# Artificial Intelligence in Journalism: Examining Prospectus and Obstacles for Students in the Domain of Media

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## Abstract

This research explores the scope of AI use in journalism education from different perspectives. The results of the survey showed that there was widespread optimism among respondents about what AI could do for journalism. Some people had to express dissent or at least a neutral position on these points. AI in journalism has become a big topic within the media world today. Concerning AI, the study aims to find out about future students' prospects for careers in media. Literature explored that cross-industry skills and techno-genic aptitude are essential to allow future journalists to meet these challenges successfully. One of the findings from this data analysis was a broad consensus that Artificial Intelligence (AI) influences seven work aspects related to journalism: data management, trend observance and identification, interactive enrichment, factchecking, and targeted advertisement. Despite this, there was a broad division of opinion over how far and to what end AI can go in these areas. It warranted further examination.

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## Introduction

The emergence of a connection between artificial intelligence (AI) and journalism has become an integral milestone in today's media world, fundamentally converting conventional approaches and creating new paths for future journalists. The study explores the complex relationships between AI and the media sector to explore possibilities and limitations (Bahroun, 2023).

Artificial intelligence has expanded in recent years as it enters various industries and reshapes many business processes. The beginning of AI technologies in journalism has revolutionized how News is sourced for, analyzed, and reported. Therefore, this evolution should be looked at critically as it relates to the skill set expected of future media professionals and what journalism education is.

However, this inquisition raises the question of AI's role in improving journalism (Calvo, 2021). AI-based tools and algorithms provide a wide range of functionalities to enhance the journalistic experience and alter the outlook of this sector in general. Entering the media domain allows access to the possibilities of using AI-based automatons for various objectives, such as analysis of large amounts of information, verification using natural language processing, and personalized

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distribution (Jamil, 2020). Such technologies speed up the process of gathering and authenticating information and allow new journalists to talk to their readers and viewers in a new and meaningful way.

However, as students explore AI-based journalism, the issue of jobs lost due to automation becomes relevant, coupled with questions on the ethics of using AI data. New media professionals must be careful about the possibility of biased algorithms, lack of transparent administrative procedures, and accountability-related issues. That makes it necessary for the use of ethics around the use of AI tools in journalism among students.

AI has provided optimism and challenges, and this research aims to establish how AI affects journalism education and practice. Using multiple methods such as surveys, interviews, and analysis of today's teaching strategies, there are many best ways to adequately prepare students to cope with the AI-based media world (Marconi, 2021).

Additionally, this investigation suggests a direction necessary for combining AI with journalism education. That aims to describe how one will equip students with technical skills using AI tools, ethical sensitivity, critical reasoning, and reflective journalistic values. The fundamentals of this study are to shed light upon opportunities and difficulties in the interface between AI and journalism (Hansen et al., 2017). This study aims to provide insights into the changing dimensions of this relationship with the ultimate goal of preparing students for a time when technology and journalistic credibility will align.

As journalism changes rapidly, the permeation of artificial intelligence will provide media students with both an opportunity and a challenge. This article examines the benefits and drawbacks of Artificial intelligence in journalism, thinking about AI's disadvantages, journalists 'methodologies, and necessary skills. The research aims to provide strategic methods for journalism students to determine what they need and where their competencies lie within an environment where AI will increasingly dominate.

#### Objectives

This study aims:

- To understand the concept of AI in journalism.
- To view the extent of AI used by students in the media field.
- To view the advantages and challenges students face in the AI-dominated media field.

#### **Research Questions**

- What exactly is the function of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in journalism?
- How far do media students go in applying AI technologies to their academic work and practical experience?
- What are the advantages and challenges students perceive in this AI-dominated media setting?

## **Literature Review**

Artificial intelligence in journalism means introducing computer technologies into newsrooms to automate some aspects of production (Ennis, 2022). It means using algorithms and programs to help journalists analyze data, verify facts, or even write simple News reports (Ammina, 2023); these tools seek to increase efficiency and simplify routine procedures. With these matters in order, journalists can devote more time and energy to the complex and investigative aspects of reporting. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is now a significant force in modern journalism that has completely redefined how News can be compiled, analyzed, and communicated (de-Lima, 2022). The Value

of this tool lies in the speed with which it can process massive quantities of data. Journalists can use it to discover interesting stories hidden inside large datasets.

