

Artificial intelligence

Creating counterfeit digital people risks destroying our civilisation.

Democracy depends on the informed (not misinformed) consent of the governed.

By allowing the most economically and politically powerful people, corporations, and governments to control our attention, these systems will control us.

Counterfeit people, by distracting and confusing us and by exploiting our most irresistible fears and anxieties, will lead us into temptation and, from there, into acquiescing to our own subjugation.

Daniel Dennett, *The Atlantic*, May 16, 2023