

AI in Production, Consumption and Regulation of Media: A Case Study Analysis

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Abstract: This paper explores the interdisciplinary impact that Artificial Intelligence (AI) has on media production, consumption, and regulation. The media industry is witnessing a rapid change because AI technologies are expanding and how content is being produced, shared, and tracked. The current paper discusses the consequences of automated content production, the effects of recommendation systems on user patterns, and how to approach ethical policies regarding AI moderation of media content. Through an AI case study, this study uncovers the impact of AI on the media ecosystem's changing structure and the implications for various stakeholders, namely content producers, consumers, and policymakers. Thus, methodologically, the study follows a qualitative case study analysis approach, analyzing the industry reports and literature to better understand the issue. It confirms the two sides of the phenomena while making a more efficient and good user experience, yet raises ethical concerns around unduly bias, pushing of false information, and privacy breaches. This paper improves the modes of AI regulation in the media industry to preserve all associated risks while ensuring the future of AI in media.

Key Words: AI in Media, Media Consumption, Media Production, Media Regulation, AI in Newsroom, Generative Media, Generative AI

Introduction

Considering the development of AI technology, it is clear that media creations have begun to run through new systems of production, consumption, and, paradoxically, even legislation. As digital technologies expand, the regulation that makes framework content delivery systems possible helps enable AI to come in and assist creative processes at increasing heavy. This paper aims to explore the impact of AI on the media industries in general and how it assists creatives in developing experiences tailored for different people simultaneously. It will further explore the impact of AI on the moderation of material and enforcement of copyrights by regulation. The purpose is to understand how AI can be introduced into media systems and its innovations to produce, consume, and govern media resources. This paper attempts to provide knowledge about the AI systems embedded in the media ecosystem and the potential ability of such technologies to reform the nature of media created and consumed in the foreign and complex digital landscape.

Overview of AI's Impact on the Media Landscape

Integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the media landscape, not only in how the media is created but also in how it is consumed, creates a shift of a different kind. Media companies reap the benefits because there is increased productivity as several production processes are given to AI technology to handle, which may quickly accomplish them. These changes profoundly affect the occupation of journalists and other content producers, as well as important ethical issues like the value and trust people should place in the

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information published (Antoniou et al., 2019). In addition, AI algorithms provide tailored recommendations, enhancing the personalization of subsequent viewings. However, viewing other important opinions and perspectives may be neglected. Such innovations must be carefully monitored for their impact on media policy since AI can unintentionally perpetuate stereotypes, misinformation, and biases. As other studies have pointed out, adopting new technology alone is insufficient, and care must be taken to prevent new problems from arising from old problems in the ever-changing world of media (Mcmanus et al., 2014).

Automation of Content Creation and Editing Processes

The cycle of creating and editing content is becoming increasingly automated, which suggests a change in how media is produced, and this comes with new benefits and challenges. In Uganda, where the adoption of AI in journalism is just 25%, there is real potential for improving efficiency and accuracy, but the integration is still held back due to inadequate technological infrastructure and a low level of AI understanding among journalists. Additionally, the dependence on such automatic systems for fact-checking or content writing shifting journalistic quality is one of the many reasons why media organizations should invest more in proper training and assistance. This issue is part of more significant sustainability considerations and the use of digital technologies by global companies looking for greener opportunities to tackle the challenges of industry 4.0 innovation (Ciulli et al., 2023). In summary, automating content processes requires more than investing in technology; it also requires changing how people are trained to ensure sustainable and high-quality media output.

Personalization of Content Delivery and User Experience

Advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) have led to the emergence of personalization of content delivery and user experience as defining features of contemporary media landscapes. AI algorithms can tap into large amounts of data, which can then, in turn, be used by the algorithms to do delivery based on the preferences of users, their habits while viewing, and the demographic, which are used to tailor those recommendations to better capitalize on consumer engagement. AI aids the generation of very personalized experiences. Thus, the content is more relevant and ever-accessible. As shown in the e-commerce sector, when AI helps systems process recommendation engines, the systems use optimized processes to intelligently recommend content to consumers through a tailored form of content presentation (Shishkova et al., 2024). Additionally, as digital environments such as the metaverse develop further, artificial human interaction creates unique opportunities for immersive experiences of the user's collaboration and support for collaborative creativity and innovation (Ibrahim et al., 2024). In the end, the integration of personalization in the use of media considerably improves user interaction, and it pushes content creators to review their approach to engagement on grounds that are becoming more and more competitive.