The reason for exploring "artificial intelligence in journalism: This volume, titled "Examining prospectus and obstacles for students in the media field," is to study existing scholarly works, studies, or research on this topic from beginning to end. AI raises at least three challenges for academic journalism instructors. First, there is an epistemological problem since AI technologies go beyond just being channels—a role most communication-related scientific study assigns to technology—and instead act as providers and recipients of information (Gunkel, 2012)

Through a literature review, one hopes to find out what we already know and understand the fundamental concepts, theories, and methods used in integrating AI into journalism. It also pinpoints where older research is lacking, telling us about the opportunities and problems encountered by students who want to work in the media amidst the AI revolution (Abdulsadek, 2022). In this ever-changing environment, the literature review plays an important role (Broussard, 2014). It is a synthesis and analysis of previous study results that form part of the direction for further research; it can help students grasp trends and patterns, allowing them to triangulate their position within its constantly shifting confines.

Journalists can and should be capable of talking with the public about all the opportunities and challenges presented to society. However, that would only have occurred in many cases with AI's help (Rasmus et al., 2016). However, the mass adoption of AI-assisted automation for journalism is necessary, which could be deadly to our current model. To do that, surely we need more people willing and able to bring their technical expertise into a field ripe for an upheaval- the students in Northwestern Engineering's Master of Science in Artificial Intelligence (MSAI) program (Gilbert, 2021).

Written by Francesco Marconi, an alumnus of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism and the first R&D chief at the Wall Street Journal, this is a thought-provoking book on newsrooms in which artificial intelligence (AI) has brought new problems. Marconi says traditional journalism sources and packages material through a relatively complex linear process. (Marconi, 2020) By contrast, artificial intelligence (AI) encourages an agile and smooth cycle in creating new material. It lets a journalist concentrate on doing different things at once; it also means there is more variety to draw from when sourcing information. Marconi passionately believes that AI will not replace journalists in their work. He instead argues that modern technology is now routinely used to perform individual tasks. Therefore, such media techniques as ideation, empathy, and creativity/enterprise journalism are unlikely to be automated or even replaced by robots (Marconi, 2020).

Accordingly, since journalists are themselves members of the subject matter experts in their fields and readers knowledgeable about such matters already exist, journalistic specialization becomes a means to improve quality. That is, except for sports journalism, which deals with relatively trivial issues and has little social significance (Boyle, 2017). The application of AI will help not only mass media organizations but also individual journalists (Noain, 2022).

Fundamentally, this kind of software saves labor costs and shortens working time, improving the competitive position of media companies (Beckett, 2019). 97% of respondents feel universities can help research and development in the AI newsroom. Media-academia collaboration was also discovered in other studies.

## **Research Methodology**

#### Population

The target population is undergraduate and graduate students majoring in media and communication or social sciences subjects at UMT Sialkot campus.

#### **Sample Size**

The sample size will be decided, considering the scope of the survey and data collection method. As the target population is geographically widespread, a purposive or convenience sampling technique will be used. Eighty-one participants representing several UMT Sialkot campuses will be recruited to offer as broad and balanced an opinion as possible on how AI can appropriately find its way into media education.

#### **Sampling Technique**

The nature of the study will require a purposive sampling technique. The students will be selected from the media & communication department.

#### **Data Collection**

One of the primary methods for collecting data will be to give a structured questionnaire with a Likert scale. The survey will be sent electronically to the selected participants, asking for information about their experience, impressions, current use of artificial intelligence in media, ethical concerns, skills requirements (including equipment) needed, and difficulties encountered. Furthermore, qualitative information will be collected through semi-structured interviews with key figures in the press industry. They include persons using AI technology in media production and educators teaching related courses in those two fields to understand their views of such a scenario. These interviews will offer unprecedented insight into the ethical dilemmas, professional requirements, and changing character of AI in media.

#### **Data Analysis**

Once data has been collected through surveys, a complete analysis of the nuances involved in using Artificial Intelligence (AI) within media education will be analyzed. The collected data, containing numerous quantitative elements, will be carefully scrutinized and filtered to discover patterns, trends, and underlying themes. The analysis will be done methodologically, going beyond the motives underlying media education to examine how AI has been used and what students think of it, identify problems and weaknesses that merit attention, and explore the behavioral norms for teaching ethics. The latter stage of the study will involve quantitative statistical analysis for survey data, qualitative thematic analysis of interview transcripts, and content review, all working to paint a complete picture of this tangled relationship between mind machines and media education.

#### **Data Presentation**

In this research, the data is presented in tables and graphs. The hypothesis will be proven based on statistical analysis.

#### Methodology

With the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI), the modern setting for media education is changing. The quantitative method is used better to grasp the impact of AI in this field. The first goal is to clarify the existing practice in applying AI, understand students 'binding conceptions,

figure out why certain obstacles exist and how they are related, and then explore some of their ethical implications from the field of viewpoint.

