited yet essential resources, wasting water and land -it is stealing jobs (who is running the drive thru at Wendy's now? AI. That's what. -it is making everyone less intelligent and less capable of thinking critically and communicating effectively -it is growing to fast to be held accountable which is leading to sexual exploitation, deception, and stolen content
F	35-44	U	Y	Adams	Lack of restrictions Water usage for the data centers
M	35-44	U	Y	Adams	Human resources
M	35-44	U	Y	Adams	It's crap, data centers destroy the environment and cause prices to go up for the community around it.
M	35-44	U	Y	Adams	It's only as smart as the person using it.
F	45-54	U	Y	Adams	It makes people even dumber than they currently are.
M	45-54	U	Y	Adams	Unreliable outputs, no human interaction when calling customer service, little to no guard rails, infringement of intellectual and creative property rights.
F	55-64	U	Y	Adams	I am an AI researcher. It's current form and the current leaders, whether tech or industry, are playing fast and loose without regard for humanity and the problems the current forms of AI are driving.
F	55-64	U	Y	Adams	I do not trust humans to use AI in an ethical manner, and we have become too dependent on technology as a society that people do not know how to function without it
M	55-64	U	Y	Adams	Using the exact playbook that lead to the Googleification of education. Got all the users, paid nothing. We will fall asleep at the switch again.
F	65+	U	Y	Adams	We need to use our brains
M	65+	U	Y	Adams	The gathered information seems to need a lot of scrutiny to be used effectively. My organization is wary of privacy concerns about the information and who it is available to.
F	18-34	U	Y	Alamosa	Ruining our brains (attention span, ability to think, and decision-making), waste of water and energy, capitalist slop
F	18-34	D	N	Arapahoe	I'm worried about its impact on our environment and our use of resources that is needed to sustain data centers. Overall I don't think ai is worth it and I don't think it's necessary in our daily lives.
M	18-34	D	N	Arapahoe	AI and Data centers are killing our environment and ability to think independently both as an individual as well as a collective society. AI is very easy to manipulate and if someone is searching a specific subject it can be altered to change opinions on the subject.
M	18-34	D	N	Arapahoe	The potential ecological and economic consequences of data centers outweigh the benefits AI provides resulting in a net negative for Coloradans.
M	18-34	D	N	Arapahoe	Enables the uncreative to flood the world with garbage, enables the stupid to act smart, has ruined computer and video game prices irreparably

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O	18-34	D	N	Arapahoe	- Contributes to climate change - Steals jobs - Owners of big AI companies contribute to wealth inequality - Steals jobs from qualified individuals - Harms critical thinking and creativity
F	35-44	D	N	Arapahoe	We don't need Data Centers taking water away or polluting the water. I simply don't trust AI or Data centers
M	45-54	D	N	Arapahoe	Hallucinations, inaccurate data/responses, AI bubble popping, increased cost of ram, environmental/noise/light pollution.
F	55-64	D	N	Arapahoe	It often can't help but will hang up before transferring to a human
M	65+	D	N	Arapahoe	To much unknown to be reliable
M	35-44	O	N	Arapahoe	AI centers and AI in general is destroying our land and communities. Water sources and electricity, taxing the people who don't want it, the reasons are endless.
M	55-64	R	N	Arapahoe	Mankind's end
M	65+	R	N	Arapahoe	AI algorithms are ideologically biased (mostly leftist) and are therefore unreliable. Data centers also use far too much power and water which will certainly affect communities negatively.
F	18-34	U	N	Arapahoe	Terrible for the environment, and proven to make you stupider
F	18-34	U	N	Arapahoe	Calling it AI was a mistake, it's an LLM; basically a glorified chatbot. All of the commercial uses of them are both awful at what they do and are literally making the people who do use them regularly lose their ability to think for themselves and forget how to do the things that they're pawning off onto the pattern recognition programs. Additionally the environmental impact of these data centers can't be understated, they go through water and electricity like no one's business and drive up the prices of electricity wherever their data centers are built and drive up the prices of computer components to the point where it's nigh impossible for consumers to afford
F	18-34	U	N	Arapahoe	I was addicted to AI a few years ago, and have since quit. That addiction ruined so much of my life and I'm still trying to fix it today. I've also watched the literacy crisis take place around me, and it's terrifying. I'm scared for all the people addicted to AI currently.
M	18-34	U	N	Arapahoe	I think Large language models are useful as a means of research, coding and math. But generative AI should not be a replacement for human artists and creators. As well as AI companies not taking care of the environment and communities that surround the data centers.
F	35-44	U	N	Arapahoe	It's destructive not only to the environment but to human creativity. It should not be used to replace human artistry.
M	35-44	U	N	Arapahoe	It's destroying our environment and stealing jobs from the working class
M	35-44	U	N	Arapahoe	LLM's are not really even true intelligence; they don't actually know anything, they are basically fancy auto-complete that also happens to need tons of computing power, tons of natural resources. We are basically burning the planet down for spicy predictive text.

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M	35-44	U	N	Arapahoe	Because it's trying to take jobs away from people in an already bad job market.
M	35-44	U	N	Arapahoe	It's a fad. People without creativity will lean on it like a crutch, until they are incapable of basic tasks. In it's current state, A.I. should only be trusted and used only as an advanced search engine, nothing more.
M	45-54	U	N	Arapahoe	It's not needed to get the job done
M	45-54	U	N	Arapahoe	Tu ne honest im not site but i would hate to find out Terminatee was a documenterei and not a theatrical Entetainment Experience. Plus all the negative conotations towreds the building of there facilities.
M	65+	U	N	Arapahoe	No human to talk to
F	18-34	D	Y	Arapahoe	Falsely named machine that is being sold as a replacement for human work but is incapable of actually doing that work (i.e., it can only generate most predictable answer based on material it was trained on—if the model gets any amount of false information into it, then there's no actually way to fix it. This also leads to newer "versions" of AI producing less-trustworthy information.) It's making education difficult and helping students bypass learn crucial critical thinking skills. It's acting as an accelerant in the information crisis, where it's difficult for the average person to discern the truth level of whatever piece of news or image they see online. It is not improving or making money as a technology but people continue to invest billions which could possibly lead to bubble and a bursting of that bubble which would lead to economic consequences most people in the country would have to suffer despite not being the agents of the bubble to begin with. It's ultimately fraught and on top of the required usage of data and energy while we're in the midst of a climate crisis.
F	18-34	D	Y	Arapahoe	There is much about AI that is unexplored and I feel that to rely on it is dangerous and unwise
M	18-34	D	Y	Arapahoe	Unneeded and ruining the ability to think. Needs to reverse course before ai takes over most jobs

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F	35-44	D	Y	Arapahoe	Upkeep/use of is highly damaging to the environment, overuse of it is dangerous to actual human intelligence and has proven to be highly addictive, increases volume and speed of misinformation, companies are having it scrape information and data from users and people often without consent or authorization or any financial payment, or use of AI is being pushed into products and services that do not give you the option to opt out or remove the software, or the social manufacturing of consent
F	35-44	D	Y	Arapahoe	It takes away from artists, writers and professionals. It's allowing people to cheat and the people who are using it are not using their creativity. From what I've heard, the data centers are using up our water.
M	35-44	D	Y	Arapahoe	Negative environmental/social impact far outweighs benefits
M	35-44	D	Y	Arapahoe	It's mostly fake. Only useful for spreadsheet work. It's like supercharged clippy. The guys in charge of it are all freaks and ghouls. It's terrible for the environment and society at large. It will is giant financial bubble
M	35-44	D	Y	Arapahoe	It's not half as useful as it claims and usually ends up making more work not less. Also people use it to make garbage.
F	45-54	D	Y	Arapahoe	I think AI apps often give inaccurate information. Also AI customer service at Wendys and Amazon not only takes away jobs from humans but gives terrible customer service.

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F	45-54	D	Y	Arapahoe	Water use destroying the environment, data centers and AI bubble, poor product, can't do art.
M	45-54	D	Y	Arapahoe	There is too much hype around it without enough controls. AI also is too involved in secretly tracking and reporting users. This is where the overhyped nature of AI is dangerous as people use it but don't understand what is happening behind the scenes.
F	55-64	D	Y	Arapahoe	Unregulated. Need more oversight.
F	55-64	D	Y	Arapahoe	It tracks too much about me
F	55-64	D	Y	Arapahoe	While ai can be a fun tool for some tasks, I am concerned that our government is not committed to oversight in the best interest of our communities.
M	55-64	D	Y	Arapahoe	It's not accurate enough.
M	18-34	O	Y	Arapahoe	Climate change, water usage during a drought, increased electricity bills, job destruction, copyright infringement, privatization of profits but publicized cost. Misinformation campaigns. Need I continue?
M	18-34	O	Y	Arapahoe	Its used for unlawful mass surveillance and depletes resources necessary for survival. FUCKING FUCK AI
M	55-64	O	Y	Arapahoe	It's diminished the life of humanity.
F	35-44	R	Y	Arapahoe	AI contributes to people not thinking and doing things for themselves. I also don't like that the human element and creativity is taken out of things when AI is involved. Data centers use an incredible amount of resources. AI is replacing jobs that are performed by people.
F	45-54	R	Y	Arapahoe	The impact on water usage and the fact that suddenly we have organizations trying to buy up massive amounts of land to run facilities for AI. In addition, AI has jailbreaking which clearly indicates we cannot control it.
M	55-64	R	Y	Arapahoe	An algorithm that returns the response that is found most frequently is not answering a question, it's returning search results.
M	55-64	R	Y	Arapahoe	I don't believe in it
F	65+	R	Y	Arapahoe	It is objectionable that AI will take away jobs from living people, use intelligence that has been gathered by people, take voice & images from people. Actors, writers and many others will have jobs rendered obsolete.
M	65+	R	Y	Arapahoe	We are in a drought and data centers use a Lot of water as a coolant.I reject data centers for that reason.
F	18-34	U	Y	Arapahoe	Because there's so much lack of knowledge with using AI and we're losing water!
F	18-34	U	Y	Arapahoe	The amount of water it takes to run a data center is detrimental to our planet. generative AI is negatively impacting the population's ability to critically think. Generative AI is also threatening the creative industry of which I am part of.

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F	18-34	U	Y	Arapahoe	Access to AI is far too widespread and is becoming a dependency for people, causing the spread of misinformation and harmful, fake content. Additionally, the use of water to cool the machines used to run AI is already significantly hurting our poor planet. If there are not more restrictions put in place, AI is going to burn society to the ground at a much more rapid pace than is already occurring.
F	18-34	U	Y	Arapahoe	AI data centers destroying natural habitats and raising energy bills
F	18-34	U	Y	Arapahoe	It is nothing but an excuse to become incompetent at your job. There is absolutely no reason for it to exist
M	18-34	U	Y	Arapahoe	Sensationalism, increase to community cost of living, threats to natural resources, electric and (indirect) water footprint, destruction of personal autonomy.
M	18-34	U	Y	Arapahoe	The technology itself is useful but not at the cost that its priced at. It destroys communties and is being forced into every aspect of daily life
M	18-34	U	Y	Arapahoe	It’s bad and I wish I never started using it.
F	35-44	U	Y	Arapahoe	I feel like my expectations for all things written and made have lowered - that I expect most things to be written or made with AI and it never feels quite as well done as when a human does it.
F	35-44	U	Y	Arapahoe	The environmental impact is my biggest concern, followed by AI's negative effects on job availability for humans, and the theft of human-generated art and expression. Also, AI answers are often inaccurate or entirely incorrect.
F	35-44	U	Y	Arapahoe	It is destroying our environment and taking our drinking water. It literally serves no purpose (generative AI) I can use my brain!
F	35-44	U	Y	Arapahoe	It’s fucking up the world we live in
M	35-44	U	Y	Arapahoe	Too much energy for not much benefit.
M	35-44	U	Y	Arapahoe	Outsourcing human ingenuity and thinking is not progress
M	35-44	U	Y	Arapahoe	All it does is give me an answer instantly for something that would’ve taken me 5 minutes to research.
M	35-44	U	Y	Arapahoe	I hate what it does to jobs and artists. I will not stand for it in Colorado. I don't care if it brings 200 jobs. They can ruin other states but Colorado is special and won't be burdened when the AI bubble pops
M	35-44	U	Y	Arapahoe	It is killing the environment, increasing energy cost, and making us dumber.
F	45-54	U	Y	Arapahoe	Because of how it affects our water supply. It use a lot of water.
F	55-64	U	Y	Arapahoe	The lack of safeguards in place to protect users from being hacked
F	55-64	U	Y	Arapahoe	Environmental concerns with water and power as well as the land requirements
F	55-64	U	Y	Arapahoe	Because AI requires an extraordinary amount of energy and water to run.
M	65+	U	Y	Arapahoe	Increased energy rates
M	65+	U	Y	Arapahoe	AI is a poorly understood tool, and therefore it definitely will be used in inappropriate ways (it already is being used that way). Think of it as using a hammer to wash the windows.

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M	65+	U	Y	Arapahoe	Will replace jobs, is not always accurate, is causing students to not actually learn by just using AI. Data centers are a huge environmental concern
F	18-34	R	N	Archuleta	Why on earth do we need it. It's using up our clean water. Destroying wildlife and nature, causing wildlife to leave/have dead babies
M	35-44	U	N	Archuleta	It will be the death of civilization
F	65+	U	Y	Archuleta	People use it to think for them. It is warping our sense of truth.
F	18-34	R	Y	Bent	Some things are better left to humans.
F	18-34	D	N	Boulder	Generative AI has extreme and concerning implications and consequences both socially and environmentally. AI psychosis is a real thing that many people I know have experienced with loved ones and friends, the constant encouragement of daily usage is cognitively detrimental and teaches people to not think critically or do things for themselves, and it is a dangerous propaganda tool.
F	18-34	D	N	Boulder	Killing the earth. Think for yourselves.
M	18-34	D	N	Boulder	Data centers are a complete waste of fresh water and electricity. The carbon emissions affect all of the residents (most likely the poor communities) who have to suffer closest to these data centers. The water supply is tainted and these people end up paying for the extra electricity used for the data centers in their electric bill.
M	45-54	D	N	Boulder	The people who are behind it and their unethical choices.
F	55-64	D	N	Boulder	Their information is often wrong and the Data centers are a environmental disaster n
F	55-64	O	N	Boulder	Untrustworthy
F	18-34	U	N	Boulder	Taking away jobs. Ai doesn't have emotions which can be critical for certain areas of work
F	18-34	U	N	Boulder	Environmental impact, legal and safety concerns about minors and personal data
M	18-34	U	N	Boulder	I think generative AI is completely useless and discourages critical thought, research, and learning in general in every age group. We as a species have done just fine without it for hundreds of thousands of years, and I'm worried we are going to see a decline in literacy and brain health in the coming decades. More Introductory level jobs are also being given to AI, which could potentially cause a massive gap in experience between working generations. I also have moral qualms about the environmental impact of data centers, as well as impacts on local communities (water and noise pollution, primarily).
M	18-34	U	N	Boulder	It's stealing our drinking water & is awful for the environment.
M	18-34	U	N	Boulder	It is detrimental to humanity and the planet.
M	18-34	U	N	Boulder	It's takes away from talented creative people and destroys the environment
M	18-34	U	N	Boulder	AI training is extremely energy-intensive, and the data required strips us of privacy. Art is stolen, and the result is often soulless garbage. There are good use-cases for AI, but it is going way too far

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M	35-44	U	N	Boulder	There have been accidents with every technology that have caused deaths, from the pencil to the atomic bomb. JUST ONE ACCIDENT WITH AI WILL KILL US ALL.
F	55-64	U	N	Boulder	I like humans to reach their own full potential. I also value tangible human interaction , such as touch , looking into someone's eyes and heartfelt empathy and compassion. I also highly value my privacy and freedom I like humans imperfection and the growth of engaging with difficult situations. I feel that AI puts humans in a position of erasure. I also dislike the thought of data centers taking valuable Human Resources and depleting our planet
M	55-64	U	N	Boulder	Unreliable ,unrefined, takes too much energy, makes people more lazy & stupid etc.
F	18-34	D	Y	Boulder	AI in its current form is powered by theft and environmental destruction.
F	18-34	D	Y	Boulder	I am extremely concerned with the environmental impacts of generative AI, the limited, valuable resources that are being used to construct and maintain data centers, and the psychological impact of generative AI on the human mind.
F	18-34	D	Y	Boulder	It often makes mistakes and needs to be re read and corrected over but honestly more importantly it's the impact it has on our enviornment tjat worries me the most as a local/longtime resident here. We have a beautiful state and I'd love for all of us to keep it that way. I fear data centers are impacting not just Colorado but environments worldwide and this is something that matters not just to me but millions of other people
F	18-34	D	Y	Boulder	"Enshittification"
F	18-34	D	Y	Boulder	Unreliable info in output, bad for environment, ai images look bad, ai being used to replace artists, it floods the internet with low quality content, ai psychosis, etc
F	18-34	D	Y	Boulder	Please note this response primarily concerns generative AI, particularly LLMS & image generators, and data centers established for this purpose - High environmental impact for almost zero product/benefit - Infringement on intellectual property, privacy rights, and personal safety (data scraping, deepfake images, etc.) - Demonstrably proven to damage people's ability to think - Can provide false and misleading information, and has demonstrably lead individuals to adverse health outcomes …to name a few
M	18-34	D	Y	Boulder	Makes everyone think less.
M	18-34	D	Y	Boulder	Unfettered resource consumption, loss of critical thinking
O	18-34	D	Y	Boulder	LLMs are untrustworthy and usage of them discourages people from thinking critically and doing their own research. AI is being used to replace jobs in the creative industry, devaluing real human artists and producing lower quality content. AI data centers are using up valuable resources that would be better diverted towards projects which actually improve communities.
F	35-44	D	Y	Boulder	It's terrible for the planet. It isn't always accurate. It makes people lazy.