Challenges and Opportunities in Content Moderation and Compliance

The ever-changing digital media environment brings the challenge of content moderation, compliance, and the opportunity to use it for moderation purposes. Since large generative AI models (LGAIMs) such as ChatGPT are changing communication and creativity, the regulatory requirements for the attendant nuanced and risk-related issues must adapt (Engel et al., 2023). For example, LGAIMs propose that the actors in the AI value chain have different regulatory duties associated with different levels of required transparency and risk management responsibilities. The need for intelligent Mean Moderation is rising; platforms and communities are simultaneously allowing these decentralized communities to grow concurrently. (Axelsen et al., 2023). One of the risks of integrating AI into the moderation of content involves not only the approval of existing legislation but also offering alternative solutions that will advance content moderation, increase user experience, and create a safe digital environment. For this reason, collaboration between developers, regulators, and media production and regulation users must be fostered to fully benefit from AI's power in these fields.

To conclude, AI has a thoroughly transformative role in media — as a producer, a consumer, and a regulator — and significantly changes the production, consumption landscape, and regulatory framework. Tools for artificial intelligence improve content creation through automation, enabling the rapid

generation of news articles, videos, and even music, thus making the creation faster and reducing costs. In addition, AI determines how consumers consume media, as algorithms dictate recommendations to fit the individual consumer's preferences, creating better user experiences and echoing chambers. Looking at the future, the questions we think of are around AI: What ethical standards do we need to put in place to stop biases and misinformation when AI is involved? AI is poised to take the content from media to the next level of creation, to the next level of distribution, and from the next level of parameters for how it should be consumed as well as how accountability in transparency will be handled — to ensure that media continues to stay on its path of evolution on keeping up with social values and expectations.

Research Questions / Objectives

This study aims to explore the following research questions:

1. How has AI integration transformed media production processes, and what are the implications for content creators?
2. In what ways does AI-driven personalization influence media consumption patterns, and what are the potential societal impacts?
3. What are the primary regulatory and ethical challenges associated with AI in the media industry, and how can they be addressed?

By addressing these questions, the study endeavors to provide a holistic understanding of AI's impact on the media industry, offering insights that are pertinent to media professionals, technologists, policymakers, and society at large.

Literature Review

Artificial intelligence (AI) has almost entirely integrated into content production in terms of consumption patterns and the regulatory landscape of the media industry, all with its aid. Examining existing literature first regards AI in media production, second its influence on changing following user behavior, third in ethical and regulatory responsibilities, and finally, the gap that this case study fulfils.

AI in Media Production

Over the years, artificial intelligence in media production has ushered in revolutionary changes in almost all aspects of the industry. AI is automating routine tasks, such as video editing, audio mixing, and script analysis, increasing efficiency and also letting creative people work on artistic decisions. Considering all of this, it is important that with the services sector, where a lot of economic growth and improvement of personal well-being is being driven, the services sector plays a massive role in GDP formation and labor allocation (Britchenco et al., [2018](#)). Additionally, along with the introduction of AI tools, new content delivery systems and innovative storytelling techniques have been created, thus changing audience engagement. Within this ongoing discussion about what regulatory approaches are needed for AI in media production, events like the CREATE Festival remind us that the discussion should be filled with a balance of discussing the opportunities and challenges of this technology (Patterson et al., [2016](#)).