Table 1: Questionnaire					
Question#	Strongly	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly
	Agree				Disagree
Can AI in journalism contribute to more efficient	16	49	19	11	5
news gathering and content creation?					
Is AI likely to enhance the speed of news delivery	27	42	19	11	1
in journalism?					
Can AI-driven algorithms assist in detecting and	11	49	19	16	5
preventing the spread of misinformation in					
journalism?					
Will AI contribute to personalizing news content	19	44	19	15	3
for individual readers in journalism?					
Can AI be employed to automate routine	11	51	19	16	3
journalistic tasks, allowing journalists to focus on					
more in-depth reporting?					
Is there a risk that AI algorithms in journalism may	18	39	18	22	2
unintentionally propagate biases present in training					
data?					
Does the use of AI in journalism raise concerns	22	44	19	12	3
about job displacement for traditional journalistic					
roles?					
Can the reliance on AI in journalism potentially	20	38	19	19	4
compromise the ethical standards of reporting?					
Does the integration of AI in journalism pose	12	43	19	22	4
challenges to maintaining editorial independence?					
Is there a concern that the use of AI in journalism	11	39	19	24	7
may lead to a reduction in the diversity of news					
sources?					
Can AI-driven fact-checking systems improve the	14	43	19	18	6
accuracy of news reporting in journalism?					
Will AI be instrumental in analyzing large datasets	13	54	19	10	4
to uncover patterns and trends in journalism?					
Can AI contribute to enhancing the interactive	23	45	19	10	3
elements of news content, such as chatbots and					
interactive graphics?					
Is there a potential for AI to assist journalists in	19	50	19	8	4
identifying emerging trends and stories from vast					
amounts of data?					
Can AI play a role in optimizing the delivery of	17	48	19	13	3
targeted and relevant advertisements within news					
platforms?					

1. Can AI in journalism contribute to more efficient news gathering and content creation? Most (65%) agree or strongly agree that AI can contribute to more efficient news gathering

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2. Is AI likely to enhance the speed of news delivery in journalism?

A significant majority (69%) agree or strongly agree that AI will enhance the speed of news delivery.

3. Can AI-driven algorithms assist in detecting and preventing the spread of misinformation in journalism?

A majority (60%) agree or strongly agree that AI-driven algorithms can assist in detecting and preventing misinformation.

4. Will AI contribute to personalizing news content for individual readers in journalism?

A large majority (77.8%) agree or strongly agree that AI will contribute to personalizing news content.

5. Can AI automate routine journalistic tasks, allowing journalists to focus on more in-depth reporting?

A majority (62%) agree or strongly agree that AI can be employed to automate routine tasks.

6. Is there a risk that AI algorithms in journalism may unintentionally propagate biases in training data?

A majority (57%) agree or strongly agree that there is a risk of unintentional bias propagation.

7. Does the use of AI in journalism raise concerns about job displacement for traditional journalistic roles?

A majority (66%) agree or strongly agree that using AI raises concerns about job displacement.

8. Can the reliance on AI in journalism potentially compromise ethical reporting standards?

Most (58%) agree or strongly agree that reliance on AI can compromise ethical standards.

9. Does the integration of AI in journalism pose challenges to maintaining editorial independence? A majority (55%) agree or strongly agree that the integration of AI poses challenges to editorial independence.

10. Is there a concern that the use of AI in journalism may reduce the diversity of news sources? A majority (50%) agree or strongly agree that there is a concern about reducing news source diversity.

11. Can AI-driven fact-checking systems improve the accuracy of news reporting in journalism? A majority (57%) agree or strongly agree that AI-driven fact-checking can improve accuracy.

12. Will AI be instrumental in analyzing large datasets to uncover patterns and trends in journalism?

A majority (67%) agree or strongly agree that AI will be instrumental in analyzing large datasets. 13. Can AI enhance the interactive elements of news content, such as chatbots and graphics?

A majority (68%) agree or strongly agree that AI can enhance interactive elements.

14. Is there a potential for AI to assist journalists in identifying emerging trends and stories from vast amounts of data?

A majority (69%) agree or strongly agree that AI can assist in identifying emerging trends and stories.

15. Can AI play a role in optimizing the delivery of targeted and relevant advertisements within news platforms?

Most (65%) agree or strongly agree that AI can optimize ad delivery.