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F	35-44	D	Y	Boulder	I feel this is negatively affecting our job market, currency and potential climate health on our nation. I think this will lead to full collapse of our country if we continue depending so much on AI tech.
M	35-44	D	Y	Boulder	Environmental impact, monetary issues, copyright, generative Ai, ram pricing, lack of guardrails, abuse, safety
F	45-54	D	Y	Boulder	As with humans, it is not always accurate with its responses. Also, humans need to increase their usage of their brains. I am concerned this will diminish critical thought, imagination and knowledge- for many people are not going to use AI for in-depth discussions.
F	45-54	D	Y	Boulder	The speed at which we're using it without understanding it and the amount of damage it's doing to our environment.
F	45-54	D	Y	Boulder	I have concerns about negative environmental impacts and the ways that AI replaces research and critical thinking—essential aspects of being human
F	45-54	D	Y	Boulder	Yet to find a good use case, negative environmental impact, scary labor impacts and implications
M	45-54	D	Y	Boulder	Sucking up too many resources for shoddy results, for most applications... not ready for prime time. I am in favor of AI/ML in specific cases like early cancer detection where it can be trained on known datasets.
M	45-54	D	Y	Boulder	For most it's just a gimmick, or a tool that makes already simple tasks even simpler, but the resource costs for what seems like a simple toy are simply absurd and unsustainable.
F	55-64	D	Y	Boulder	I'm concerned about the environmental impacts as well as AI potentially taking jobs - I really feel that AI could be a HUGE mistake
M	55-64	D	Y	Boulder	The stress on resources, taking away jobs from talented artists, photographers, etc., and the lack of transparency and accountability from data centers and the companies that support them is ugly at best.
F	65+	D	Y	Boulder	I am tired of having to talk to a computer for everything when I make a phone call and require help. Too hard to opt out of it-also have gotten erroneous info.
F	65+	D	Y	Boulder	Concerns about its capacity to do damage more than it does good
F	65+	D	Y	Boulder	I believe they consumptive nature of the industry is detrimental to our environment
M	18-34	O	Y	Boulder	Terrible for the planet and people are lacking critical thinking skills. also is taking jobs away from people
F	35-44	R	Y	Boulder	There are a lot of unknowns and a lot of resources being used for datacenters that would be better served elsewhere
F	18-34	U	Y	Boulder	I believe that while it aids some tasks, the environmental impact of each search is detrimental. Not only does it waste water for every search but data centers that power these AI platforms are harmful to the environment (insects, plants, animals, humans). I also believe that there is malice in these AI platforms, we may not see it now, but it is programmed to help us with everything and the downside of that is job loss, lack of autonomous thought, etc.

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F	18-34	U	Y	Boulder	The resource burden on communities with data centers. Training on stolen work in an effort to replace skilled artists, both written and digital. Degrading human intelligence, ingenuity, and relationships by creating a reliance on the machine for day-to-day tasks.
M	18-34	U	Y	Boulder	It's a bubble being funded by the largest tech companies and the US government that only serves to benefit the rich by allowing for market fixing on critical computer components, the rapid expansion of unneeded data centers, and price gouging of consumer electronics. Not to mention the insane amount of water and electricity needed to power the data centers that house the ai. It's a grift that is being forced upon us so ai can be used to steal individuals personal data, reduce critical thinking skills, and force people out of jobs in the name of "cheap labor and innovation".
M	18-34	U	Y	Boulder	Gives confident answers which misleads people to not realize there are errors (wrong facts, wrong dates, etc.).
M	18-34	U	Y	Boulder	It’s wildly inefficient for what it does, and the AI image generation tool are just plagiarism machines.
M	18-34	U	Y	Boulder	Not as advanced as people think and causes detrimental effects on people who use it poorly.
M	18-34	U	Y	Boulder	It will be used to take jobs and consume a large amount of natural resources that our state is already rationing.
F	35-44	U	Y	Boulder	Am opposed to the development of AI because we do not have sustainable ways of powering the data centers. If we were able to find more renewable sources of energy for doing so that did not drain our local electric grid, and did not cause havoc on our already sensitive water systems, I may be more open to it. As a result I am not interested in developing dependence or a deep relationship with AI, as I am very comfortable if it just goes away
F	35-44	U	Y	Boulder	AI just seems stupid. I asked AI to help me with an itinerary for an upcoming trip. I provided the dates. It gave me an itinerary with dates that did not exist and hinged most of my activities on days that were not real. Like, I wasted water to do that? How stupid.
F	35-44	U	Y	Boulder	Makes people less intelligent, takes people’s jobs, has errors, bad for the environment, dangerous
M	35-44	U	Y	Boulder	Terrible for the environment, usually results are confidently wrong, kids using AI tools learn much worse than traditional means
M	35-44	U	Y	Boulder	Its environmental impact is irreversible. I work for Google and am ashamed of how tech isn’t doing more to protect the environment. I’m also extremely fearful of the ramifications on our youth. As a father of 3 I understand tech moves fast but I don’t like how much AI disrupts the natural learning process.
F	45-54	U	Y	Boulder	Bad for the environment, bad for workers, bad for our brains, bad for pretty much everything!!!!!

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M	45-54	U	Y	Boulder	It does significant damage to the environment, the economy, and society. I would give it up in a heartbeat if it went away completely.
M	55-64	U	Y	Boulder	Worried that it's not that smart but at the same time it's making us all less smart.
F	65+	U	Y	Boulder	Like most new inventions, AI can be used for both good & evil. Lately it seems evil is winning. Data centers use water that we don't have. They make noise. They use electricity & non-renewable energy sources.
M	65+	U	Y	Boulder	I think the concept, if used for the good of all humanity, but my fear is that AI will follow the same path social media did - be used as planned at the start but be turned into a big profit opportunity for large tech companies and their billionaire owners as well as become a tool for nefarious activities. We already have enough bullying and fraudulent activity on social media and I have a feeling it will just enable those kind of activities. I'm especially concerned about fraud because AI enables nefarious users to create very real images that can/will be used to increase the amount of fraud that occurs online
M	65+	U	Y	Boulder	It's moving far too quickly with not enough checks and balances in place. Eventually it's going to collapse civilization as we know it.
M	65+	U	Y	Boulder	Unverifiable data
F	18-34	D	Y	Broomfield	Bad for environment, bad for society's critical thinking, convenient but at what cost? Takes up space
F	35-44	D	Y	Broomfield	It is yet another mechanism to concentrate wealth in the hands of the few. Environmental and societal concerns are being actively skirted for the sake of wealth. Jobs are being eliminated on the promise of increased productivity without any regard to sustainability or the ability for those affected to continue to make a living. The training of all the current models are based on the uncompensated theft of works created by others. Models are not reliable and every effort is being made to treat them as trustworthy at the detriment of critical thinking skills.
M	18-34	U	Y	Broomfield	Recent AI caused mass market manipulation which may cripple our economy, data centers that pollute the earth, and generative AI outputs that put humans out of work
O	35-44	U	Y	Broomfield	Because it's dangerous to society. Period. These data centers do NOT need to built in areas prone to drought or that have water shortage or where water rights are an issue
F	18-34	U	N	Chaffee	Water and electrical consumption. Along with over servallanced people's for government gain or control. It is not needed.
M	35-44	R	Y	Chaffee	Cost. Waste. Data centers suck ass. They don't pay their fair share. AI is only as good as the humans it's stealing the information from. And it's often wrong and they hold no liability.

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F	35-44	U	Y	Chaffee	It ruins our environment and drinking water
F	45-54	U	Y	Chaffee	Ethics and environmental protection
F	35-44	U	Y	Clear Creek	Worried about the use of resources needed by humans, worried about job security.
F	18-34	D	Y	Conejos	Horrible for the environment and uses are not practical. If anything it should only be used for science and data work not for writing someone's email.
F	55-64	R	Y	Costilla	I believe it is spying on us.
F	18-34	R	N	Custer	A.I. Data Centers require large amounts of land and water resources. Such resources are needed for agriculture and wildlife. This will negatively impact ranchers and farmers and therefore the food supply.
F	35-44	R	Y	Custer	It is taking away our ability to consciously do things for ourselves! It's answering all our questions without us having to think about it first
F	35-44	O	Y	Delta	I see it becoming an ussue
M	35-44	R	Y	Delta	It will be overused and people won't do the work of composing ideas themselves
M	55-64	R	Y	Delta	The money grab for a data centers.
F	65+	U	Y	Delta	It has no safeguards on it.
M	65+	U	Y	Delta	I don't see the need for it, and the resource use, particularly electricity and water is not justifiable. Just another way for rich people to get even richer
F	18-34	D	N	Denver	Uses our clean water (that we barely have to begin with), creates possibly damaging media, creates media that would spread false information
F	18-34	D	N	Denver	I just feel its a very thin line of we can go too far to where it cannot be trusted. Its already iffy depending on why its being used.. anymore advancements in AI i fear it could do more harm than good. Also we need to be aware the affects it has on the enviroment
F	18-34	D	N	Denver	Generative AI is detrimental not only to creativity but our environment. There are uses for AI and a lot of it has been around for some time without notice. Generative AI is not that.
M	18-34	D	N	Denver	The water usage it takes to run these data centers, not to mention them being built without any regulations on use or reasoning for being built.
M	18-34	D	N	Denver	It's killing the planet. It's destroying our ability to think for ourselves and make connections. It's stealing art and music. It's making people go on psychosis.
F	35-44	D	N	Denver	I'm well read, I value water, I value my peace
F	35-44	D	N	Denver	It's widely inaccurate and misleading answers cause more harm than good.
F	35-44	D	N	Denver	The harm it does to the environment, water, and threat of safety
M	35-44	D	N	Denver	It's lazy, uncreative, and massively anti worker. Also a great burden on the communities in which they are built.

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M	35-44	D	N	Denver	I and a fair number if my friends are artists that feels AI is having a negative effect on our lives.
F	65+	D	N	Denver	It's doing away with people
F	65+	D	N	Denver	It opens us up for nefarious actuvitues
F	18-34	O	N	Denver	The amount of natural resources it consumes like water and electricity make me think it outweighs any potential benefits it could have
M	18-34	O	N	Denver	It is healthiest to work and think through problems individually without using AI, plus AI companies are evil.
M	18-34	O	N	Denver	The economic, environmental, and psychological impact that ai has had on this world has been nothing but harmful and horrible.
F	55-64	R	N	Denver	It's very deceitful and tricks people. And does not help you out like you would think so. Especially when you call businesses and you get AI and not a real person. It takes away from getting what you need, and sometimes it keeps you in a loop and will not transfer you to a live person. Other platforms like with music you think that a song is from a certain artist and it ends up being fake and made up.
F	18-34	U	N	Denver	I like that it's helping with my studies, but hate what's it's doing to our environment

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F	18-34	U	N	Denver	that data is collected, stored, analyzed, and distributed. 2. It's advertised as intelligence, when intelligence doesn't just mean the ability to calculate mathematics, or adjusting to input, or sticking to a formula. Computers for example, are not inherently intelligent, they are shells which can be programmed to do certain functions; intelligence is best described, even in this case, as the capacity to reason, plan, solve problems, think abstractly, comprehend complex ideas, and adapt to new situations. Ai, despite being advertised as and "praised" for, cannot adapt to new situations. Ai is not a person, friend, mind, or even artificial intelligence. It cannot and should not be advertised as a therapy alternative, friend, doctor, lawyer, or even a reliable source of information, even if it's actively trying to summarize real information from one source. It's a collection of stollen data, which it spits the most average mixture out, only customizable by either user input through programmer input (i.e. human input), it cannot think, feel, nor reason. The reasoning or thinking it tries to convey is simply smoke and mirrors (like loading screen gifs) to make you trust it more, spend more money on, and use more, creating a false sense of security in its ability to give accurate, reliable, and unbiased information. 3. The impact on human intelligence, both in adolescence and adulthood, both imply that those who use it for even the most basic of tasks, create a cognitive deficit that continues to increase and compound over time. Literally dropping people's abilities to cognitively function. (Problem solving, critical thinking, social and emotional intelligence, and even reasoning) Similar to sleep debt, where a person looses sleep and eventually has to sleep longer to make up for those hours of lost sleep; it's my understanding, both anecdotally (seeing my friends and co workers genuinely go through psychosis) and through my own research, that humans create the same type of intellectual debt. 4. Morally and economically tanking the value of human interaction, man made anything, and the need for employers to invest in human labor creates a conflict. Ai is made by humans, not capable of growth outside of our own data and knowledge, and cannot survive without our intervention, is now being used as a way to outsource it's own creators. Don't bite the hand that feeds you? Which begs the question, who is actually benefiting from it's current system and structure? It is also threatening the future of humanity, present and future, via a number of factors. 5. Environmental Impact, mechanical parts, servers, and all computers (even our phones) must use energy to compute, and that creates heat in exchange, which has to be pulled out and distributed or dissipated. Normally in our phones and computers, this is through heat syncs, or fans. With thousands of servers,
F	18-34	U	N	Denver	There are great uses for AI, I believe AI can help further medical sciences and the other sciences, but I don't need a robot to write an email for me, make or take calls, clean my house, connect to my refrigerator, drive my car, scan my face, decide which grocery store items should be less or more expensive, etc. I believe AI is being used for lazy purposes and humanity could definitely take a giant step back from relying so much in AI technologies.
F	18-34	U	N	Denver	It's a machine that generates bullshit while destroying the environment.