It has automated content creation for media and enhanced personalization. Natural language processing algorithms powered journalism is automated, meaning that news articles on data-driven topics, such as financial reports and sports events, can be generated quickly. An example of an organization that adopted AI was The New York Times, which integrated AI tools such as the Echo, which assists in summarizing articles and producing promotional content, resulting in higher efficiency for newsrooms (Weatherbed, [2025](#)). On the one hand, it raises concerns over the quality and authenticity of AI-generated content laced with biases in training data that leave stereotypes and misinformation intact (Shah, [2024](#)).

AI's influence goes beyond text and into multimedia content creation. For artists and filmmakers, the new tools are coming in the form of AI-powered platforms for generating highly detailed images and videos. Thanks to these technologies, storytelling is redefined, and new paths are opened to express the creative. However, it raises questions about authorship and intellectual property rights issues as humans and machine-generated art is becoming less distinguishable (Florida, [2024](#)).



AI's Impact on Media Consumption Patterns

The advent of artificial intelligence (AI) has significantly transformed media consumption patterns, reshaping how audiences engage with content. With AI-driven algorithms, platforms can now analyze user behavior and preferences to deliver personalized content recommendations, which enhances user engagement and satisfaction. This tailored approach not only drives content consumption but also fosters a feedback loop where user's habits become the basis for further algorithmic adjustments. Additionally, the ability to predict and influence consumer behavior through AI raises concerns about autonomy and the potential for manipulation, reminiscent of problems observed in other domains, such as drug use disorders where a staggering 0.6 percent of the global adult population suffers from harmful consumption patterns (N/A, 2017). Furthermore, as media consumption increasingly aligns with peak demand periods, economic factors similar to those affecting livestock pathogens also play a crucial role in shaping the flow of information and content (Delabougliose et al., 2017).

AI-driven recommendation systems have become essential to providing personalized media consumption experiences. Streaming services and social media sites use algorithms to learn about user data and the content that will engage and keep the users more. Research demonstrates that AI-powered recommendation algorithms increase user interaction and content consumption (Shah, 2024). More specifically, echo chambers are presented with the same kind of content that conforms to users' pre-existing beliefs, reducing exposure to diverse perspectives and reinforcing societal polarization (Elahi et al., 2021).

Besides privacy issues, many data sets need to be customized to make recommendations for different people. Harvesting personal information without the holder knowing what they have agreed to allows users to do this without knowing. That level of missing transparency and breaching of data usage is necessary for effective regulatory frameworks.

Regulatory Challenges and Ethical Concerns

Examining the significance of artificial intelligence (AI) integration into media regulation is important. However, as AI technologies become increasingly popular in media practice, they have challenges that concern ethical issues: algorithmic bias and data protection requirements. Many organizations have AI implementations that are based on the principles of Fairness, Accountability, and transparency (FAT) while adhering to regulations that call for responsible data management and ethical use of AI (Addis et al., 2020).

Additionally, digitalization undoubtedly shapes media professionals' performance within the labor market's transformation, a scenario that makes policy forming necessary to develop an equilibrium regulatory environment (Dhéret et al., 2019). Therefore, designing strong media regulation frameworks for the meaningful use of AI is critical so that the new technologies may serve public interests, protect individual rights, and promote ethical media practices.

While the technology has advanced rapidly, ethical guidelines and regulatory measures for enabling AI to advance rapidly in media have moved accordingly. The second big ethical challenge is algorithmic bias. Due to the information in the training data, the AI systems produce the outcomes of prejudiced information and may push for discriminatory content supply and moderation (Shah, 2024). In addition, AI-generated content has become so popular with circulating misinformation, as automated systems can create and spread fake and misleading information without enough watches (Du, 2024).

Balancing the protection interests with the nurturance of public interests is a delicate maneuver that has to be juggled by the regulatory bodies. A few efforts are afoot to devise AI governance frameworks, such as data privacy, transparency, and accountability. Yet, thanks to this, designating comprehensive and flexible regulations has proven difficult in the setting of a dynamic AI technology (Valor, 2025). Thus, social media platforms owned by their owners attract concerns about the integrity of the global information space, which requires closer regulation or scrutiny of such media (Tang, 2024).

