AI persuasion and elections: what does the evidence say?

Intermediate · A few weeks · Free · Project idea

Online version: https://ai-safety-sandbox.vercel.app/projects/ai-persuasion-and-elections/

Summary

Separate hype from evidence: how persuasive are AI systems in practice, and what does that mean for elections and democratic debate?

Why it matters

Democratic erosion and persuasion are major societal-scale risks in the MINT bibliography. Calm, evidence-based analysis is rare and valuable.

What you will have at the end

An evidence review with a clear bottom line.

How to start (tick each box as you go)

- [ ] **1. Write your question in one sentence.**
- [ ] **2. Spend 30 minutes finding what has already been written about it.**
- [ ] **3. Collect evidence in a simple table: claim, source, how strong.**
- [ ] **4. Draft 1–2 pages: answer first, then reasons, then uncertainties.**
- [ ] **5. Ask one person to poke holes in it, revise, and share.**

Source and links

MINT Lab — AGI Governance Bibliography (Seth Lazar, ANU)
https://bibliography.mintresearch.org/

When you have finished

Write a few paragraphs on what you did, what you found and what you would try next, and share it with a friend, your society or online.

Courses, mentors, small grants and communities:
https://ai-safety-sandbox.vercel.app/next-steps/

Questions? Ask in AI Safety Cardiff University (AISCU): https://aiscu.org/

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