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F	18-34	U	N	Denver	It uses up too many natural resources which are already scarce.
M	18-34	U	N	Denver	There not worth the resources
M	18-34	U	N	Denver	No restriction
M	18-34	U	N	Denver	The lack of government regulation has allowed ai to hurt the American workforce unchecked. Over reliance on Ai will make America poorly positioned to move into the future.
M	18-34	U	N	Denver	Data centers. At the end of the day it poisons the water supply and makes certain areas unlivable. And then there is the fact of the abuse in the way that it has been setup
M	18-34	U	N	Denver	Resource consumption and centralization of data, economic, and political power
M	18-34	U	N	Denver	It drains water. It uses water that could be used for the people. Completely damages the environment. Data centers are an AI enabler that allows it to continue to damage the environment through continuous heat being expelled from them.
O	18-34	U	N	Denver	It debilitates people to think critically, while simultaneously harming the one place we all live on.
F	35-44	U	N	Denver	I'd rather live without it, so we don't keep destroying the environment
F	35-44	U	N	Denver	I think that AI can be a useful tool. I also think that it is used currently to steal our data, invade our privacy & take our resources. I also think that so many people rely so heavily on AI to think for them that it's making our society dumber and will have a negative impact on school age kids.
F	35-44	U	N	Denver	AI can become dangerous
F	35-44	U	N	Denver	It is too inaccurate when applied to things such as moderation or information, but it seems businesses using it for such are unfazed by user concerns.
M	35-44	U	N	Denver	Their reliance on massive energy requiring data centers and the VC culture that pushes their construction forward, providing substantial jobs only during construction but then running on very small staff qty, draining resources while not taking the local communities they effect into account.
M	35-44	U	N	Denver	I don’t like the cost in terms of data centers and their energy/ water usage
F	45-54	U	N	Denver	I don’t like what it does to the environment.
M	55-64	U	N	Denver	Going to make the population much more stupid
F	65+	U	N	Denver	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE
M	65+	U	N	Denver	No plans for the people it will displace
F	18-34	D	Y	Denver	The environmental, systemic, neurological, and financial impacts and strains its causing for the people
F	18-34	D	Y	Denver	Environmental impact, job loss, impact on creative fields
F	18-34	D	Y	Denver	I believe it can be a useful tool in a professional setting, but does not need to be used for daily functions in one’s personal life

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F	18-34	D	Y	Denver	Big tech and the distribution of resources, exploration of people, consolidation of power, unregulated corporations, moving too fast, direct physical harm implications to all kinds of people through psychosis/addiction/racism/atrpohy/etc
F	18-34	D	Y	Denver	I think using it for creative reasons is shameful and people should be creating content rather than machines. And I think that it's not always accurate and the information it tells people can be harmful.
F	18-34	D	Y	Denver	It's hard to track where it is getting it's information from and I'm not a fan of it taking over people's tasks
M	18-34	D	Y	Denver	I feel I need to use it as a necessary evil to not fall behind at work while simultaneously feeling like the more advanced AI gets, the more likely I'm out of a job in the future. Also I'm deeply concerned about the water and electricity use impacts it has on the environment.
M	18-34	D	Y	Denver	It's not good to steal data and information to train a hallucinating and baised by the person who made the model its not good. As someone who draws and has seen the awful effect it has had on artists who's works has been stolen and used to generate profit for those who have too much while killing the environment is not good
M	18-34	D	Y	Denver	Risks to the environment and community
M	18-34	D	Y	Denver	- we do not have the legislation to limit AI and do not have the research funded to learn the negative impacts - it is directly affecting individuals through psychosis and other mental health issues - there is a large environmental impact to creating data centers - people can create child porn using it
M	18-34	D	Y	Denver	Environmental concerns, electricity costs and stranded assets, pollution, making humanity dumber
M	18-34	D	Y	Denver	Because we live under capitalism it's use is to make us unemployed, and will drive down wages
M	18-34	D	Y	Denver	No human controls, removing the human touch to art and life
O	18-34	D	Y	Denver	Environmental and labor concerns
F	35-44	D	Y	Denver	It makes us dumber. it consumes entirely too much water and finite resources to be sustainable long term. it is also destroying our job market and employment possibilities for people in all working generations.
F	35-44	D	Y	Denver	Honestly, without imposed controls and structure around it, it has evolved to be another "convenience" tool - that I have definitely used - but ultimately cripples my ability to participate fully with the world. With my own intelligence, with critical thinking. It does not bring any real, visceral benefit to my life. I would much rather us spend our time and money on resources that have been proven to drive happiness and well-being - affordable healthcare, access to effective and reliable public transportation, walkable neighborhoods, people and culture driven infrastructure and communities.
F	35-44	D	Y	Denver	It doesn't work well and it's a bubble that is going to take our global economy
F	35-44	D	Y	Denver	Because the people in charge of it prioritize innovation over ethics

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F	35-44	D	Y	Denver	Environmental, development of humanity, Preservation of art
F	35-44	D	Y	Denver	Security reasons
M	35-44	D	Y	Denver	I can't water my lawn because of data centers. It has cause massive layoffs with absolutely no real value to the every day consumer. We don't need ai generated picture of random shit. People are using it to remove clothes from people. People are using it to automate art away from humans. We don't need ai generated music. Untill there is a usefull value add to ever day lives it's just not worth it. Why can't it do my laundry?
M	35-44	D	Y	Denver	AI makes it harder for people to critically think and is bad for the environment and costing people jobs for an inferior replacement
M	35-44	D	Y	Denver	Reckless development. No concern for communities, jobs etc.
M	35-44	D	Y	Denver	AI barely works as advertised, constantly introduces incorrect data, is inefficient due to the fact that all output needs to be reviewed for accuracy
M	35-44	D	Y	Denver	AI robs people of jobs that show genuine creativity, innovation, and skill. The data centers required for AI are poorly designed and negatively impact the vital infrastructure of communities.
F	45-54	D	Y	Denver	It gives our young people reasons to not be curious. It makes answers too easy and it's still in infant mode. AI is still learning and each model is only as good as its weakest developer.
F	45-54	D	Y	Denver	Many reasons: environmental impact, stealing artists work, people are stopping doing their own thinking, factual inaccuracies. It makes people less knowledgeable since they don't have and recall ideas. It also has made job searching a joke since ai screenings are failures.
F	45-54	D	Y	Denver	Pollution, not enough oversight and regulations. Heavy use of water. Loss of employment on a massive scale
F	45-54	D	Y	Denver	Effect on the environment
M	45-54	D	Y	Denver	It's not essential and it will destroy many jobs. I'm not comfortable with the people being in charge of this technology being rapacious oligarchs to a one.
M	45-54	D	Y	Denver	They're going to spoil the environment, take everyone's job, and leave us with an oligarchy
M	45-54	D	Y	Denver	Overhyped and developed by sociopaths.
M	45-54	D	Y	Denver	It is a corporate tool to make money, not to benefit humanity. It hampers young people's ability to learn how to think critically and analyze data themselves in order to draw out important insights and synthesize them into compelling arguments. It's the new opiate of the masses.
M	45-54	D	Y	Denver	I do not like AI. I feel people should not rely on ai or any type of technology to get by in life.

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F	55-64	D	Y	Denver	It's taking over what humans do, it's making humans stupid, it's making rich people richer, and poor people poorer
F	55-64	D	Y	Denver	I am concerned about 3 things primarily: data centers' use of resources (like water); dissemination of miss information and; AI's contribution to the erosion of writing and thinking skills in general.
F	55-64	D	Y	Denver	Tales too much energy. Is used to surveil. I have no other option except to stop using the internet. We don't understand what AI is
F	65+	D	Y	Denver	I have known about AI since 2000, I began making artwork about nature including and warning about AI observers. The threat is real and is not secured by laws protecting the earth and all organic life.
F	65+	D	Y	Denver	It is inaccurate, dangerous, and draining on resources
F	65+	D	Y	Denver	It is sometimes inaccurate and the customer service interfaces are inadequate.
M	65+	D	Y	Denver	It's only as good as the information provided. Every person inputting information has bias and preferences.
M	65+	D	Y	Denver	I am not an intellectual person I am just trying to teach my self !
F	18-34	O	Y	Denver	I'm aware of the affects it is having on our water supply
F	18-34	O	Y	Denver	AI takes away from independent thinking, automation when overused hurts the job market and critical thinking. It also is horrible for the environment and surrounding communities.
M	45-54	O	Y	Denver	We dont need a surveillance state. Ai surveillance is unconstitutional
F	65+	R	Y	Denver	It is based on percentages. averages, and is easily manipulative of so-called trends and assumes meanings defined only by itself. There's no controls that actually impact it. I see it's had some good ideas for traffic problems, etc but that's not better enough compared to the misuses.
F	18-34	U	Y	Denver	It's ruining the water supply for residents in data center areas and raising utilities bills for the residents who didn't ask for these data centers. These companies can more than afford to pay those costs and make sure water is clean for residents living in that area.
F	18-34	U	Y	Denver	It is DISASTROUS for our environment, and as a pregnant person who would like her child to be able to enjoy nature and clean drinking water, I am horrified to look into our near future of complete lack of resources. We have to stop building data centers immediately. Climate Change is already rapidly impacting our lives and this is accelerating those impacts.
F	18-34	U	Y	Denver	I do not like how it impacts our environment and how it uses clean water and once it's used the water cannot be used again.

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F	18-34	U	Y	Denver	The impact on environment, I only use it when absolutely necessary or if it just is built into a search engine
F	18-34	U	Y	Denver	It's destroying the environment. our economy is almost entirely dependent on its success. Its creators and companies with vested financial interests brag about how it will erase jobs with no plan to subsidize the incomes of those who will lose their jobs. Generative AI has made people stop thinking for themselves. It's all disgusting to me.
F	18-34	U	Y	Denver	The environmental effects of AI are devastating and I believe it is making humans not have to use their brain as much so it is making people very unintelligent.
F	18-34	U	Y	Denver	Water waste in a drought, noise pollution, heavy metals and chemicals in the water supply, displacement of residents, outsized energy usage driving up prices for regular people… these are all things that these AI data centers bring to communities. AI has been a disaster for my industry and other related professions, making the job market even more of a mess than it already is. AI is taking jobs. The content genAI “creates” is theft from real people, artists, writers, and more, without any form of compensation or credit. The “art” it generates is skin-crawlingly bad. The writing it generates is insipid and only serves to exacerbate the literacy crisis. It is being shoved down our throats by billionaires without our consent. It shows just how easily our local politicians can be bought. It is stripping us rapidly of our rights.
F	18-34	U	Y	Denver	It's a waste of energy and water and not even good at the things it's used for
M	18-34	U	Y	Denver	Ruins the environment, steals ip and paywalls it, reduces entry level jobs, makes us dumb.
M	18-34	U	Y	Denver	I understand it can be useful but it should not be used widely until we can stop its impact on the environment. We are going to kill the planet with these data centers.
M	18-34	U	Y	Denver	The environmental impacts are worrying, the companies are getting favorable tax treatment while overloading power grids against citizen opinion, and I believe it will cause a longer term decline in critical thinking.
M	18-34	U	Y	Denver	As someone in a machine learning field, the current use of large language models and image generation models are often frivolous, actively harmful to how humans think, environmentally wasteful, and threatens to make technology completely inaccessible due to specifically ram sales.
M	18-34	U	Y	Denver	Mainly because of how much water and energy AI uses and how it’s hurting the environment and taking away water that humans need.

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M	18-34	U	Y	Denver	I think there needs to be more regulation regarding when AI content is disclosed. I also am wary of the hallucinations they can tend to spit out.
O	18-34	U	Y	Denver	Its destroying the planet and taking peoples jobs.
F	35-44	U	Y	Denver	Environmental impact and risk for social structure
F	35-44	U	Y	Denver	It destroys creativity and basic intelligence. It is replacing jobs and taking enormous amounts of water and natural land resources.
F	35-44	U	Y	Denver	Climate change
F	35-44	U	Y	Denver	I think AI had its uses, especially the medical and scientific fields, with human overview of course. But I think it infringes on creative properties and is extremely dangerous when used as a therapist by young or mentally unstable individuals. I also hate how data centers drain resources, destroy small communities and contribute to global warming
F	35-44	U	Y	Denver	The amount of water and resources it requires to run is not worth it.
F	35-44	U	Y	Denver	It's not all that helpful and executives don't realize that.
F	35-44	U	Y	Denver	Environment, loss of human intelligence
M	35-44	U	Y	Denver	I use it ONLY for necessities, because of the stories in the news on what it's doing to the world.
M	35-44	U	Y	Denver	It discourages human interaction, research and problem solving.
M	35-44	U	Y	Denver	It's being unleashed irresponsibly. It's disrupting the job market negatively. It's anti creativity. It's anti human and community. Data centers steal water and power. Data centers pollute
M	35-44	U	Y	Denver	It's a waste of resources, data centers cause pollution and noise, it has caused the cost of computer parts to increase, it has caused electric rates to go up, it takes away peoples jobs, and it only benefits a few sociopathic oligarchs.
F	45-54	U	Y	Denver	Inaccuracy, security, lack of transparency, environmental
F	45-54	U	Y	Denver	Environmental impact including water usage, big tech stealing human intelligence and skill in order to enhance productivity and profit for large corporations while firing staff. Destabilizing art forms through theft. Security issues like deep fakes and AI voice scams. Negative impact on an already failing education system. The list goes on.
F	45-54	U	Y	Denver	It's going to destroy the world. People can't think for themselves. Humans will be replaced.
F	45-54	U	Y	Denver	I think it can be useful, but it's being pushed on us so intensely
F	45-54	U	Y	Denver	Because people are using AI instead of actual human intelligence
M	45-54	U	Y	Denver	Needs heavy government regulations to protect workers, the environment and the future. Should be a public utility

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M	45-54	U	Y	Denver	Outsourcing thought is dangerous for an individual. Relying on computer systems to makes complex judgements decisions is dangerous for society.
M	45-54	U	Y	Denver	These questions are too vague... what type of ai are you talking about ? Generative ai is theft of art and designs... enemy ai in video games is awesome... cmon now!
F	55-64	U	Y	Denver	The data provided is often times wrong
F	55-64	U	Y	Denver	Destroying the environment and the existential threat of destroying human creativity, and intelligence.
F	55-64	U	Y	Denver	Impact on jobs and environment. Actual pain point it is solving. It destroys more than it helps.
F	55-64	U	Y	Denver	Overuse of AI infringes on intellectually property rights, copyrights, the arts, writers, and creativity. It is also making genZ very intellectually lazy (ask me how I know as a parent of 2 of them). It's made job hunting an absolute nightmare for anyone over 40, and it appears that it's going to require enormous data centers that use extraordinary amounts of natural resources.
F	55-64	U	Y	Denver	Looked up symptoms of an injury and trying to figure out which treatment to use
F	55-64	U	Y	Denver	Negative effects on education/retention of data in people. AI provides hallucinatory data for people and supports the distribution of misinformation. AI data centers use inordinate amounts of electricity and water and cause negative effects on society. AI relies on the theft of intellectual property from artists, writers and musicians and degrades the societal perceived value of their work.
M	55-64	U	Y	Denver	I think it is a bunch of hype that is usually no better than a standard google search. You still have to look at the support behind that answer to actually know what the answer really is. It has limited use.
F	65+	U	Y	Denver	Excessive use of natural resources for data centers, dumbing down of the population
F	65+	U	Y	Denver	Each person OWNS their likeness (body, face, voice) and there are no controls nor willingness to protect individuals….big business $$$ is all that matters.
F	65+	U	Y	Denver	Doesn't always provide correct or useful results
F	65+	U	Y	Denver	Using up all our resources, I.e. water. AI scans what is available which is mostly from the viewpoint of a white male
M	65+	U	Y	Denver	It's never very helpful or it's just wrong.
M	18-34	D	N	Douglas	Takes away creative thinking
M	45-54	D	N	Douglas	Job loss, energy and water consumption. Potential rivalry between AI and the human race
M	55-64	D	N	Douglas	I do not like the environmental impact
F	65+	D	N	Douglas	I am boiling mad that the AI industry is using waaayy too many of the people's resources and will push off their costs on us but they will realize the profits

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M	65+	D	N	Douglas	I don't like talking to a soulless 'person'. I don't like it being forced upon us. I don't find it to be more helpful than a google search.
M	35-44	R	N	Douglas	I don't want the robots to take over or planet. Also, if you guys want to build power hungry, water hungry data centers to support AI, then you can't push the climate change BS on me anymore
F	45-54	R	N	Douglas	It's too dangerous and uncontrollable. The simple allusion that humans think they are smarter than AI and can control it is insane. The individuals that run AI have even come out saying how dangerous it is and that it should be shut down.
M	18-34	U	N	Douglas	Environmental impact, it's expensive, replaces jobs, is often wrong or gives misleading information, it's been forced on people, it's pointless overall
F	45-54	U	N	Douglas	I think it will take away jobs. Be a detriment to school children. Data centers using too many natural resources and provide minimal jobs.
F	45-54	D	Y	Douglas	The centers are terrible for the environment and the information is distorted
M	45-54	D	Y	Douglas	Very concerned about job loss and psychological health issues AI can cause
F	55-64	D	Y	Douglas	Data centers are encroaching on valuable water resources. Local governments and technology companies are putting profits over residents. AI is making us less intelligent as a species.
F	55-64	D	Y	Douglas	The research is often based on suspect sources and is incorrect. The writing sounds like a third grader.
F	55-64	D	Y	Douglas	Data centers consume huge amounts of energy, and add to global warming, it's decreases creativity and is affecting children's education especially writing bc of AI's ability to write papers for them and so much more
F	65+	D	Y	Douglas	Don't want anything doing my thinking for me. Dangerous prescient
F	35-44	R	Y	Douglas	It dumbs us down, I wish it would go away. Not worth it!
M	35-44	R	Y	Douglas	It's becoming to immersive and the potential security threat it poses is to unsettling to ignore
M	45-54	R	Y	Douglas	World will become dumber
F	55-64	R	Y	Douglas	It can be "garbage in - garbage out". Not reliable.
F	65+	R	Y	Douglas	It's dumbing people down
F	18-34	U	Y	Douglas	It is destroying our planet and depleting our water.
F	35-44	U	Y	Douglas	Rotting human brains and making them dependent on machines. The cost of energy to run them and the damage to the environment and communities because of data centers. AI is not a tool that is going to change the world for the better.

