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# It's Destroying Our Jobs!

Impacts of Media Framing on Prior Knowledge and Intention to Use Generative AI

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# **OVERVIEW OF STUDY**

- We are interested in understanding people's intention behind using or avoiding generative artificial intelligence
- We believe prior knowledge, created from media narratives, plays a significant role in the intention to use the tool.
- The Integrated Behavioral Model provides a good framework for studying behaviors
- We propose a laboratory experiment where participants will be primed and then asked to complete a task with the option to use Al

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# **STUDY RATIONALE**

### BREAKTHROUGHS



There has been an increase in chatbots such as ChatGPT. More public and private entities are exploring the uses of generative AI for more efficient communication and productivity.

### SLOW UPTAKE

While generative Al continues to show promising results for increasing human productivity, user uptake remains slow. The media has exacerbated some user hesitancy.

#### **PRIOR KNOWLEDGE**

Using software is a behavior. But studies have not taken this approach to testing AI. Our study further tests the boundaries of IBM by asserting that prior knowledge and attitudes developed through media representations can impact on intention.



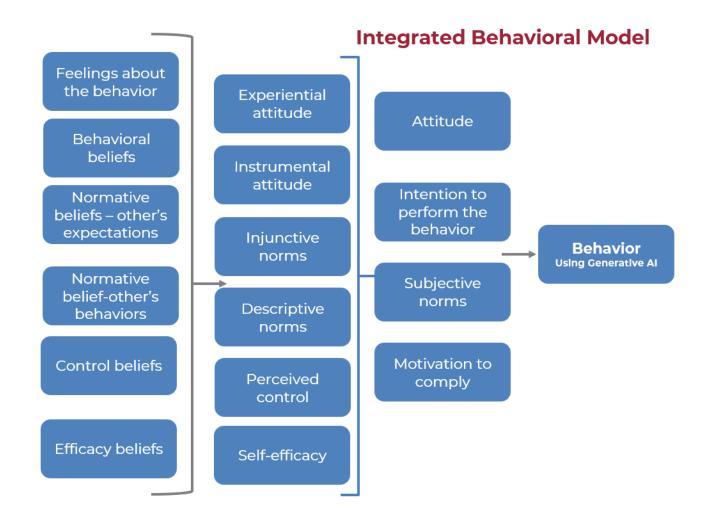
### KNOWLEDGE GAPS

Communication scholarship on generative Al is steadily forthcoming, but many gaps. No studies that investigated the intention. Understanding the intention can help with mitigating fears.



# THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

- IBM: Attitude toward the behavior, self-efficacy, and perceived norms can all impact intention
- Prior knowledge: People approach tasks and learning with facts, concepts, models, perceptions, beliefs, values, and attitudes, influencing how they filter and interpret incoming information
- The extent to which individuals can use their prior knowledge to construct new knowledge effectively is heavily dependent on the nature of the prior knowledge. Can be accurate or inaccurate
- Prior knowledge and intention go hand-in-hand





## **MEDIA FRAMING**

- Media framing and agenda setting are key components that shape subjective norms.
- The media's presentation of information on generative AI, as destructive or constructive, creates social comparisons between those who utilize it and those who do not
- These media frames build on one's prior knowledge of generative Al

# **HYPOTHESES**

H<sub>1</sub>: Prior knowledge on generative AI formed by positive media frames will have a positive impact on one's intention to use the software.

H<sub>2</sub>: Prior knowledge on generative AI formed by negative media frames will have a negative impact on one's intention to use the software.