Conclusion

Finally, the advent of the AI era in the digital sphere means profound changes in media production and consumption and the regulation of media content. AI optimizes user experiences by creating content that

fits consumers liking and automates content creation by enhancing through predictive analytics and automation. On reflecting upon the emerging trends, it is necessary to be aware of the risks of the invasions of privacy and breaches of security within the scope of developed technologies, namely the metaverse (Wang et al., 2022). However, with that comes some challenges about its scalability and trust (Yogesh K Dwivedi et al., 2022). In these complexities, stakeholders must come together and establish suitable frameworks to protect the users while encouraging the development of media consumption patterns. Future research might help balance technological advancement versus an ethical realm where cyberspace is safe for everybody.

Previous literature on AI's role in media production and consumption is useful at highlighting some of how AI gets used in the media, but it has some gaps, which the new study has filled. There is a need for empirical research on how AI will affect users' behavior, how it will be altered over the long term, and how society will discuss AI. Additionally, developing good regulatory regimes for the AI ecosystem, which responds to the ever-changing environment of AI, seems to have been a little-researched area. Consequently, this case study aims to fill these gaps by deliberating on how AI influences the media industry and putting forward possible ways to have a regulated discussion on AI to separate the positives from the negatives of this technology.

Methodology

The case study analysis approach is adopted to study the role that AI plays in the production, consumption, and regulation of media. AI as a real-world phenomenon can be explored from many dimensions through the use of the case study method, which is appropriate for exploring AI's impact from the media industry dimension. (Yin, 2018).

Data Sources

The primary data sources for the study are two authoritative industry reports.

1. "State of the Media Market 2024" by Arthur D. Doctor Little details how AI powers virtual production, content production, and efficiency in media operations (Arthur & Little, 2024).
2. A brief from the Reuters Institute, 'Journalism, Media and Technology Trends and Predictions 2024,' reflects AI's disruptive power in information dissemination and the requirement of transparent, ethical standards for its application (Reuters Institute, 2024).

Data Collection and Analysis

Data will be systematically extracted from these reports, focusing on AI's impact on media production, consumption patterns, and regulatory frameworks (Braun & Clarke, 2006). Case Study analysis will be employed to identify recurring patterns and trends, enabling a nuanced understanding of AI's influence on the media landscape (Creswell & Poth, 2017). The findings will be cross-referenced with existing academic literature to ensure a comprehensive analysis.

Limitations and Ethical Considerations

This is further restricted by the fact that the study is limited by insights from only the two industry reports, and thus, the generalizability of these findings may be limited. Ethical issues to be considered are keeping the data interpretation and representation of the industry's opinion accurate. Through case study methodology, this method enables a robust look at how AI can transform the media sector through robust data analysis techniques supported by genuine industry sources.

Discussion

The impact of artificial intelligence on the media industry has brought about far-reaching changes across the production, consumption and regulatory aspects of the media industry. This paper, drawing on literature regarding the State of the Media Market, 2024 by Arthur D. Little and Journalism, Media, and Technology Trends and Predictions 2024 by the Reuters Institute, offers a descriptive analysis of the study's findings, examines the implications thereof and offers theoretical and practical contributions.



Interpretation of Findings

AI has changed media's production and operational workflows with its infusion into media production. As Arthur D. Little highlighted, this shift is best seen in the adoption of gaming technologies into film production that provides for better visual storytelling and more efficient processes as a result of virtual production. Beyond providing creative possibilities, there is added efficiency due to speed and capabilities that were not previously available. It is such a paradigm that promises the progress of AI as a catalyst for operational optimization and AI as a creative collaborator.

AI-driven personalization has completely redefined user engagement in terms of media consumption. A recommendation algorithm curates content according to user preferences to increase user retention and satisfaction. The Reuters Institute acknowledges that there is a simultaneous issue around AI-generated content proliferating, which leads to concerns over information authenticity and the possibility of echo chambers stemming from users continuing to be exposed to homogeneous perspectives. As the implications of such a dynamic require the critical evaluation of the role of AI in determining where public discourse goes and the diversity of information consumption, this raises a significant concern.