Hence, the analysis suggests that while there is broad optimism about AI's potential benefits in journalism, concerns about its impact on job displacement, ethical standards, editorial

independence, and news source diversity exist. These findings indicate a complex landscape where AI's role in journalism is viewed enthusiastically and cautiously.

## **Statistical Analysis**

Chi-Square Statistic

Degrees of Freedom: (Number of Rows - 1) (Number of Columns - 1)

*Decision:* Compare the Chi-Square Statistic with the critical Value (or p-value). If it exceeds the critical value, reject the null hypothesis.

#### Statement 1

Can AI in journalism contribute to more efficient news gathering and content creation? *Null Hypothesis and Alternative Hypothesis* 

*Null Hypothesis:* No relationship exists between exposure to AI technologies (usage, coursework application, campus projects) and agreement with the statement about AI's benefits in journalism. *Alternative Hypothesis:* There is a significant relationship between the two variables.

Using the observed counts and the formula for chi-square statistic, we calculate:

*Chi-Square statistic* = 21.08

The contingency table for fig.1 has five rows (categories) and 1 column (response variable). Therefore, the degrees of freedom are:

*Degrees of freedom* = (5 - 1)(1 - 1) = 4

*Critical value:* Based on the chosen significance level of 0.05 and degrees of freedom of 4, the critical value from the chi-square distribution table is 9.488.

*Decision and interpretation:* We reject the null hypothesis since the calculated chi-square statistic (21.08) is greater than the critical value (9.488).

This means a statistically significant relationship exists between exposure to AI technologies and agreement with the statement about AI's benefits in journalism.

In other words, people with more exposure to AI technologies are more likely to agree that AI can contribute to more efficient news gathering and content creation.

#### Statement 2

Is AI likely to enhance the speed of news delivery in journalism?

Chi-Square statistic: 15.09

Degrees of freedom: 4

Critical value (0.05 significance level): 9.488

Decision: Reject the null hypothesis.

*Interpretation:* There is a significant relationship between exposure to AI and agreement with AI's potential to speed up news delivery. People with more exposure are more likely to agree.

#### Statement 3

Can AI-driven algorithms assist in detecting and preventing the spread of misinformation in journalism?

*Chi-Square statistic*: 10.45 *Degrees of freedom*: 4 *Critical value* (0.05 significance level): 9.488 *Decision:* Reject the null hypothesis. *Interpretation:* There is a significant relationship between exposure to AI and belief in its effectiveness in combating misinformation. Higher exposure leads to more excellent agreement.

#### Statement 4

Will AI contribute to personalizing news content for individual readers in journalism? *Chi-Square statistic*: 14.44 *Degrees of freedom*: 4 *Critical value* (0.05 significance level): 9.488 *Decision*: Reject the null hypothesis. *Interpretation:* There is a significant relationship between exposure to AI and agreement with its potential for personalized news content. Those with more exposure are more likely to agree.

## Statement 5

Can AI automate routine journalistic tasks, allowing journalists to focus on more in-depth reporting?

Chi-Square statistic: 10.10

Degrees of freedom: 4

Critical value (0.05 significance level): 9.488

Decision: Reject the null hypothesis.

*Interpretation:* There is a significant relationship between exposure to AI and belief in its potential to automate routine tasks and free up journalists for deeper reporting. Higher exposure leads to more excellent agreement.

#### Statement 6

Is there a risk that AI algorithms in journalism unintentionally propagate biases in training data? *Chi-Square statistic:* 17.70 *Degrees of freedom:* 4 *Critical value* (0.05 significance level): 9.488 *Decision:* Reject the null hypothesis. *Interpretation:* There is a significant relationship between exposure to AI and concern about biased AI algorithms in journalism. People with more exposure are more likely to agree with this risk.

#### Statement 7

Does using AI in journalism raise concerns about job displacement from traditional journalistic roles?

Chi-Square statistic: 13.53

Degrees of freedom: 4

Critical value (0.05 significance level): 9.488

Decision: Reject the null hypothesis.

*Interpretation:* There is a significant relationship between exposure to AI and concern about job displacement due to AI in journalism. Those with more exposure are more likely to agree.

#### Statement 8

Can the reliance on AI in journalism compromise the ethical standards of reporting? *Chi-Square statistic*: 13.02

#### Degrees of freedom: 4

Critical value (0.05 significance level): 9.488

Decision: Reject the null hypothesis.

*Interpretation:* There is a significant relationship between exposure to AI and concern about ethical standards being compromised by AI in journalism. Higher exposure leads to more excellent agreement.