# PRELIMINARY DATA ANALYSIS

### 2022 Ada Lovelace Institute Data

#### **Table 1: Study Population**

Demographics	n=4012, %
Male	1912, 47.7%
Age, years (mean, SD)	48.1, 17.2
Age, years	
16-24	343, 8.5%
25-34	709, 17.7%
35-44	741, 18.5%
45-54	692, 17.3%
55-64	696, 17.4%
65-74	513, 12.8%
75+	318, 7.8%

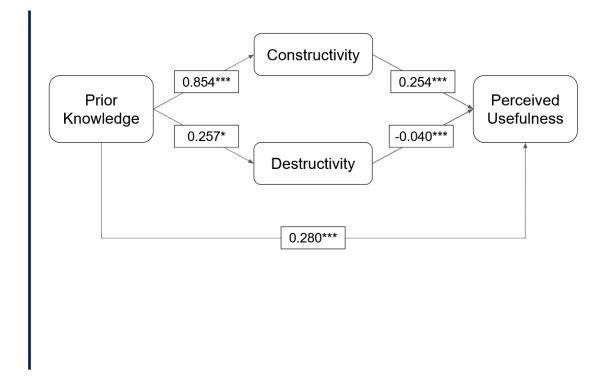
Education	
No degree	284, 7.08%
Some degree	2156, 53.7%
Professional degree	1562, 38.9%

- Preliminary H<sub>1</sub>: The level of prior knowledge regarding uses of Al has a significant positive impact on the perceived usefulness of Al overall
- Preliminary H<sub>2</sub>: The relationship between prior knowledge and perceived usefulness is mediated by the believed constructivity and/or destructivity of Al as a technology

### PRELIMINARY DATA ANALYSIS RESULTS

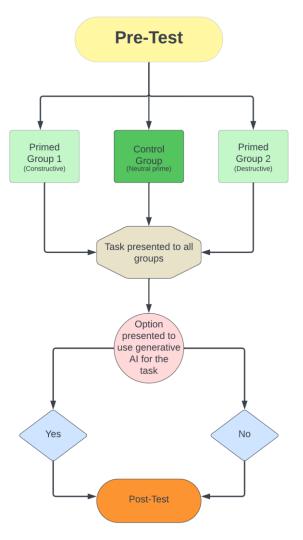
Table 2: Two models predicting the relationship between Prior Knowledge and Perceived Usefulness

	Model 1, simple		Model 2, me	Model 2, mediating effect		
Variable	β	SE	β	SE		
Intercept	5.57**	0.395	3.36**	0.342		
Age	-0.01**	0.003	-0.004	0.002		
Sex	0.239**	0.103	0.025	0.074		
Ethnicity	0.035	0.074	0.044	0.053		
Education	0.002	0.025	-0.022	0.012		
Constructivity			0.289**	0.005		
Destructivity			-0.097**	0.003		
Prior Knowledge	0.461**	0.026	0.280**	0.019		
	R <sup>2</sup> = 0.084	R <sup>2</sup> = 0.084		R <sup>2</sup> = 0.532		
	n= 3976		n= 3974	n= 3974		
bolded with ** indicated statistical significance (p<0.05)						

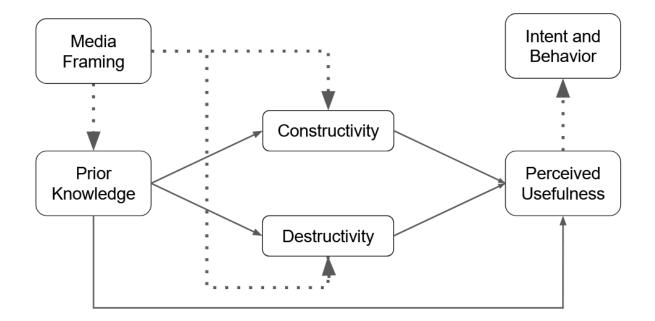




# EXPERIMENT DESIGN



### **PROPOSED MEDIATION MODEL**





# CONSIDERATIONS & CONCLUSION

The study will be beneficial for understanding why and how people choose to use AI.

The results support a relationship between knowledge and perceived usefulness, mediated by attitudes, but do not consider prior knowledge and media frames.

# **THANKS!**

# **Questions?**

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