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Is The Use Of Anthropomorphised AI Robots Morally Problematic?

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Abstract

The paper explores the ethical concerns surrounding the use of anthropomorphised robots to replace (at least, some) interpersonal relationships. The main focus is the use of AI sex robots and their potential use in cases of rape. It discusses the harm prevention thesis, which suggests that allocating a potential offender's social energy towards robots could protect human victims. However, the paper critically assesses this argument, highlighting that inevitable social interactions still pose a risk, and that interaction with sex robots may reinforce harmful beliefs, creating epistemic bubbles. Ultimately, it concludes that while sex robots may offer some harm prevention, they also risk exacerbating societal dangers by reinforcing dangerous beliefs.

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