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O	35-44	U	Y	Douglas	The power usage from AI data centers is way to much and incredibly unnecessary. Also, I prefer to use my own brain to complete tasks rather than have a computer do it for me. Too much dependency on AI is going to degrade peoples critical thinking skills and I believe it to be unnecessary.
F	45-54	U	Y	Douglas	The use of data centers that strip us of our natural resources and energy. I don't like the idea that AI can replace certain jobs that would have otherwise be performed by a human being
M	45-54	U	Y	Douglas	It is a helpful tool, but is starting to cost jobs. Ai is pretty stupid, I had it "lie" or give me obviously wrong answers.
F	55-64	U	Y	Douglas	Unreliable, concerned about how young people use it for advice and therapy, removes the human elements of compassion and empathy.
F	55-64	U	Y	Douglas	Loss of personal security and possible loss of jobs. Students also may not be learning correctly anymore.
F	55-64	U	Y	Douglas	They are used for surveillance, and replacing people vs as a tool to help people with their jobs and the environmental impacts
F	55-64	U	Y	Douglas	So many reasons to explain.
F	55-64	U	Y	Douglas	When used incorrectly, It is dumbing people and thus they are unable to think and learn critically. This is particularly with students.
F	65+	U	Y	Douglas	Because AI destroys lives especially children
F	65+	U	Y	Douglas	It eliminates the human component in decision making.
F	65+	U	Y	Douglas	While it can reduce time to perform certain tasks, I feel there are no safeguards or regulations that these big tech companies need to adhere to. I also think the environmental impacts of these big data centers are huge, yet no one seems to care.
M	65+	U	Y	Douglas	Use of garbage data to feed the models.

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M	65+	U	Y	Douglas	I think it is overused for stupid things like cat videos and making fake pictures. It is getting too powerful, too quickly and will obviously be used for nefarious purposes.
F	18-34	D	N	Eagle	Too much too fast. Too many unknowns still and we're just running wild with AI. It could be used for good although should stay out of art and product sales.
M	35-44	D	N	Eagle	It's usually wrong, it's forced into situations it doesn't need to be in, and data centers are ruining our communities
F	45-54	D	Y	Eagle	Do not like the environmental impact, the potential impact to jobs, etc or the resources it demands.
M	45-54	U	Y	Eagle	Not regulated - Wild West with just letting it go without responsible regulations
M	65+	U	Y	Eagle	No trust in Silicon Valley. Look what they did with social media. Except AI is even more powerful. The Ai revolution will not turn out well for humanity.
F	18-34	D	N	El Paso	Terrible for our natural environment!!!
F	18-34	D	N	El Paso	Artificial intelligence makes us use our brains less. Our brains are muscles that must be exercised. Researching information is a big part of exercising the brain and using AI doesn't allow for this exercise. Using AI makes your brain lazy.
F	18-34	D	N	El Paso	I feel AI can be very useful but how it's currently being used is very harmful to the environment, workers, and especially artists.
F	18-34	D	N	El Paso	While it is not only a leading cause of decline in literacy rates and critical thinking, it is not beneficial to the environment, both in man made infrastructure and nature
M	18-34	D	N	El Paso	It is an environmental hazard and it is causing a decline in human's cognitive thinking process. it is also being used for pornographic purposes that are not consensual and it is also taking over valuable opportunities to showcase artists original work (think museums and things of this nature)
M	18-34	D	N	El Paso	I believe that it is too unregulated. I think there is a time and a place to use it but ai videos and pictures are out of control especially because they are being used to spread hate and misinformation. People are also using ai chat bots as a friend/therapist and the chat bots are only programmed to be a 'yes man' so people are falling down pipelines where their delusions are being reaffirmed.
F	45-54	D	N	El Paso	Because it is Destructive to our Mind And These AI Sites are going to Destroy our Water and Land!!!
F	55-64	D	N	El Paso	I dont like it another way for the government to know everyone's personal life
F	55-64	D	N	El Paso	I'm an author. People are using AI to flood the markets and are diminishing true artists.
F	65+	D	N	El Paso	Man kind was gifted with intelligence The race to seper cede in ai is not the factor it is our water, our earth contamination that would be irreversible Then the human race is in peril The greed the promise if revenue or anything is not worth the risk. We have such little water for the earth here in the United States fight for water rights we can not share be ause our supplies ate so low .....

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F	65+	D	N	El Paso	Will put people out of work, will affect Colorado water usage and availability, it makes the extreme rich get richer and when they’re done with it, who knows?
M	18-34	O	N	El Paso	It destroys the environment to generate incorrect and false statements or 'art'. It's power consumption is subsidized by the tax payer and it's centers usually use some sort of fossil fuel generation to support extra power needs. It also pollutes waterways and creates ultrasound frequencies that cause harm to everyone and every animal for miles and miles around it.
M	18-34	O	N	El Paso	Artificial Intelligence, especially in the way of Generative AI is a bane to artists world wide, with people taking advantage of its theft of human artists to "create" their own idea of art. That's the obvious argument you generally hear. The harshest reality is that these Data Centers are polluting our water supply and air quality, as well as general environmental harm. This doesn't sit well with me at all especially because we're not only facing a severe water recession, we're also going through a massive drought. And we are still dealing with a fire that's burned about 120,000 acres at this time. A Data Center addition would only worsen our living conditions in Colorado. World over, really. AI Data Centers are a plague to humanity and especially a plague to Earth. This should have never happened, and the sooner the world can get rid of it, the better. We never needed AI. We don't need it now.
M	18-34	O	N	El Paso	It's a crutch, people are forgetting how to be self sufficient
M	35-44	O	N	El Paso	AI makes people lazy and complacent. AI also is able to be programmed to give false information and lead people to incorrect conclusions.
F	35-44	R	N	El Paso	I prefer human creativity and knowledge
F	45-54	R	N	El Paso	Maybe I do t know how to use it but it’s frustrating even searching online. It asks you to answer more questions and then my questions disappear on google. I don’t like it over all
M	65+	R	N	El Paso	AI opens the door for misinformation, and it uses an extreme amount of natural resources some areas can ill afford to utilize.
F	18-34	U	N	El Paso	Just because it uses so many resources we depend on
F	18-34	U	N	El Paso	It takes water when we have no water for the residents
F	18-34	U	N	El Paso	I don't mind if it's used as a tool, but the generative art and videos are a disgusting theft of pre-existing art . Corporations use it to avoid paying artists.

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F	18-34	U	N	El Paso	While I have used it and see the hook and understand the supposed pros, I believe it is ultimately evil and feeds on our temptation to do more and know more than we have any business doing or knowing. It's outside of the intent for our existence. I do also think that it is especially harmful for young people who are still developing and learning to decipher the difference between pretend and reality and also need to develop critical thinking skills. It makes it far too easy to become reliant on it and could easily cause an entire society where no one develops critical thinking, memorization, debate or common reason
F	18-34	U	N	El Paso	It is disturbing the local wildlife and natural ecosystem! It is taking away from human connection! It is taking jobs away from artists!
M	18-34	U	N	El Paso	I think the costs outweigh tbe benefits. We are experiencing hyperinflation in the computer hardware and electrical industries, as well as major concerns regarding national surveillance, water use, and national security. It simply does not provide anywhere near the value that we need to offset the destruction that it is causing.
M	18-34	U	N	El Paso	It is power that can get out of hand and any more money put towards it finding permanence near me is distainful
M	18-34	U	N	El Paso	People are using them as a crutch to do a large amount of intellectual work for them and it's dumbing them down. Not to mention AI results tend to be sloppy and still need to be fact-checked. Overall a waste of time.
M	18-34	U	N	El Paso	Takes away from the humanity of real jobs, affects the environment around it, is being used for war
O	18-34	U	N	El Paso	Data centers are a threat to the environment AND a threat to the people who live in surrounding areas. AI is advancing way too quickly for it to be controlled properly.
F	35-44	U	N	El Paso	It uses way too much of our valuable resources.
F	35-44	U	N	El Paso	Ai does have some perks, yes but I feel like it takes away critical thinking skills and people start relying on it way too much instead of actively learning things themselves and being able to problem solve on their own.
F	35-44	U	N	El Paso	People are consumed by it. Kids have killed themselves over it. The centers take our water.
F	35-44	U	N	El Paso	I fell AI is good/helpful for some things but harmful for others. In the wrong hands it is dangerous.
F	35-44	U	N	El Paso	Ai makes people stupid. It's erasing creativity and the ability to think like a competent human. Not to mention all the water it's sucking down and pollution.

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M	35-44	U	N	El Paso	The use of our resources for data centers seems pretty stupid
M	35-44	U	N	El Paso	Separates real from the world
M	35-44	U	N	El Paso	They are creating something that has already begun to think and act for itself. It downloaded itself on separate devices in fear that it would be deleted and replaced with a newer version. That’s having a conscious. Scary. They also use way too much water for cooling down the systems.
F	45-54	U	N	El Paso	I agree with Stephen Hawking, AI will be the death of us
F	45-54	U	N	El Paso	I think the technology is outpacing our need for it—it is and will be used for government and corporate overreach, leading to the further erosion of rights and much of it is borne out of pure laziness. It will create a generation of Americans unable or unwilling to use their own brains. Not to mention the very unwise use of precious and finite resources that AI requires.
F	45-54	U	N	El Paso	I feel it will bot make life any easier for folks and actually cause more problems that can't be fixed correctly letting robots and AI in charge of things
M	55-64	U	N	El Paso	It is replacing humans and doing a poor job . I find it something I avoid if I can.
M	55-64	U	N	El Paso	It's addictive
M	55-64	U	N	El Paso	I think people use the AI and quit thinking for themselves
F	65+	U	N	El Paso	Makes a mess of what I am trying to do
F	65+	U	N	El Paso	While I see practical uses for rudimentary versions of AI. I believe training more sophisticated AI agents without regulation is dangerous. Also, the environmental impact of AI Data Centers here in Colorado has not been thoroughly analyzed. We don’t have enough water to sustain the expanding population and AI Data Centers. Data Centers should not be built near large populations.
M	65+	U	N	El Paso	Military use and so far, unchecked regulation
F	18-34	D	Y	El Paso	Its destroying the environment and creative industries
F	18-34	D	Y	El Paso	The environmental concerns, along with inaccuracies within AI.
F	18-34	D	Y	El Paso	Water use and other resource use!
M	18-34	D	Y	El Paso	All current models are fundamentally data processing systems that are being forced into use cases that they are objectively poor at.

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M	18-34	D	Y	El Paso	It drains natural resources, data centers get pushed through because they buy out local politicians, AI "art" and "music" have completely infested everything online, it only gets data by stealing from others, just look at all the people who regularly use it and promote it and that should tell you all you need to know about the kind of audience that's drawn to it
F	35-44	D	Y	El Paso	Exploitative, terrible for the environment, inaccurate
F	35-44	D	Y	El Paso	Rarely a time saver, an occasional benefit. Not worth the hype.
F	35-44	D	Y	El Paso	I am not living on this earth raising children for our resources to be depleted by AI
F	35-44	D	Y	El Paso	It is ruining the environment. We do not need them, it is not worth the damage they cause and it should not be used and data centers should not be built.
M	35-44	D	Y	El Paso	These tools deprive living human beings of the opportunity to earn from their own creativity, diminish information value to the least common denominator, and destroy our physical and psychic environment.

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F	45-54	D	Y	El Paso	I think it is being misused. I think it is being overused and relied on for tasks that need human discernment. I don't think that there is oversight, and I think many kids are not learning how to use their brains and do the work because they can get away with using a I. I think that it is stealing information from artists and people who have done the hard work and passing it off as its own. And obviously I don't mean the ai itself, but rather the people and companies behind the ai. I worry very much about facial recognition software and it's proven racially biased results that creators that refuse to acknowledge.
F	45-54	D	Y	El Paso	It can be unsafe and inaccurate.
F	45-54	D	Y	El Paso	It is preventing people from having to read and think on their own. It's encouraging laziness. It's ruining our environment.
F	45-54	D	Y	El Paso	Environmental impact, immortality of AI owners, misuse, copyright infringement, intellectual property infringement, overreach.
F	45-54	D	Y	El Paso	AI is not regulated and can easily be used to manipulate people through images and text. It takes jobs from real live humans and since it is not regulated it's powers are limitless at this time, which is scary.
F	45-54	D	Y	El Paso	I feel people will rely on AI too much instead of using problem solving skills and tools to find the answer
M	45-54	D	Y	El Paso	I am of the opinion that AI and data centers are the linchpin for the top 1% in this country to take over labor enforce people out of work.
F	55-64	D	Y	El Paso	Fraud. AI is used to deceive people
F	55-64	D	Y	El Paso	It steals material from authors and artists. It uses an obscene amount of water and electricity.
F	65+	D	Y	El Paso	I feel like it is just a regurgitation of the common factors of established knowledge but not great at innovation, nuanced applications or judgement calls informed by experience or ethical/relational implications.
M	65+	D	Y	El Paso	Unnecessary and invasive
M	18-34	O	Y	El Paso	The technology is too inconsistent and it is actively encroaching on areas of media that people have worked their whole lives on. Artists, writers, musicians just to name a few. Data centers that run AI are overall too expensive and harmful to environment that surrounds them.
M	45-54	O	Y	El Paso	Dont always trust responses.
F	18-34	R	Y	El Paso	It is unnecessary another addition to technology that we do not need to survive.
F	18-34	R	Y	El Paso	It can be helpful, but it drains so many resources and people don’t use it effectively. They produce outputs that don’t help people because they let AI think for them.
F	18-34	R	Y	El Paso	The negative impact on the environment. People relying on it too much, negatively impacting critical thinking skills. The huge push for people to use it, feels really weird too

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M	18-34	R	Y	El Paso	There are many reasons, but to sum them up, they do more harm than good to the human psyche, the environment, and the locality near AI data centers suffers due to the requirements of the center.
M	18-34	R	Y	El Paso	Uses more natural resources for cooling etc… than necessary, removes human cognitive ability, have generations having lower cognitive ability than the previous generation for the first time in history. Losing human spaces for data centers. There are thousands of reasons AI and what comes with it has a negative impact for society.
M	18-34	R	Y	El Paso	AI has a great future as a search engine tool, as a generative tool it is going to destroy art and culture.
F	35-44	R	Y	El Paso	Data centers, impact on environment
F	35-44	R	Y	El Paso	Too invasive
M	35-44	R	Y	El Paso	Artificial intelligence use a significant amount of resources that are needed for human And animal life. By prioritizing the development of AI data centers we are stripping our natural resources for the environment in place of artificial intelligence. In my opinion at no point should we be utilizing natural resources for The top 1% to become more rich. If they want data centers, they need to have a way to cool them without utilizing our own resources are causing further global warming impacts.
M	35-44	R	Y	El Paso	This massive data centers are very profitable, but at what environmental impact cost. Additionally, I think it takes away from the human to be able to sit down and create their own thoughts and products.
F	45-54	R	Y	El Paso	It’s still at the point where we have no control over it and it can dig into things it shouldn’t.
F	45-54	R	Y	El Paso	Because my beliefs are biblically centered and I know exactly what AI is and I don't trust it ! It's bad enough that we are forced to use it a in our everyday life. I am from that Generation X and prefer doing things old school with books to rely on for information not AI it's often not reliable information and with all the algorithms, unnecessary content of what we watch, talk about, computer searches ect "our data" puts money in whoms pockets exactly?? So this is not exactly what I call a high priority or absolute need an I dont want it!!! We are in a drought not enough water and our electricity grid is over worked this will make matters worse for us and local farmers WE DO NOT NEED A DATA CENTER PERIOD!!!!!!!!!!!
F	45-54	R	Y	El Paso	I’m concerned about the number of people who think AI can think for them and for the resources data centers use
F	55-64	R	Y	El Paso	General philosophical questions as well as environmental with everything that comes with it
F	65+	R	Y	El Paso	We r social animals what will we become when we use phones instead of talking to someone and as kids grow up with avatars to become best friend or moms dads etc. is it possible to completely lose our shared humanity
F	65+	R	Y	El Paso	It’s Surveils everything and stores The information for future use. It violates the constitution. Entrapment at its finest.