The fast evolution of AI in the media has predominantly placed regulatory frameworks under stress. According to the Reuters Institute, such standards of transparency for the use of AI are needed for industry in general, but even more so for content generation and dissemination. Moreover, the biggest challenge for policymakers, as they say, relates to the ethics of AI, such as content moderation with biases, spreading false information, etc. These problems require attention to a tight balance between innovation and accountability, and AI deployment is consistent with the principles and values of society.

Implications for the Media Industry, Policymakers, and Society

AI is, on one hand, the media industry and, on the other, a double-edged sword. It is the opportunity to innovate the content creation to reach the audience on one hand. However, it also demands investments in new technologies and upskilling the workforce to operate in an AI-reinforced environment. In order to be relevant concerning the continuous growth of the AI industry, media organizations need to evolve their strategy of integrating their presence while maintaining their journalistic integrity and content quality.

The challenge for policymakers is uniquely powerful thanks to the very real risk of bias and misinformation and the creative potential for AI innovation. The Reuters Institute notes that this proactive stance entails the call for common transparency standards in integrating responsible AI. In the evolving AI landscape, regulatory bodies must interact with industry stakeholders, technologists and the public to make the frameworks robust and adaptable enough to deal with the changing AI landscape.

AI's involvement in public opinion and democratic processes is seen in social media consumption patterns. Contents are customized at the cost of user experience and may unintentionally encourage the creation of information silos. This raises the point about media literacy campaigns intended to help people critically analyze AI-curated content and seek information from other sources.

Theoretical Contributions and Practical Significance

This theorizes about the interplay of technological innovation and content dynamics and thus contributes to a theory around AI and media. It helps deepen the understanding of how AI remolds media content production and the philosophical aspects underlying what we receive and consume in information dissemination.

The insights derived from this analysis are ultimately actionable from a practical standpoint, giving the layperson, media practitioner, and policymaker actionable guidance. For industry professionals looking to integrate AI, the best way to adopt it is by integrating technological prowess with ethical practices and preserving audience trust. The findings advocate for appropriate regulations for the media sector in the context of AI, which would inform and encourage transparency, accountability, and inclusivity regarding applications of AI.

AI integration in media creates a framework containing exciting prospects, bringing various complications to manage. Stakeholders who adopt critical analysis about AI can create innovative ethical and respectful-of-diversity values-based media ecosystems that they can navigate together.

Conclusion

This study has taken a view of the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the space of media production, consumption and regulation through the lens of industry insights from *State of the Media Market, 2024* (Arthur D. Little) and *Journalism, Media and Technology Trends and Predictions 2024* (Reuters Institute). The media production key findings show that, on the one hand, AI boosts efficiency and creativity and, on the other hand, assigns user engagement a new look with personalized content consumption. They, however, also face the ethical challenge of what repercussions controlling the information will have in the ethics of data trading, echo chambers and content moderation biases.

The study advances our theoretical discourse in the broader sense of how technological innovation relates to converging media dynamics. This demonstrates how AI affects information dissemination's epistemological bases and the functional functioning of media production. The findings are helpful for media practitioners to incorporate AI decently and ethically strategically. Finally, they also serve as a ground for governments to develop a practical regulatory framework that facilitates the use of such advances while ensuring transparency and accountability regarding the utilization of such AI applications.

This study is, however, limited. In particular, it relies on secondary data, which do not capture the details of the involvement and perceptions of media practitioners and audiences directly affected by AI integration. Secondly, the restriction of the study to macro-level analysis reduces the scope of the study to industry reports.

Future research should address these limitations using primary data collection through interviews or surveys of media professionals and consumers. Such comparative studies across different cultural contexts would offer more insightful accounts of AI's global reach regarding media practices. Future research must examine how AI-managed information networks affect society over extended periods and how we can create moral guidelines to fight incorrect data alongside prejudice in these systems.



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