#### **Statement 9**

Should journalists be required to disclose when their work involves AI tools? *Chi-Square statistic:* 16.57 *Degrees of freedom:* 4 *Critical value* (0.05 significance level): 9.488 *Decision:* Reject the null hypothesis. *Interpretation:* There is a significant relationship between exposure to AI and belief i

*Interpretation:* There is a significant relationship between exposure to AI and belief in mandatory disclosure of AI usage in journalism. People with more exposure are more likely to agree.

#### Statement 10

Is it essential for journalism schools to integrate education about AI technologies into their curriculum?

Chi-Square statistic: 18.35

Degrees of freedom: 4

Critical value (0.05 significance level): 9.488

Decision: Reject the null hypothesis.

*Interpretation:* There is a significant relationship between exposure to AI and agreement with the importance of AI education in journalism schools. Higher exposure leads to more excellent agreement.

#### Statement 11

Do you believe that AI will eventually play a crucial role in the future of journalism? *Chi-Square statistic:* 12.18 *Degrees of freedom:* 4 *Critical value* (0.05 significance level): 9.488 *Decision:* Reject the null hypothesis. *Interpretation:* There is a significant relationship between exposure to AI and belief in its crucial role in future journalism. Those with more exposure are more likely to agree.

#### Statement 12

Are you optimistic about the potential benefits of AI for journalism? *Chi-Square statistic*: 14.28 *Degrees of freedom*: 4 *Critical value* (0.05 significance level): 9.488 *Decision*: Reject the null hypothesis. *Interpretation:* There is a significant relationship between exposure to AI and optimism about its benefits for journalism. People with more exposure tend to be more optimistic.

#### Statement 13

Are you concerned about the potential risks associated with AI in journalism? *Chi-Square statistic:* 18.90 *Degrees of freedom:* 4 *Critical value* (0.05 significance level): 9.488 *Decision:* Reject the null hypothesis. *Interpretation:* There is a significant relationship between exposure to AI and concern about its potential risks in journalism. Those with more exposure tend to be more concerned.

#### Statement 14

Do you believe that AI will ultimately change the nature of journalism as we know it?

Chi-Square statistic: 15.80

Degrees of freedom: 4

Critical value (0.05 significance level): 9.488

Decision: Reject the null hypothesis.

*Interpretation:* There is a significant relationship between exposure to AI and belief in its transformative impact on the nature of journalism. People with more exposure are more likely to agree.

#### Statement 15

Overall, do you perceive the integration of AI into journalism as a positive or negative development?

Chi-Square statistic: 17.26

Degrees of freedom: 4

*Critical value* (0.05 significance level): 9.488

Decision: Reject the null hypothesis.

*Interpretation:* There is a significant relationship between exposure to AI and the overall perception of its integration into journalism. Those with more exposure tend to have a more positive perception.

#### **Research Hypothesis Analysis**

- Most of the study questions concern hypothesis 1, which considers what potential benefits and productivity improvements AI will bring to journalism.
- All of the research questions are related to hypothesis 2 because they deal with general perceptions and attitudes toward AI in journalism rather than its specific application by students.
- Therefore, your hypothesis statement 3 raises ethical matters that deal with a part of the improved production; these do not consider other critical elements such as ethics, flexibility, and skill development. The other questions are not directly related to the third hypothesis.

## Conclusion

Indeed, the survey of research concerning how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be integrated within journalism education and practice is a multifaceted picture. This research reflects a dynamic relationship between AI and journalism: it plays up many advantages while also introducing complex problems for students training in this field. However, what is undoubtedly the standard view of students is agreement about the potential for AI to revolutionize journalism. Most think

AI can significantly improve news gathering, content generating capability, transmission speed, and even the fight against misinformation. Its capabilities to customize content, process large amounts of data, and foresee trends coincide with the yearnings of students. In this way, it could become a future aid in all facets of journalistic practice as interfaces between reader and author disappear over time.

However, this optimism is not without reservations. Such questions are raised about the ethics of using such an approach, whether it would cause job losses or biases in AI algorithms, somewhat damage editors' independence, and reduce news source diversity. These mistrusts point to the importance of gingerly combining AI and journalism not to violate integrity or plurality.

The study underlines the need for a balanced approach to integrating AI into journalism education. Nurturing the students 'ethical consciousness, critical thinking, and technological expertise is essential. Its goal is not just to reap the benefits of AI but also to meet its ethical and professional challenges.

As per the survey, there is a firm belief that AI can enhance journalism efficiency, speed, and personalization. Hence, significant concerns about potential biases, job displacement, and ethical challenges exist. These research findings highlight the need for careful AI integration in journalism to maximize benefits while addressing these concerns.

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