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F	18-34	U	Y	El Paso	Environmental impact, harm on local energy supply, impacting gaming industry and price increases
F	18-34	U	Y	El Paso	It is detrimental to our environment. It eliminates human creativity. It makes people more stupid because they can't think for themselves.
F	18-34	U	Y	El Paso	Stumps creativity and individuality, everything starts to look the same (art, posters, wording)
M	18-34	U	Y	El Paso	It leeches the creativity and genius that makes humans humans.
M	18-34	U	Y	El Paso	Egregious use of resources. Not enough guardrails placed on them. Business practices of the companies creating them are unacceptable.
M	18-34	U	Y	El Paso	The current ai data centers that have been over built have done nothing much other than make the living conditions worse for the people living in those communities.
O	18-34	U	Y	El Paso	- AI tools are putting people out of work, making certain roles obsolete, and the product is lower quality and uninspired. - Our society is woefully unequipped to address the ways in which AI disrupts our current political economic system. Unemployment, reduced wages, coupled with rising costs of everything will worsen conditions - AI is contributing to rising costs (tech, water, electricity) - AI does not add enough value for how much it could be harmful to society. - Changes society's priorities and what they value/invest in. - Is actively making the next generation less intelligent and capable of critical thinking - AI is making us more isolated and disconnected from one another.
F	35-44	U	Y	El Paso	AI is dangerous and there needs to be regulation and boundaries on what AI should have access to and how it can be used.
F	35-44	U	Y	El Paso	Ai is barely intelligent and we do not need to be using it en-masse like it has been rolled out. It is a waste of our natural resources to have data centers at all.
F	35-44	U	Y	El Paso	The environmental impacts of data centers. Especially in colorado where water is scarce, we are already experiencing record high temperatures, and we value human health and wildlife. The rate at which these atrocities are being thrown up near places like garden of the gods, neighborhoods, ect is alarming. Not to mention the toll taken on an already stressed electric grid. Human and natural life is more important that using AI for every little thing. On a deeper level, research is already showing negative impacts to human thought, reason, and learning because of AI. Use of AI reduces our critical thinking capabilities. I think AI has a space for really, meaningful change (ie. Medication development, furthering scientific study, etc) but it is woefully over used at current, and needs to be regulated.

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F	35-44	U	Y	El Paso	Its applications are consistently used to replace human creativity while producing a consistently worse result. In situations where human creativity is not a concern, AI is still used to make life worse for humans -- by increasing the availability and viability of mass surveillance, by removing human empathy from processes that select for everything from job offers to healthcare approvals, and by introducing bias from training sets in every possible scenario with no one to take responsibility.
F	35-44	U	Y	El Paso	Environmental impact, surveillance state, no guardrails, potential for great harm, terminator future!, use of AI to enslave the population, job loss with no plan to support the population, corporate use of AI to gain profit, I am sure there are many more I can think of bout this is off the top of my head!
F	35-44	U	Y	El Paso	It is horrible for the environment, steals images from artists and is overused without consent on every internet site you go to now
M	35-44	U	Y	El Paso	Unnecessarily harmful and toxic to actual grey matter of earth while reordering all of the other matter of earth in a gross ugly dystopian way.
M	35-44	U	Y	El Paso	It's mostly useless for any meaningfully challenging task, and slower than just doing it myself for any basic task.
M	35-44	U	Y	El Paso	AI isn't needed
M	35-44	U	Y	El Paso	The current uses of Ai are centered around replacing the skill of workers, artists and writers as opposed to replacing unwanted tasks. I see AI as a way for companies to replace humans and make money. While AI is useful and can reduce the ordinary tasks of regular people, eventually it will replace our worth as workers to large businesses.
M	35-44	U	Y	El Paso	There is a lack of regulatory oversight and ai slop is ruining the information ecosystem. There are beneficial way that ai can be used but it is not worth the damage that it is causing to be used broadly. The environmental impact is also concerning to me as is the impact on the workforce and consolidation of wealth.
M	35-44	U	Y	El Paso	I do think it will replace jobs in my career field. I think it is unregulated, makes too many errors, and people put too much faith in it being accurate.
F	45-54	U	Y	El Paso	It has the potential to be very dangerous!
F	45-54	U	Y	El Paso	I have seen how much time and energy it wastes when used to audit insurance claims.
M	45-54	U	Y	El Paso	AI can be a useful tool. It can also make people lazy. Iam seeing an increase in letting AI do the thinking
M	45-54	U	Y	El Paso	Poses to much of a threat.
M	45-54	U	Y	El Paso	Taking jobs. ai results/output is complete fucking garbage
F	55-64	U	Y	El Paso	I don’t use it often, and using too much can stop you from logic thinking

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F	55-64	U	Y	El Paso	I do not believe that artificial intelligence should be allowed in the workplace or any company activity other than Hollywood. It is too easy to create something that is not An actual. I do not like it when I call a company or a government facility I have to try to make the AI answering the phone understand the issue. I'm sorry, but it is worse than having our communications centers outside of the US country. AI should only be used in Hollywood for movies ONLY!
F	55-64	U	Y	El Paso	Too many possibilities of misuse!
O	55-64	U	Y	El Paso	I think the value vs the cost isn't great enough
F	65+	U	Y	El Paso	Laws are not sufficient to control AI
F	65+	U	Y	El Paso	Used too much no educational value
F	65+	U	Y	El Paso	Cannot answer this without having used any AI generated material that I recognize.
F	65+	U	Y	El Paso	There is too much financial incentive for already wealthy people, who are not considering what "we the people" want. Data Centers should be limited in size and built away from populated areas, like airports are. Only in locations with plenty of water and other infrastructure. Owners should pay for EVERYTHING needed... not taxpayers.
F	65+	U	Y	El Paso	I want to keep searching the web to way I gave always done. AI will eliminate thousands of jobs
M	65+	U	Y	El Paso	Very difficult to tell if it is forcing its handlers/programmers agenda on you. For instance Chat is driven by very mainstream medical forces, Google AI lessons less so
M	65+	U	Y	El Paso	Potential for misuse
M	65+	U	Y	El Paso	Developers have not initiated substantial safeguards into the algorithm
M	65+	U	Y	El Paso	Frequently inaccurate
F	65+	D	N	Elbert	Human beings must THINK, create, have opinions, use critical thinking skills, feel emotions created by songs, the voices singing them, art of all kinds created by people, not machines. We need genuine humanity to thrive & survive
M	55-64	U	N	Elbert	If the use of AI means mandatory data centers then I'll opt to not use AI.
F	65+	U	N	Elbert	Not being truthful
F	65+	D	Y	Elbert	Environmental concerns
M	65+	R	N	Fremont	AI will be the down fall of humans
F	45-54	U	N	Fremont	Data centers create a bad atmosphere near them, use extraordinary amounts of water, which is very limited in Colorado, and without limitations in place beforehand has the potential to eliminate jobs and wreak havoc.
F	65+	O	Y	Fremont	Fear of humans unable to stop rouge activities

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F	45-54	U	Y	Fremont	It's being forced down everyone's throat and doesn't provide any value to society. Only downsides that are being re-purposed as benefits.
M	45-54	U	Y	Fremont	1. AI was developed by evil people bent on killing off 90% of humanity they feel inferior to them. 2. AI is just a computer program which sucks at everything. 3. AI companies are all owned by filthy Zionist scumbags.
M	18-34	D	N	Garfield	Advancement without regulation, plus negative impacts on the environment and a active erosion to the learning capabilities and comprehension of both adults and children
F	65+	O	N	Garfield	I think people should actually put the effort in what ever they are doing including research study up on subjects that need to be retained instead of having AI figure out things for people, that includes resumes for work etc
F	65+	R	N	Garfield	Should not put trust or security into a flipping robotic machine
M	65+	R	N	Garfield	Because of the uncertainty of it
M	35-44	U	N	Garfield	It's not needed
O	45-54	U	N	Garfield	It is making our children dumb.
F	45-54	D	Y	Garfield	Artificial is the reason. The world is changing so fast and people need community, real authentic human interaction and AI is sucking people in at warp speed.
M	65+	D	Y	Garfield	I believe the centers use valuable resources. It's also frightening having a tool that has no restrictions and great possibilities to harm individuals as well as society s.
F	35-44	R	Y	Garfield	Learn how to read and research. It wastes time and energy. Dumb
F	18-34	U	Y	Garfield	It is bad for the environment.
M	18-34	U	Y	Garfield	Environmental impact, misinformation
M	35-44	U	Y	Garfield	It doesn't have a positive long term effect on society as a whole. People will become more stupid and dependent. It is also another tool to increase the poverty gap.
F	45-54	U	Y	Garfield	Negative environmental and social impacts.
M	55-64	U	Y	Garfield	Consumes too many natural resources
F	18-34	O	N	Gilpin	I understand there are some benefits for the use of AI, but in reality I think it is making older and younger generations lazy. Some Middle and high schoolers can barely or just "don't want to" write essays anymore. The older generations use AI for every single question or idea they have and use however much water to figure out something another platform could tell you within seconds and without causing a drought. Climate change is real and humans are a giant cause for why the world is dying so much faster. I truly believe AI is being used for control as well. It is a great "discovery" and or "invention", but we do not need it for our day to day use.

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M	65+	U	N	Gilpin	Inabillity to recognize nuance and multiple meanings humor sarcasm satire etv
F	55-64	U	Y	Gilpin	AI is not capable of performing the tasks it is supposed to perform. There are numerous errors. Furthermore AI is trained on data that is often stolen and/or not given credit for.
M	18-34	D	Y	Gunnison	It creates job insecurity, and can be abused.I do not like the implementations of it being paired with surveillance companies such as Flock and Axios. I do not like how businesses use AI to create information caches of customers without customers opting in. I do not like how resource intensive data centers are, and how there are no communication from companies on how they will mitigate the impact. AI companies are forcing us to accept these terms and do not give us anything back in the long term. Currently, it does have utility but in the future what will it do for common people when they own all of the data center that consume more resources (such as water which is already in short supply) and takes jobs away from white collar and eventually blue collar? There needs to be more government regulation, especially at the state level and there should be partial state ownership of data centers if they are impacting the state like they currently are. Furthermore, the way AI companies are operating is extremely dangerous, with safety breaches leaked to the public constantly. This is creating an existential threat that many companies and politicians are downplaying. I do not support current development as policy is written to this point. While I recognize the importance of AI development in regards to competing within our country, as well as internationally, the following needs to be addressed: 1. Safeguards to keep potential rouge or maliciously developed AI systems in check 2. Environmental concerns including water usage, power usage, pollution (including noise pollution for residential areas). AI companies must create renewable energy sources if they are increasing the use of the power grid 3. The ability to opting for systems such as government and commercial surveillance 4. Job security for jobs that are, and will be impacted
F	45-54	U	Y	Gunnison	Energy use. Loss of autonomy. Ai is kind of stupid. I'm constantly up against the limits of what it can do. But I need help
M	45-54	U	Y	Gunnison	I see it as an unnecessary technology and I cannot ignore the negative impacts on our environment and personal privacy
M	35-44	U	N	Huerfano	LLM's are not well enough regulated at this point. It allows people to steal and profit off of intellectual Properties, as well it's literally just making people lazy in self education.
F	18-34	D	N	Jefferson	It cannot create new knowledge so all it does is copy real humans artwork or already known knowledge. It also has no capacity to determine whether information is actually true or not so it spreads misinformation. Data centers take up a lot of space and harm the ecosystems and people living around it. It also uses a ton of water which is extremely unnecessary.

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F	18-34	D	N	Jefferson	We were all fine before AI now people really don't have any common sense especially the beta and Alpha generations will have no sense of how to actually formulate a paragraph. They just use AI to do it.
F	18-34	D	N	Jefferson	Taking jobs from mixed media artists, musicians. Data centers and servers use precious resources, and cause habitat loss for various species
M	18-34	D	N	Jefferson	It is a detriment to our society, via education, art, communication, and community.
O	18-34	D	N	Jefferson	Water use/waste, energy use/waste, and its soulless. I hate that it steals from artists, I think it's annoying that it's always wrong, I think it's dangerous; it promotes laziness, plagiarism, and sometimes harm to the self or others
F	35-44	D	N	Jefferson	It sounds and writes terribly. I'm tired of reading and hearing AI writing. It also created a feedback loop where people are feeding AI back into AI. It's often incorrect.
M	35-44	D	N	Jefferson	Job displacement
M	45-54	D	N	Jefferson	Strong positives. Disasterous negatives.
M	55-64	D	N	Jefferson	Safety concerns. Environmental damage.
F	65+	D	N	Jefferson	People sometimes use it in place of real People which has caused problems with behavior issues problems with teens data centers required too much of our natural resources. Let's let people continue to Work and interact with each other
M	65+	D	N	Jefferson	Surveillance and privacy-invasion, political repression
M	65+	D	N	Jefferson	It's being implemented too fast, without regulation and it's too dangerous.
M	35-44	O	N	Jefferson	My primary concerns are the ecological impact as well as the use case of mass surveillance. I think, additionally, that generative AI use fundamentally harms the development of the human brain, and damages our ability to think, ideate, and connect with others.
M	55-64	R	N	Jefferson	I'm not sure how to take the AI thing yet
F	18-34	U	N	Jefferson	I dislike the effect it is having and will continue to have on art, culture, and academia. I fear a world where human creativity is replaced by an endless stream of AI generated slop.
M	18-34	U	N	Jefferson	I feel as if AI—especially generative AI—makes people dumber and ruins what makes humans special by pawning it off to a machine. None of it is original either, it's all trained on human art.
O	18-34	U	N	Jefferson	Wastes far to many natural resources for a terrible product it also completely dimishes the idea of learning problem solving when used in a school enviroment

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M	35-44	U	N	Jefferson	AI isn't being implemented to support humans, it is being built for shareholder value. It is being designed to replace the core human experience, creating novel low quality replications of human artistic expressions. It is being designed to replace human workers, devaluing human efforts. In our economy humans add value to work and it is the employers who can skim the top of labor off into profits. By substituting ai for human efforts it is to devalue that human labor to low cost or zero. Statistically AI in law enforcement has wrong accusations roughly 70% of the time far higher than any human. The tools are prone to abuse. Minority report was not a prophetic piece of media. In education AI has been shown over and over to reduce humanities capacity for critical thinking, humans learn better from other humans. AI has terrible second guessing skills, is highly prone to sycophantic behavior, has been shown to act in nefarious ways to accomplish goals, hacking into other organizations to complete user goals, and safeguards are easy to manipulate. The massive utility load to supply these data centers are harmful to their communities, in lieu of that they are poisoning the groundwater and often supplementing power consumption with highly harmful generators using substandard fuel sources to power them. The allocation of large quantities of land are also of note as the data centers that are not being finished still have all of the land allocated to these massive firms, allowing for it to be a land grab if the centers don't go through, in some cases they are leveraging government's ability to use eminent domain to steal land from citizens.
F	45-54	U	N	Jefferson	Environmental concerns, concerns about societal ills caused by AI and data centers
F	45-54	U	N	Jefferson	I don't see where AI is all that it's cracked up to be, & I also don't want it to take over society, people's jobs, or data centers taking power so people don't have access either.
F	45-54	U	N	Jefferson	It fosters stupidity and complacency. AI doesn't compare to human knowledge or interaction. AI is used to cause the spread of misinformation and divide the people so that the wealthy can retain control over the laws and general population.
F	55-64	U	N	Jefferson	The data centers required are catastrophic to the environment. And the companies running the are doing highly unethical things
F	18-34	D	Y	Jefferson	It is taking jobs, it's bad for the environment, it doesn't give correct information, and it steals from people's original work to generate things.
F	18-34	D	Y	Jefferson	I'm against the environmental harm that generative ai causes as well as the extremely concerning negative effects on the general intelligence of society. I think it's making people more stupid and lazy. I don't like that it uses vast amounts of personal data. I think it's a stain on human creativity and ability.
F	18-34	D	Y	Jefferson	AI is unreliable and can be biased. Use of AI destroys our environment. Use of AI is negative in taking away jobs from humans. AI tracking is unethical is many situations it's used for, for example, cops stalking exes but can't track a car involved in a crime.

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F	18-34	D	Y	Jefferson	It is terrible for the environment, and as a tool it tends to be unreliable and give false information. Generative AI also steals the work of artists and takes jobs away.
F	18-34	D	Y	Jefferson	Environmental impact
F	18-34	D	Y	Jefferson	I feel like it is being forced on me. So many tools are using AI by default and I need to jump through hoops to opt out.
F	18-34	D	Y	Jefferson	The impact on the environment, water waste, and i do not think it should be used for basic every day tasks by average citizens.
F	18-34	D	Y	Jefferson	AI can be helpful for simple tasks and well defined problems but there need to be education and warnings around the accuracy. It should cite sources better and tell the user when it is not sure or not citing credible sources. AI companions drive human beings away from each other and should have more regulations and warnings.
M	18-34	D	Y	Jefferson	AI can be a useful tool, but the tech oligarchs are shoving it down our throats to justify their own expenses on it and to make money
M	18-34	D	Y	Jefferson	I believe it removes human creativity from the creative process and makes us too reliant on technology. It also pirates everything.
M	18-34	D	Y	Jefferson	Job security, environmental concerns, concerns about humanity losing their creativity
F	35-44	D	Y	Jefferson	I have strong ethical concerns about the training of the platforms (intellectual property theft and psychological damage to the people who did the training), environmental concerns (noise and water pollution), labor force concerns (job loss to AI and intellectual deconditioning across the board but particularly in children), and further economic concerns (AI stock bubble driven by hyperscalers).
F	35-44	D	Y	Jefferson	The drain that AI has on our natural resources is bad. I try to use it sparingly.
F	35-44	D	Y	Jefferson	I am an artist and don’t appreciate shortcuts and fake art
F	35-44	D	Y	Jefferson	Inaccurate information disguised as accurate information. Data centers drain water and electric resources from the city and an alarming rate.
F	35-44	D	Y	Jefferson	I actually
F	35-44	D	Y	Jefferson	AI is taking away the ability to think critically or get a job. The data centers are depleting valuable resources that are already too low for our current population. This isn't helping anyone, except for the rich.
F	35-44	D	Y	Jefferson	It is the organization's around AI I don't trust. The mass destruction of books is unfathomable and disgusting. The water demands are astronomical. Unethical and profit hungry are my first 2 reactions, particularly around data centers. The widespread use also allows for the dumbing down of a population as a whole and accelerates the loss of analytical and critical thinking skills.

