

## Freedom on the Internet and Artificial Intelligence. Proposed Guidelines with Usage

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### Abstract

Accountability and responsibility are integral parts of freedom. Anonymous articles are spurious and dilutes credibility of freedom. Artificial intelligence as a mechanical modern tool, often lacks judgment and common sense. Broadcasting anonymous narratives should be banned, or the owners and chief editors of internet cyber platforms will be held responsible for the consequences of published items. The use of A.I. in all media should be indicated by symbols like @&, an ampersand and an at.

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### Abbreviations

A.I.: Artificial Intelligence; C.I.M: Cyber Internet Media.

### Introduction

Freedom-from, and freedom-to, is always coupled with responsibility and accountability. Personal discretionary decisions determine how we live, love, thrive and survive [1]. Corporate missions and responsibility should not diverge from personal responsibility and obstruct social progress [2]. Over centuries, many discoveries and innovations, derived from those who disagree with accepted dogmas and enshrined interpretations, explained with perceived reason and/or evidence, why changes were needed [3]. Electronic technology procured the introduction global Internet networks that have provided numerous platforms for communication, expressions and dissemination of interests, information and ideas. Unfortunately these broadcasting services also allowed disinformation, mendacity and destructive social influences, to impact media, often with unwanted, undesirable and destructive effects [4]. This has precipitated many crises and challenges for users and internet owners, and has forced governments, owners and users to reassess how to optimally manage or at least constrain, evolving problems derived from abuse of the new electronic media [4]. Among the many services of computerized electronic media is the introduction of Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) which has been a boon for collecting, interpreting and creating insights, understandings and interpretation from known published data, but has precipitated new encounters relating to credibility, common sense, and judgments.

### Aim of the Study

This commentary proposes that any and all published data on cyber internet media (C.I.M.) platforms should have the original responsible authors and their contact data indicated, that anonymous publications be banned, and that whenever artificial intelligence output is used, the A.I. input is indicated with universally accepted unique cyphers, &@ an ampersand and an at.

## Discussion

### Anonymous articles

Freedom of speech and freedom of the press are intimately linked. Freedoms come with responsibility and accountability; freedoms-to, and freedoms-from is a tripod that is interdependent, and one entity cannot stand without the support of the other two entities. While speech is ephemeral, subject to nuance, context and recollection, and may be distorted or misquoted, any permanent fixed media remains stable, and recorded for posterity. Consequently notions, arguments, visuals and narratives that can be objectively assessed, managed, can be re-experienced at will, and are subject to closer scrutiny. Accordingly, printed words, or recorded videos are made, and publications, libraries and depositories of information exist. But it is accepted as a universal fact that words and ideas have consequence, and for that reason, dispersion of information should not be anonymous, and always indicate who is the responsible author. Should an item not have a corresponding author who is accountable and responsible for the content,... The owners and Chief controlling Editor of that C.I.M. platform... must/will be held accountable for the publication and any consequences arising or deriving from it. It is the duty of owners and controlling C.I.M. Editors to ensure the sources of contributors are clearly stated, and just as the data/information is freely available, so too should the originators be. Anonymous data should not be allowed onto open freely accessible broadcasting platforms. Sources with responsible authors accountable for them must be indicated. Also, if published material leads to proven abuse, the offensive material should be removed; failure to do so implicates the owners and Editors of C.I.M. as being collectively responsible for the content.

### Artificial intelligence

A.I. is an electronic construct set up with attempts to function as a prescient, thinking human brain. Data and uses, correlations, commentaries, associations and interpretations are feasible, though presently (2024), not always reliable in terms of discretion, emotional judgements or common sense. The A.I. output depends on the accuracy of the words chosen by the user of the A.I. engine, in the instruction. This is acceptable but users of A.I. should indicate output from A.I. as a product with a symbol. Just as quotes from humans are done with "Inverted Commas" and authors referenced. Like "To be, or not to be...that is the question..." from Macbeth by Shakespear.

A.I. use could be indicated by &@, an ampersand and an at. For example, if A.I. interprets "To be or not to be" as 'an existential dilemma is present in a speech from Macbeth by Shakespear'. This could easily alert the reader by scripting is as, &@ "To be or not to be" expresses an existential dilemma: is present in a speech from Macbeth by Shakespear.&@.

A.I. has facilitated procuring, processing and interpreting data and may well be of use as a fundamental base for authors on which to build their writing. These two symbols &@, closely juxtaposed indicate something extra (&) has been sourced, produced and derived from an internet (@) A.I. search-engine. Often excellent narratives with authors discretionary refinements are produced. But if A.I. was used, it should be ethically incumbent on the author to indicate that A.I. was used in the conception and writing. Authors' judgement calls will moderate, improve, edit and modify according to context and circumstance. A.I. does not always fulfill but often supplements or complements these requirements.

### Concluding Remarks

Recording the spoken word or creating new media for dissemination of ideas all contribute to the common cultural heritage of humankind. Ideas, words and images have consequences. Besides all the positive C.I.M. outcomes and results of these, personal, societal, national and political damaging traumas may also materialize, and these must be prevented or at least minimized. Those responsible for abuse of media must be held responsible and accountable for their actions.

Contentious A.I. content may also be indicated for the reader. Knowing that A.I. was used, may also alert the reader by using the &@ symbol to introduce doubt between fact and fiction. Eschewing absolute credibility or trust will be in order.

Banning all anonymous statements on Cyber Internet Media is essential, and owners of C.I.M. will be held accountable for anonymously published material. The suggested use of &@, like “inverted commas”, is proposed when Artificial Intelligence is used in composing intellectual constructs.

### Author’s Statement

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