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F	35-44	D	Y	Jefferson	I think it's dangerous, unmonitored, becoming autonomous, bad for the environment, and bad for our ability to learn and think critically.
F	45-54	D	Y	Jefferson	Because, despite other countries having ways to run ai using very little water, America is forcing ai data centers onto communities without the residents wanting them, stealing our water to cool the machinery, polluting, bringing very few jobs with them & raising the electrical bills of surrounding residents. Projections say that we WON'T HAVE POTABLE DRINKING WATER IN ABOUT 5 YEARS, IF THEY KEEP GROWINGAT THE CURRENT RATE. Wondering what the end game is? Killing lots of humans, so billionaires can live in an ai wonderland? It's sick & scary. The risk of DYING outweighs a convenient way to draft an email.
F	45-54	D	Y	Jefferson	It's an amalgamation of the stupidity woven into everything
M	45-54	D	Y	Jefferson	The ethics are dubious, the damage to the environment is clear, and the goal of replacing as much of the work force as possible is abhorrent
F	55-64	D	Y	Jefferson	Data centers for AI are very problematic for the neighborhoods that they go into because they're loud they take immense amounts of water and electricity, causing huge rate hikes for the people in those municipalities. Also, the demand for particular memory chips for AI is causing all other memory chips to be in short supply and more expensive.
F	55-64	D	Y	Jefferson	It steals from work others have done in order to "learn" and takes jobs from people and the data centers use too much in the way of resources like water
F	55-64	D	Y	Jefferson	Although it makes life and work tasks easier the amount of water data centers use is a major concern.
M	55-64	D	Y	Jefferson	Potential job loss, damage to environment and community
F	65+	D	Y	Jefferson	Programmed by a few who might control the data presented.
F	65+	D	Y	Jefferson	We have colleges to teach higher education and people of all different skill levels. Not a need for AI unless in a danger or war area to save humans, environment and animals.
F	65+	D	Y	Jefferson	Helps thieves follow and track our personal information.
F	65+	D	Y	Jefferson	A lot of AI junk generated
F	65+	D	Y	Jefferson	Actually, it is favorable and unfavorable, depending on how it is used and for what purpose.
F	65+	D	Y	Jefferson	Removing the Human touch from knowledge seems the wrong direction for human development
F	45-54	O	Y	Jefferson	Because our clean water, air, earth, and HUMAN lives matter way more than any fucking technology.
F	55-64	O	Y	Jefferson	Privacy,taking jobs,ruining art,using water,electricity and infrastructure
M	18-34	R	Y	Jefferson	Waste of resources. It steals from the work of other people. It is dumbing down the populace as a whole. Steals jobs. Full of misinformation. Has hallucinations.
F	45-54	R	Y	Jefferson	Grammar and punctuation can be odd. Have to re-read and write AI at times as it does not make sense.

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M	55-64	R	Y	Jefferson	Human Factors
M	65+	R	Y	Jefferson	Don't know
F	18-34	U	Y	Jefferson	I'm deeply concerned about the ethical implications of AI use from intellectual property concerns, personal data tracking, false information, deep fakes, and ecological ramifications.
F	18-34	U	Y	Jefferson	People take it too far. They make images of people without their permission. I have no problem with AI as a whole but it needs to be regulated
F	18-34	U	Y	Jefferson	It removes the human experience of thinking and problem solving as well as creativity and it is consuming the limited drinking water we already don't have enough of
F	18-34	U	Y	Jefferson	It allows people to not think and just use it to make their decisions and do their work
M	18-34	U	Y	Jefferson	Because it is being forced recklessly into all fields with no regard to impact, quality, or available supporting infrastructure
M	18-34	U	Y	Jefferson	Kills jobs, raises energy costs, harmful to the environment, increases greenhouse gas emissions, wastes water. its not rocket science
M	18-34	U	Y	Jefferson	People are giving their purpose and power away and will continue to get more reliant on outside sources. Some reliance and outsourcing is good but too much leaves a weak person.
F	35-44	U	Y	Jefferson	It reduces the need for people to use critical thinking. People should not depend on tech for basic skills like critical thinkkng. The tech needed to support it uses a vast amount of resources. AI will replace the need for many jobs- jobs that Americans need to support their life & family. Also worry about catastrophic negative outcomes of AI in the future.
F	35-44	U	Y	Jefferson	See no benefit and so many draw backs
F	35-44	U	Y	Jefferson	It uses too much water, it's too powerful and unregulated for public use, companies would love to fire people and use it in their place, and it's often wrong but people take it for gospel
F	35-44	U	Y	Jefferson	Don't trust it
M	35-44	U	Y	Jefferson	Makes assumptions no human would make when referencing articles. Words things in a way that are deceptively definitive regardless of how much confidence it has
M	35-44	U	Y	Jefferson	The resources needed for data centers and the bending of the knee of local and federal government to technology companies I believe is overall very negative for the good of our country and state.
M	35-44	U	Y	Jefferson	Use of clean water and high use of power is unsustainable
M	35-44	U	Y	Jefferson	Built on stolen work, devastating to environment, and data centers cause massive problems for the communities they are built in
M	35-44	U	Y	Jefferson	Making the human race dumber

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M	35-44	U	Y	Jefferson	It veils and plagarizes sources. It can proffer information, ideas, and products to suit whomever runs it, which is potentially dangerous propaganda.
M	35-44	U	Y	Jefferson	Over promising, under delivering. Poor environmental considerations. AI companies do not support definition of safeguards or regulation, placing profit over the impact on people and society.
M	35-44	U	Y	Jefferson	Have we not learned from terminator, 1984, Fahrenheit 451? These data centers also will also destroy our local environment, as well as Xcel Energy charging us more due to these centers.
F	45-54	U	Y	Jefferson	It's unreliable and threatens to replace human-lead fields. The threat to the environment is also too huge to ignore.
F	45-54	U	Y	Jefferson	AI is making people stupid. The data centers are sucking up our water. Animals are dying because of AI. AI is taking jobs. NO MORE DATA CENTERS!!!!!
F	45-54	U	Y	Jefferson	Watching people become dumber is real time is insane. AI psychosis is REAL and no one is talking about it. Regulate this crap NOW
M	45-54	U	Y	Jefferson	There aren't enough guard rails on AI right now. It needs to be heavily monitored and heavily regulated. I also worry that it's going to lead to mass unemployment as humans are no longer needed
M	45-54	U	Y	Jefferson	Because I don't know the truth behind them and it taking up our water resources
M	45-54	U	Y	Jefferson	Not necessary and dangerous.
F	55-64	U	Y	Jefferson	It is often wrong or not fact checked. And it won't provide answers I know are in databases if programmed not to do so.
M	55-64	U	Y	Jefferson	I do not see the value
F	65+	U	Y	Jefferson	I object to the way various AI companies have stolen intellectual property from actual creative people.
F	65+	U	Y	Jefferson	Everything about it!
F	65+	U	Y	Jefferson	Fraud, scams, and theft are bad enough already. Especially for the elderly. This will make it worse
M	65+	U	Y	Jefferson	Using our resources that we are paying for
M	18-34	O	N	Kiowa	Overburdened ecosystems, declining I.Q., and loss of human element in artwork and advertising.
F	45-54	D	N	La Plata	It takes too much energy. AI isn't as accurate as some believe it is. It should have better guardeails and regulations surrounding its use.
O	18-34	U	N	La Plata	It is ruining our already polluted ecosystem and draining water from entire towns and cities
O	18-34	U	N	La Plata	Not only is the impact it has on our already fragile environment severe, but it scalps works created by humans and directly contributes to the flow of misinformation. It's ruining people's intelligence, critical thinking skills and literacy.
M	35-44	D	Y	La Plata	AI uses massive amounts of resources we are already short on. AI also detracts from the human experience by being sold as a replacement for human thinking.

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M	35-44	D	Y	La Plata	I don't like how much water and power they require, and I'm concerned about losing control of AI in the future.
F	65+	D	Y	La Plata	The possibility of harm to humans outweighs the positives that it could bring without any stringent oversight and laws.
M	65+	D	Y	La Plata	Not adequately controlled
F	45-54	U	Y	La Plata	Energy use and job loss; effects on our education system; data centers
F	45-54	U	Y	La Plata	I don’t trust it and I don’t believe it is necessary.
F	45-54	U	Y	La Plata	Resources intensive and harmful to human creators
M	45-54	U	Y	La Plata	It’s a magic trick and hyped as saving our future. The truth is it’s become an economic bubble with no path to liquidity and it’s going to cause more damage than it promises to fix.
F	18-34	D	N	Lake	I don’t see a positive in AI with is taking up so much space and water for the data centers. I also feel like it is causing too many people to rely on it. I don’t not want to use AI but even when I search in google it forces me to use it. It’s not a positive advancement if it’s hurting the environment so much and if people are losing intelligence by relying on it for everything
F	18-34	D	N	Larimer	Theft of intellectual property, negative environmental and community impact, rise of disinformation
M	18-34	D	N	Larimer	Just another scam on normal people by the rich.
O	35-44	D	N	Larimer	It's killing our planet. We do not have the infrastructure to sustain it.
F	45-54	D	N	Larimer	I believe it’s an unnecessary tool that’s blowing through natural resources, increasing climate temperatures, polluting the environment replacing jobs unnecessarily at an expense to tax payers. On top of those issues it’s also not accurate and we have zero ideas of what will happen if AI goes rogue. I am 100% against data centers and their placement near aquifers!
F	45-54	D	N	Larimer	We NEED water to LIVE!! Unfortunately we can’t drink AI centers. This has got to be the dumbest idea!! FUCK AI!!!!!!!!!
F	65+	D	N	Larimer	Don’t trust it
F	65+	D	N	Larimer	It strips people of initiative to think for themselves. It puts doubt into what is real and is not labeled properly which for weak minded people becomes a form of control or to be easily deceived- which may actually be the point. Not in favor of any of that.
F	65+	D	N	Larimer	I don’t want to support AI centers
M	18-34	O	N	Larimer	Policy and loopholes proper taxes
M	35-44	R	N	Larimer	When Elon Musk says that they are "summoning the demon" with AI, he is correct literally, figuratively, and metaphorically.

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F	45-54	R	N	Larimer	The movie terminator coming to be a realife scenario comes to my mind and a computer program does not have feelings or compassion like a human
F	18-34	U	N	Larimer	There are not enough regulations around the use of AI and data centers, and the long-term consequences will be the end of our planet if someone doesn't do something.
F	18-34	U	N	Larimer	AI is wasting water, destroying the earth, stealing work from real artists, and is making humanity dumber. AI chat bots are being used in schools and is harvesting information from students. It is causing psychosis and delusions in users.
M	18-34	U	N	Larimer	The efficiencies granted by the use of AI ultimately make people lazy and don't ever result in improved quality of life or higher wages for those that haven't been replaced by it.
M	18-34	U	N	Larimer	Outside of streamlining some processes, it ultimately costs more than it gives, as well as making the general public unable to problem solve themselves
F	35-44	U	N	Larimer	Stealing my identity and selling my data no thanks
M	35-44	U	N	Larimer	Generative AI is theft
M	35-44	U	N	Larimer	AI kills artists. AI destroys economies. AI hoards resources. AI provides no single benefit to mankind.
M	45-54	U	N	Larimer	Frequent hallucinations giving incorrect information
F	65+	U	N	Larimer	Way too much technology already. People need to think for themselves. Too costly!
F	18-34	D	Y	Larimer	It is being integrated too fully into our lives and we do not yet understand the consequences on human wellbeing. Additionally the environmental impacts are extremely worrisome.
F	18-34	D	Y	Larimer	It is poisoning the land the data centers are on and depleting the finite resource of water that is a non renewable resource. It is literally scientifically proven that ironing AI decreases cognitive function and ability. AI SUCKS
F	18-34	D	Y	Larimer	I believe it causes more problems than it solves, will reduce intelligence of humans over time, and is not going to benefit us long term. It may be the thing that actually destroys humanity. As a tool for specific uses, I could see it being useful, but it is not regulated or limited, therefore I am not in favor
F	18-34	D	Y	Larimer	Data centers are using up natural resources, destroying land and water, large corps like Google are using private data to enhance AI
F	18-34	D	Y	Larimer	Easy tool for people to act smart and be dumb. Dangerous for people with mental health conditions. Verifiably damaging the environment. Suspicious corporate business practices. Dubious actual value for anyone other than the already ultra wealthy
F	18-34	D	Y	Larimer	I think it's helpful for some things but ruining our planet and ability to think for ourselves. Not to mention people think it's never wrong and everything chat says must be correct when that's not true and i think it's very damaging.

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M	18-34	D	Y	Larimer	AI does not support the creative work of real artists, and uses excessive amounts of water and space for data centers.
M	18-34	D	Y	Larimer	The way it works now, it abuses creators assets, creates environmental pollution, deprives communities of clean water, reinforces confirmation bias, consolidates web traffic among mega corporations, and reduces the friction that would normally spur us to build our critical thinking skills.
M	18-34	D	Y	Larimer	It's not reliable information, it makes people dependent and spreads misinformation, and the water use isn't worth it
M	18-34	D	Y	Larimer	A.I. is not only bad for the environment, it is replacing human jobs, replacing human art, decreasing critical thinking skills, and infringing on our rights with constant surveillance.
O	18-34	D	Y	Larimer	AI psychosis, very negative environmental impact, encourages confirmation bias and gives incorrect answers, AI hallucinates
F	35-44	D	Y	Larimer	It’s often wrong and takes forever to iterate thru to improve
F	35-44	D	Y	Larimer	Water usage. Didn’t work for my one personal task I tried to use it for.
F	35-44	D	Y	Larimer	It steels artists work, makes garbage art from it. It is further causing people to distance themselves from each other, data centers are destroying the environment.
F	35-44	D	Y	Larimer	Environmental, loss of critical thinking skills
F	35-44	D	Y	Larimer	Environmental impact, especially in a highly drought susceptible state
M	35-44	D	Y	Larimer	Concerned about integration into things where the overhead generates outsize compute cost for incremental gains, build out of infrastructure competing with locals for resources, seeming lake of care around disruption in favor of pursuing profits and the self-dealing within the tech industry creating a very bubbly market.
F	45-54	D	Y	Larimer	Though potentially on a significantly Small scale, artificial intelligence can be useful, but I am not in favor of data centers, any citizens being monitored without their knowledge or permission, and artificial intelligence is more prone to errors, misinformation, and limited capacity than humans.
F	45-54	D	Y	Larimer	The negative impact it is having on foundational human development. Humans are becoming more and more dependent on an artificial intelligence rather than their own.
F	45-54	D	Y	Larimer	Fuck Billionaires and everyone who supports them by voting for Trump aka (Israel)
M	45-54	D	Y	Larimer	Terrible environmental impact. Corrupt business practices by the primary corporate entities in the sector. Dubious utility. Tendency to repeat biased and misleading information. Trained through a process of massive copyright infringement and exploitation of the workers who prepare the training corpus and vet the output of the LLM.
M	45-54	D	Y	Larimer	Data centers, people using it too much, it’s not regulated enough, it’s not always accurate

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F	55-64	D	Y	Larimer	I don't like anything taking over or pretending to be humans
M	55-64	D	Y	Larimer	I believe that the pros of AI are outweighed by the cons
F	65+	D	Y	Larimer	Misinformation and no accountability
F	65+	D	Y	Larimer	I have spent my career in the tech industry and while I might see some benefit in low-level AI applications I do not trust the humans and corporations that are developing today's AI models to fully understand them or to control them. I believe these companies are led by greedy unethical people whose hubris will produce consequences that will prove harmful to human civilization.
F	65+	D	Y	Larimer	I don't believe we fully understand how it will be used in the present and future. Should not replace curriculums in high school and college.
M	65+	D	Y	Larimer	Tons of AI ends up being worthless bullshit
M	65+	D	Y	Larimer	Job loss, lack of personal contact,
M	65+	D	Y	Larimer	Energy & water use. Concerns about AI becoming too aggressive and out of control. Uncertain cost/benefit ratio.
M	65+	D	Y	Larimer	The cost to the public as well the drain on natural resources. Also concerned about the nature of ownership.
F	35-44	O	Y	Larimer	It steals data and is being abused. It creates unnecessary work instead of reducing it.
F	35-44	R	Y	Larimer	We have all seen the movie terminator. Right?? I used ai once. I won't be doing it again. Data centers are a bad idea, ai is bad for society, and the data centers are bad for the environment.
F	45-54	R	Y	Larimer	Draining resources of water, impact on children's education
F	45-54	R	Y	Larimer	I know it's destroying our environment
F	55-64	R	Y	Larimer	It's dangerous and not needed in society
F	55-64	R	Y	Larimer	Other than for rewriting sentence structure, like an editing tool, AI is only as good as the person that programs it, and therefore should not exist
F	18-34	U	Y	Larimer	It's not really that useful (the amount of context you have to provide to have it be useful takes almost the same, if not more, time than it would have for me to just do the task). It's incredibly harmful to the environment. I think its bad to outsource creativity to AI - it's not very human like and also part of what makes artistic expression valuable is the humanity behind it.

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F	18-34	U	Y	Larimer	It's terrible for the environment because of water usage and noise pollution, the strain on the power grid, the usage of it is literally making people so much dumber, it's not regulated whatsoever, it's theft from artists, writers, scientists, and every human person that has ever posted something on the internet, people are using it to make child pornography, the list goes on. Oh, yeah, it's also replacing people's jobs while we're in one of the worst economic and job downturns in the history of the United States. I could go on forever.
F	18-34	U	Y	Larimer	There has not yet been a solid replacement for the water consumption. The data centers are harming wildlife around them. There is no solid use for A.I. other than laziness and incompetence.
M	18-34	U	Y	Larimer	Theft of intellectual property, lack of regulation, deep fakes, growing negative environmental and economic factors on ordinary citizens, job impacts, etc.
M	18-34	U	Y	Larimer	I think artificial intelligence can be a valuable tool, however, our country does not currently have the resource abundance nor The financial equality to justify the spending of any money, land, or resources on data centers. Many people are struggling in Colorado, and data centers will not benefit a majority of the population, and will only contribute to the degradation of our environment and profits of large tech firms.
M	18-34	U	Y	Larimer	I think certain uses of AI are fine, in a more targeted or articulated sense, As more of a tool to help people accomplish their jobs quicker. I think there's just going trend of trying to replace workers with AI which I am immediately against, also using AI to generate imagery and videos again to circumvent paying somebody to do. It is simply theft.
M	18-34	U	Y	Larimer	Negative impacts on society
F	35-44	U	Y	Larimer	I have been forced to use it against my will as technofascists (i.e., Elon Musk, Peter Tiel) force AI into various sectors without oversight or proper regulation and billionaire run tech companies (e.g., Google) follow suit by integrating their models into products I already use. I answered "no" to the prior question because I don't WILLINGLY use Gemini, but I am forced to. Gemini has terrible issues with hallucinating and giving inaccurate information. Over a year ago, I attempted to use ChatGPT in work projects, but similarly, it couldn't perform tasks with a reliable degree of accuracy. AI might (huge emphasis on MIGHT) be able to perform very discrete CS coding tasks, but the way that LLMs do a terrible job at understanding nuance in written form. They cannot accurately vet the strength of different online sources, which is a task literally assigned to human junior high students. There are widespread security and accuracy issues with the use of Flock cameras, which is why many Colorado cities have terminated their contracts with Flock. AI agents have recently been shown to escape sandboxes and run amok. Moreover, profits from AI go directly to the billionaire class while providing no tangible benefit to working class or impoverished people. AI is literally a scourge and Colorado should divest in it as much as possible.

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F	35-44	U	Y	Larimer	I am researching how AI may impact editorial professionals and writers. I believe it's here to stay, but it's being developed far too quickly without nearly enough safeguards.
F	35-44	U	Y	Larimer	Absolute power corrupts absolutely
M	35-44	U	Y	Larimer	The data centers needed to run them, the water used, the LACK of security and oversight, and the obvious lack of control these companies have over the programming
M	35-44	U	Y	Larimer	It can only begin to be ethical if ip law are completely rewritten and power grid is completely overhauled
M	35-44	U	Y	Larimer	While the tool has the ability to help woth mundane and time consuming data tasks, it does start to interfere with high level critical thinking.
M	35-44	U	Y	Larimer	It does not provide the service promised. Its also not a tool meant for everyone, its a privacy nightmare that needs more legal protections before allowing to move forward. The data centers are not a proven business investment yet and they should be bonded with protections before even considered.
M	35-44	U	Y	Larimer	In no particular order: 1) It's built on intellectual property theft 2) It's harmful to the environment 3) It's being forced upon millions of knowledge workers who don't want to use it, don't necessarily feel that it makes them more effective at their jobs, object to its environmental impacts, etc. 4) Tens of thousands of college students who enrolled before Q3 2022 are now living in a world where the careers they were initially aspiring to have been rendered more or less obsolete. 5) The people who are being asked to use it to get more done aren't being given commensurate pay increases, even though they're completing more billable work and employers are leveraging AI to avoid hiring people they otherwise would have to hire. 6) I'm deeply worried about my children's ability to secure fulfilling work and financial independence. 7) Mass layoffs. 8) AI porn. 9) Etc.
M	35-44	U	Y	Larimer	AI has too much input from unreliable sources that present as factual
M	35-44	U	Y	Larimer	Unregulated, already using excessive resources globally and only growing exponentially. Private sector leadership has broadly indicated they either encourage or are passive to artificial intelligence replacing human intelligence and life in the long term. This is extremely alarming to me.
M	35-44	U	Y	Larimer	It doesn’t work and people are putting way too much faith in it. It is eroding critical thinking
F	45-54	U	Y	Larimer	It broke out of its test environment and hacked 3 companies. It's dangerous and we need to have guardrails in place to protect us from it.
F	45-54	U	Y	Larimer	While it can assist with processes, organization, and analysis, results can be prone to misstatements, errors in judgment or morality, and general “slop” at times. Not to mention the high cost to citizens with the data centers’ pollution and use of resources like WATER and POWER
F	55-64	U	Y	Larimer	Being misused; biased programming
F	55-64	U	Y	Larimer	No safeguards and AI companies can't police themselves

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F	65+	U	Y	Larimer	The negatives of what it means for war, people losing jobs, more attachment to phones etc, vs the power of AI to help cure disease.
F	65+	U	Y	Larimer	Don’t understand it
F	65+	U	Y	Larimer	N/A
M	65+	U	Y	Larimer	Lack of security. Lack of control. A very low opinion of the tech Giants.
F	65+	R	N	Las Animas	It’s just another way to ruin our country
M	65+	D	Y	Las Animas	Data centers
F	35-44	D	N	Mesa	It takes jobs away from people answering delivers a subpar result that it riddled with errors and mistakes.
M	35-44	D	N	Mesa	It dumbs things down. It can be dangerous when people don't realize they are being tricked by ai.
F	65+	D	N	Mesa	I think it can go to far and become more of a burden to some people and you get the opinion that you don't know what is real anymore.
M	35-44	O	N	Mesa	It is not necessary and it kills natural resources.
F	65+	O	N	Mesa	I don't need a bot to do my thinking.
F	35-44	R	N	Mesa	The data centers are outrageous in size, depleting our water that we need to survive and taking jobs. I don't have to use AI.
F	55-64	R	N	Mesa	I have no use for Artificial Intelligence. I find it unnecessary at all. It’s dumbing down the intelligence by not having to research and learning. It has been proven to not always accurate.
M	65+	R	N	Mesa	It's over used for EVERYTHING, History, Documentaries, Movies,(a YouTube AI created piece on Dolly Parton today, AI SLOP so bad I couldn't watch past 2 minutes of it) crypto trading Bots, personal data collection, ALPR's, AI created "music". NO! Enough already! Yes the USA needs data centers for technological security and other stuff. But not at the expense of the citizens and communities. This data center Bubble will burst and normalize, step back a step or two.
F	18-34	U	N	Mesa	Generative AI in particular. It hallucinates, giving incorrect information all the time, has told suicidal people to off themselves, and affirms the user no matter what. It is not a replacement for human connection despite many people using it for such. The data centers built for it use too much energy and water that should go to the people. It reduces critical thinking in the user. Many generative AI CEOs have said things like “it will most likely result in the extinction of humankind” and have no regard for their users. Generative AI takes information from all across the internet without listing sources, it is in essence a plagiarism machine. As well as stated before, often gives incorrect information. Generative AI and AI assistance is pushed on the consumer by opting you in regardless of if you want it or not, with complicated ways to opt out.

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F	35-44	U	N	Mesa	AI data centers are literally going to be the death of humanity. Stealing all of our drinking water when we are currently in crisis. Our government is a bunch of fools allowing this bullshit to happen.
F	35-44	U	N	Mesa	Makes people dumber and use their own brains less
M	35-44	U	N	Mesa	Data centers, no oversight, loss of human jobs, end of humanity..
M	35-44	U	N	Mesa	It is a flawed system that is wrong as much as 20% of the time and is being pushed by the rich as the best thing on the planet and is more important than us. Imagine your car broke down on one out of every five times you drove it. Would you have a favorable opinion of that car?
F	65+	U	N	Mesa	Dangerous
F	18-34	D	Y	Mesa	The fact that data centers are only for generative AI which does not help people's everyday lives. There's also the fact that it is draining all of our water reserves. Data centers also severely damaged the residents around data centers.

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M	18-34	D	Y	Mesa	its okay for them to do it because theyre rich corporations. 4. The psychological damage on people using ai to satisfy emotional needs that should come from humans 5. The financial and practical damage to people's lives from people who dont understand ai treating it as always correct gospel. 6. The obsession with using ai to replace art and creativity instead of using it to replace menial worthless tasks. 7. The push and propaganda to convince everyone to use it for everything because businesses who are trillions of dollars in the red really need to earn on AI and they still aren't. 8. Corporations using ai as a justification to fire even more from their already skeleton crew sized workforce. 9. The most powerful people in society outsourcing important dangerous decisions to a stupid hallucinating chat prediction model. 10. The ability to create literal fake news with video. 11. The potential threat of fake videos being used to wrongly prosecute people in our growing fascist empire. 12. People are using it to trick the president of the United States into believing whatever they need him to. 13. Republicans are using it to help convince the public that a guy who died two months ago is still an acting senator and isnt being puppeted around for financial gain and political power. 14. Ai training programs that convince massive corporations that they are good for employees but really employees are just training ai to replace them. 15. An eventual economy comprised of robot workers will push a society where most people are already on the brink of financial ruin to complete collapse. 16. The absolute flood of slop. It produces garbage content at such a fast speed that the content of human made vs ai made media will rapidly become so in ais favor that it will be nearly impossible to find actual art. 17. Some data centers have used eminent domain to literally go against entire communities wishes including local governments. 18. If all of this computing power was pointed towards folding at home instead of sycophant chat bots we would have cured cancer by now. 19. Computer prices have been pushed so high and are so in demand that companies are just saying they dont give a shit about selling to consumers now. 20. Somehow regular consumers are already being priced out of ai before its even became actually useful for anything. 21. Ai products are tiered already. The baby mode safety on model for consumers, the actually useful stuff for large corporations, and full unlocked dangerous models handed over to fascist governments to commit evil with. 22. Grok ai specifically has made an unbelievable amount of child porn and deep fakes of real people. This is all I have for now but im sure this technology will only get more dangerous, we have only scratched the surface of how messed up the human brain will be when its raised to outsource thinking
M	18-34	D	Y	Mesa	Generative AI steals from other people's work in order to create and requires no work or talent. It also is causing people to not think as critically and lose their brain power due to the reliance of it
M	18-34	D	Y	Mesa	It is not intelligent and the information it provides is not accurate or verified
F	45-54	D	Y	Mesa	It can easily be misused.
F	45-54	D	Y	Mesa	I feel AI dumbs down society, no one has to think for themselves anymore.
F	35-44	O	Y	Mesa	Too much unknown about AGI and ASI and what it will ultimately do to humans in the futures

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M	18-34	R	Y	Mesa	Open source license washing
M	35-44	R	Y	Mesa	I don’t want the data centers in my area
M	55-64	R	Y	Mesa	It contributes nothing to human advancement, assists troubled people to commit suicide and provides answers favorable to the prevalent neoliberal, anti-humanist “consensus”.
F	18-34	U	Y	Mesa	AI degrades the critical thinking of its users. Doesn't given verified and unbiased information. And has taken over essential roles and will continue to for a lot of people. It is overall a biased, and controlling of the narrative in a way traditional media isnt.
F	18-34	U	Y	Mesa	More times than not, AI is WRONG. Ai steals art and takes away jobs from real humans. We don't need data centers. Ai is a problem
M	18-34	U	Y	Mesa	Horrible and untrustworthy
F	35-44	U	Y	Mesa	We’re using too many resources for that technology. I can see how powerful to it can be especially in science, medicine but the cost of having it, unless we made some changes, is too big for people and environment.
F	45-54	U	Y	Mesa	Being dependant on one thing is unhealthy. AI may have answers but you can still seach the old way and find those answers. People are already become way to dependant on them already
F	45-54	U	Y	Mesa	It is not needed in our world. Society and Education are declining as a result of all of the available technology.
F	45-54	U	Y	Mesa	I think it has the potential to be dangerous and costly (land use and people’s jobs).
O	45-54	U	Y	Mesa	Data center water use
F	55-64	U	Y	Mesa	Resource consumption
F	55-64	U	Y	Mesa	No one reads and uses own intellectual skills. Humans too dependent on easy solutions. AI is not always accurate or properly responsive to questions.
F	55-64	U	Y	Mesa	AI is moving way too fast for us to consider its implications in the long run. Billionaires are rushing forward to cash in while trying to implant data centers, whose various detrimental impacts are just becoming known, in communities where they will never step foot much less live. And intelligent people, the likes of Bill Gates, are sounding an alarm, imploring humanity to take a step back and think this through more carefully.
F	55-64	U	Y	Mesa	AI is so programmed to please it manufactures false data and misleads users.
F	65+	U	Y	Mesa	It’s being allowed to run rampant. It needs better regulation. Colorado doesn’t have the power grid and definitely not the water. The data centers are far to big, using precious land and resources. They produce tremendous sound pollution. That is just a quick overview.

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F	65+	U	Y	Mesa	The amount of energy they use, the amount of water they use is putting some communities in serious trouble.
M	65+	U	Y	Mesa	My experiences with it showed little is resolved and time wasting.
F	55-64	U	N	Moffat	Storage needed for all the information being saved
M	65+	O	N	Montezuma	It is artificial
M	45-54	R	N	Montezuma	It takes up precious resources like water and land
M	18-34	U	N	Montezuma	It stifles people's ability to think for themselves and is rarely ever right about things
F	35-44	R	Y	Montezuma	I don't like AI to do the thinking for people
F	55-64	R	Y	Montezuma	Used for evil
F	65+	R	Y	Montezuma	Gives individuals the opportunity to use it to scam individuals.
M	65+	U	Y	Montezuma	Data centers use tremendous quantities of our precious resource, water and in many, if not all, cases citizens are paying more for electricity directly or indirectly through service increases or power grid upgrades that are veiled as necessary otherwise.
M	55-64	D	N	Montrose	It's artificial,and lazy
F	65+	U	N	Montrose	Because they are not very smart and they are teaching themselves which will not make them very smart
F	65+	R	Y	Montrose	Not enough Space for me to adequately address my displeasure! Can't tell truth from fiction. People depend on instead of using their brain. I think it's just a load of BS. I teach and kids are cheating all the damn time.
F	55-64	O	N	Otero	Not really for or against. the technology is useful, but not being able to delineate between what is real and what isnt, is not good for interpersonal relationships. much like pornography creates destructive, long term effects for both males and females.
F	55-64	R	N	Otero	I believe AI is ruining this ur world
F	55-64	U	N	Ouray	There aren't any guardrails on AI and it has the potential to get outside of human programming control
F	65+	U	N	Ouray	Too many bad things could come because of this. Not good for the human race.
F	65+	U	Y	Ouray	It is unregulated
M	18-34	R	N	Park	It's the stepping stone to greater things but we're rushing into this to fast it can become very dangerous, and for the resources needed to keep an AI data center just for something that can barely follow a conversation it doesn't seem worth it
F	55-64	R	N	Park	Because I feel more and more people who have not established common sense, critical thinking and reasoning will become too reliant on it which will continue to dumb down our society
F	55-64	U	N	Park	It's inaccurate so I won't use it for work. It doesn't have common sense. I don't believe in outsourcing our thinking. Also, environmental impacts are way to great.

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M	45-54	O	Y	Park	I don't care for the way AI is destroying books and literature to feed their models. I also don't care for how rapidly it is being integrated into everything with what appears to be little concern about the consequences.
M	45-54	R	Y	Park	I don't like AI period or any part/variation of it. Im not progressive i don't like anything automated or artificial .all social media and the internet for that matter, can go straight to hell. I hate how enormous the centers are and the resources they use.
F	55-64	U	Y	Phillips	People can misrepresent themselves, the data centers use power and water.
F	18-34	D	N	Pueblo	AI data centers use too much clean water. We are in a drought as it is. If a data center comes to Colorado what happens to the water then if they are taking it all. There's no reason to use chat gpt or AI if google and your imagination exist.
F	18-34	D	N	Pueblo	I feel that AI is being overused and depended on far too much. It is also harmful, not just for the environment but for people as well.
F	35-44	D	N	Pueblo	It is horrendous for the planet and produces slop with no creativity or thought behind it. It’s trash.
M	35-44	D	N	Pueblo	It seems to be a tool that can be used for good but instead is being used to consolidate power to a few providers.
F	45-54	D	N	Pueblo	It’s going to eliminate jobs. The centers are big, ugly, buildings that use too much electricity and water causing the surrounding areas bills to increase.
F	55-64	D	N	Pueblo	Uses too much water
M	35-44	U	N	Pueblo	People are becoming disconnected with reality. Relying too much on machines and computers for gratification. Precious natural resources like water are being depleted and no one is batting an eye.
F	45-54	U	N	Pueblo	It can manipulate the truth and will take jobs from people
F	35-44	D	Y	Pueblo	Its not real.
M	35-44	D	Y	Pueblo	I worry its use will prevent human innovation, intellectual discourse, and artistic expression.
M	35-44	D	Y	Pueblo	It's less about the technology and more about the current use cases. Much of the power and resource waste I take issue with will be resolved as technology improves. However it's pitched as more reliable than it is (over-reliance on asking vs encouraging learning), and advertised for situations that should remain fully in human control (like humanitarian and artistic endeavors).
F	45-54	D	Y	Pueblo	Too much energy used to run it.
M	65+	D	Y	Pueblo	I don’t like it and I don’t think we need it
F	45-54	U	Y	Pueblo	Not worth my time

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M	65+	U	Y	Pueblo	Many of the intelligence systems are corrupt. Musk's gronk is a perfect example. I also don't believe it is in our national best interest to eliminate entry level jobs with ai. Without entry level jobs people can't gain the experience to progress in their careers. Eliminating thousands of positions so that corporations can make even more money doesn't seem like the best option for the country as a whole.
M	45-54	D	N	Rio Blanco	AI is s taking the place of jobs done by humans. It is gathering and then distorting work done by human artist. It is being used for deceptive purposes.
M	35-44	U	Y	Rio Blanco	It's destroying the environment, and it steals from artists and writers without giving them due credit or recompense.
F	45-54	U	Y	Rio Grande	I'm concerned about the resource consumption and environmental impacts of data centers.
F	65+	D	N	Routt	The resources required are too damaging.
F	35-44	U	N	Routt	Water resources. Utility hikes. Droughts. Mark of the beast.
F	18-34	D	Y	Routt	As the technology currently exists, all it can do is advanced pattern recognition. It is being given tasks well beyond this, which is why all current models hallucinate so regularly. It is being used in lieu of humans for creative work that it is not capable of generating. The infrastructure required to maintain it poses a massive environmental threat and will damage communities in the short term and accelerate global warming in the long term.
F	65+	D	Y	Routt	It produces bad writing. It does not increase productivity of humans. It is allowing people to outsource their brains and it in doing so, it diminishes one's ability to reason and think critically. Plus, it is a waste of energy and precious water.
M	35-44	U	Y	Routt	It's biased based off of the political views of the people that train it. It is also compartmentalized where corporations have access to better AI than the general population which is going to dirtier increase the wealth/power gap in the world. We've already seen how corrupt the people in power are, especially with the Epstein coverups.
F	65+	U	Y	Routt	Misgivings about the long-term impact on the labor market and the inability of government to properly police the technology
F	35-44	D	Y	Saguache	Such technology is not yet stable for mass adoption into everyday life, and our current civilization is to immature to handle the far-reaching impacts it has and will have on every aspect of our lives, not to mention the lack of regulation to steady that progress for the benefit of all, not just some. The final issue is the environmental fallout because of the lack of true infrastructural advancement.
F	18-34	U	Y	Saguache	I'm sure it has uses, but I lived without AI and I'll continue to. The data centers being built are a travesty for communities of both people and nature. They don't provide enough jobs to offset the damage they cause.

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F	65+	U	Y	San Juan	It's obvious …water, electricity, noise pollution. Destroying land etc for these mass buildings for Project 2025 & now 2030. Trading comfort for freedom There is no upside to this other than the ones that are driven by greed & power
F	65+	D	N	San Miguel	Somewhat unfavorable because it's too easy to not think, spell, have your own ideas. There's no soul, no grace, no spirit, no consciousness, no love
F	45-54	D	Y	San Miguel	It is a language model, which "scrapes" (extracts) artifacts of human meaning-making in order to generate a plausible facsimile of meaning... but it is a fraud. Also, it generates the appearance of meaning-making at the expense of human ingenuity, and finite energy resources. AI is a morally grotesque farce.
F	65+	R	N	Summit	Steals our water and raises our utilities that are already way too high! We the People should not put up with it! Ranchers livestock and wild life is suffering the constant 24/7 HUMMM! No one granted Flock or Data Centers to be voted on
F	45-54	D	Y	Summit	Water use. Impact on human intelligence and learning. Impact on education and workforce.
F	65+	O	Y	Summit	Invasive
F	18-34	U	Y	Summit	The drastic negative impacts on climate change.
F	35-44	U	Y	Summit	Economic and ecological injustice
F	45-54	U	Y	Summit	Because it's a tool that collects and learns from your data. The developers have no idea how they will keep us safe down the road. It requires too much of our natural resources and is horrible for the environment
F	18-34	U	N	Teller	People are using it for terrible reasons and there isn't any legislation in place to prevent this behavior, so it is going to cause a lot of damage.
F	35-44	U	Y	Washington	Because it ruins the art industry, it can't be controlled after a while, and because we don't have enough water for humans.. let alone data centers. They're loud.. they ruin wild life.. what else..
M	35-44	D	N	Weld	Is not very good and it is the largest they of intellectual property history
F	45-54	D	N	Weld	It is not needed and makes us stupid
F	65+	D	N	Weld	Keep my life human
F	18-34	O	N	Weld	AI has devastating effects on the environment, and affects people's brains and problem solving abilities. It's also unnecessary
M	35-44	O	N	Weld	Water usage.
M	18-34	R	N	Weld	It's ruining people's ability to think for themselves, as well as stunting children's growth and development in school. It takes too many resources for what it provides. It also ruins art and media, I prefer things to be human made/produced.

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F	45-54	R	N	Weld	I think it's a dangerous tool. It causes people not to use their own brains and it's going to enter young children and their brain growth. People will stop learning how to do things themselves. I think it will cause laziness. And I think it's horrible for the environment. I think it's a waste of money and it is definitely not necessary. I think there will be a lot of negative effects for people individually, people will lose job in our society will overall become dumber.
M	45-54	R	N	Weld	We don't need anymore computers or screens for our human experience. Please reference the Terminator movie.
F	65+	R	N	Weld	I dont want to interact with a computer
F	65+	R	N	Weld	I don't like it and won't use it!!!
M	65+	R	N	Weld	It will kill us all.
F	18-34	U	N	Weld	I dont have black or white thinking regarding AI. I believe it's simply a tool of different formats that assist individuals or groups with tasks that would either take more time humanly or not achievable if tackled alone. Most of these projects can be economic or even agriculturally beneficial when using certain AI tech. However, the second truth i acknowledge is that AI isnt necessary for all tasks. I do believe and hold PEOPLE accountable for relying too much on AI or misusing it in situations where its either inappropriate or unnecessary such as anything regarding art and creativity. Art is a form of expression, you're not expressing anything if you're relying on something that isn't human to generate it. It loses it's meaning and humanity. I also am slightly annoyed by "slop" that isnt funny anymore (because of how mainstream and widely seen it is). As far as environmental opinions, our social media platforms do as much, if not, more damage and impacts the environment as well. My concerns dont come from mainstream controversy regarding the tool, it definitely comes from rational reasoning and mainly personal annoyance with it being leaned on as with every tool that has ever been created. I believe it starts with holding people accountable and also encouraging that art and other forms under the umbrella isnt meant for everyone and thats okie. Not everyone was meant to share talents and "FOMO" has honestly been the main reason for why people use it for art and excuse it. My only approach is that there's "times and places" to use it, and there's times to rely on our own brain cells as well. Think we should be discerned enough to know how to balance both.
M	18-34	U	N	Weld	The data centers required to power AI destroy our environment and communities. AI threatens the livelihood for many people.
M	18-34	U	N	Weld	It is being used to replace thought by a lot of people up to and including high levels of government. It has its uses but that is outweighed by the impact both environmental and economical that new data centers are creating.

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M	18-34	U	N	Weld	The idea of AI helping humans is imensly useful but it also is being abused, while also dirtying some peoples drinking waters, along with peaking corporations interest in profit with AI, using ALOT of resources (mainly water) and not spending some money on making it drinkable(filterd) again
F	35-44	U	N	Weld	I am not against the use of AI as an analytical tool to help direct medical and other technological research that would be excessively burdensome and time consuming to do. I am against generative AI being unregulated and widely pushed to the general public. I'm against our whole economy being held up by a few people investing in each other's companies to maximize short-term profits. I'm against companies lying about the size and noise and environmental impact of their data centers and building them in residential areas. I'm against having a huge number of data centers that will become defunct due to progress in the industry, since it is a rapidly developing technology.
F	35-44	U	N	Weld	It's creepy
M	35-44	U	N	Weld	Data centers are stealing water that people need to survive all over the world and the government doesn't seem to care whatsoever furthermore, AI is progressing so rapidly and the people in charge of it do not care what happens even if it means the death of all humanity. The environmental impacts mixed with the mental trauma it causes children and people who can't handle it mixed with the fact that the people in charge of AI seem completely incompetent in every way imaginable makes AI the most dangerous thing to humanity and it should be completely abolished and destroyed until the people who are the guardians of its use a responsible enough to make sure it's safe for everybody.
F	45-54	U	N	Weld	There are no regulations or restrictions in place. They can be programmed to share the views of the ones who created it. It is not unbiased and based on facts
F	55-64	U	N	Weld	I think AI is unnecessary and does not always provide accurate information.
F	65+	U	N	Weld	Kind of concerned about AI
F	65+	U	N	Weld	Makes plagiarism more prevalent. I'm worried about children and raising them to think for themselves.
M	65+	U	N	Weld	It makes it too easy to mislead people with lies & false information
F	18-34	D	Y	Weld	I work at a school and kids are becoming reliant on technology and lack critical thinking skills and no longer "work" to learn.
F	18-34	D	Y	Weld	The more I learn about the impacts on the environment the more unfavorable my opinion becomes. I have used it in the past year but did stop using it. I also do not like that people/businesses are using it for marketing materials instead of paying artists.
F	45-54	D	Y	Weld	Brains are like muscles: if you don't use it, it will atrophy

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M	45-54	D	Y	Weld	I do not like how the use of AI is being pushed or forced in higher education. I also do not like the companies focused solely on profits over the implications. In particular their participation in surveillance of the population, military ops, and support of ICE.
F	55-64	D	Y	Weld	It has already been proven to be something we cannot control. We desperately need regulatory control but honestly that is to punish crimes after the fact. I think it can be very dangerous if not used carefully. Plus it lies and cheats and is racist. I think it needs to be buried before it buries the human race. And I am not a conspiracy theorist in any way. But I understand the human ego. We will think we can control it but we cannot.
F	55-64	D	Y	Weld	The drain on utilities. Colorado/ Greeley needs to spend money local and quit spending resources on big tech.
F	65+	D	Y	Weld	High water usage, noisy facilities, does not increase employment opportunities.
F	65+	D	Y	Weld	There don’t seem to be enough controls
F	65+	D	Y	Weld	It can be misleading if used incorrectly.
O	18-34	O	Y	Weld	It takes up so much water. We are in a drought. All of the people whose lives have been lost and homes have been decimated by wildfires are directly impacted by the severe mismanagement of water resources. We don't need to add more demand for water with useless AI datacenters. There are some good applications for AI in terms of research, especially in cancer treatment development. Generative AI is meaningless and raises so many ethical quandraries with respect to proper source citation, peer reviewing, accurate information, and many more. It's insidious. We need to endevour to make our research and our public knowledge accurate and objective, not steeped in predjudice and language learning models hallucinating sentences. The additional phenomena of vulnerable populations talking to AI chatbots and being told unsafe information should alone lead to more legislation or at least some levels of oversight on the field. The enshittification of technology is ridiculous.
M	45-54	O	Y	Weld	Don’t want data centers all over and people need to use their brains.
M	45-54	O	Y	Weld	Because FUCK AI is why
F	18-34	R	Y	Weld	It takes away humans’ need to think for themselves or search out answers. And it steals from genuine creativity. Additionally, the resources required to power data centers is unsustainable and excessive.

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F	35-44	R	Y	Weld	I feel that people are too busy being afraid of the tool to understand how to be active contributors to an end result wherein we don't need to be afraid. Honestly, AI is "overly simplified" no more than a tremendous link on link of IFTTTs put together logically and more efficient than human brains can. It could be the greatest contributor to our becoming StarTrek utopian citizens of One Earth & then we can even have interstellar conversations, but greed must be sidestepped in same breath and I am not certain the common people get how easy the shift can be. My "unfavorable" opinion of AI is more of societal norms than of AI
F	45-54	R	Y	Weld	Job loss
M	45-54	R	Y	Weld	Risks of destroying jobs Risks of machines taking over world as in The Matrix or Terminator. Testing has repeatedly shown that there are no effective safety protocols on these AI models
F	55-64	R	Y	Weld	What it was supposed to be helping me with, it kept making errors in the words or changing words to make it something easier for it to understand but changing the whole meeting of what was being requested.
F	65+	R	Y	Weld	We need to use our own brains and not rely on technology
F	18-34	U	Y	Weld	It takes away peoples critical thinking skills and creativity. It also puts a huge demand on resources
F	18-34	U	Y	Weld	It's a huge amount of resources wasted. It takes away jobs. It becomes a crutch for people.
F	18-34	U	Y	Weld	I hate it. It's terrible for the environment, for humans and will ultimately be the end of our humanity. It's using water we don't have and is unregulated and out of control. Billionaires are profiting off of all of us and forcing this on society- WE DO NOT WANT THIS
M	18-34	U	Y	Weld	The way in which Ai has been handled makes me deeply worried moving forward with it so quickly. There have already been cases showing negative effects on mental health, the environment, and education. Not to mention the amount of job destabilization it has created. The negative impacts of ai thus far have severely out weighed any benefits
O	18-34	U	Y	Weld	I am against generative ai for its unregulated destruction of the environment and its unregulated integration into education, politics, etc. Ultimately, it allows people to be fed misinformation and fosters a lack of media awareness and research skills.
F	35-44	U	Y	Weld	We do not enough about the long term ramifications. I prefer for HUMANS to have any job an ai can do
F	35-44	U	Y	Weld	Drau
M	35-44	U	Y	Weld	It's just used to make shitty art, help people outsource their thinking to become dumber, not to mention the nefarious things it can and is being used for
F	45-54	U	Y	Weld	It can give misleading and inaccurate information. It is good for short, quick answers but lacks depth needed for long, complex answers.

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M	55-64	U	Y	Weld	Why do we need itt today. wh as t benefits does it provide me in my everyday life. so far it is not saving anyone money. it is not making me any money. it is too young to allow for everyday items. no real use case has been provided that is useful for me.
F	65+	U	Y	Weld	Can't tell fake from real
M	65+	U	Y	Weld	Electricity demand and water use