

Al Meet HR, HR Meet Al

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Agenda

- Al What is it?
- The Technology
- The New Legal Frontier
- The Good, the Okay, and Please Never Uses
- Best Practices



Why AI is not "just another technology"

Intelligence	Human Intelligence	Artificial Intelligence		
System	The body	Technology (servers, networks, applications, cloud, etc.)		
Components	Organs, parts of body	CPUs, memory, I/O devices		
Substrate	Carbon, oxygen, hydrogen, nitrogen, etc.	Silicon, copper, gold, oxygen, etc.		
	Biology	Technology		

Al is a simulation of human intelligence

- Learns
- Reasons
- Self-corrects



Think of AI as a race of aliens

- Vast knowledge
- Rapid processing
- Zero emotion
- Zero conscience
- Not one, but many



3 coming waves of AI

- 1. Enhancement
- 2.Replacement
- 3.Revolution



Find AI-enabled, industry-specific software

Finance

Marketing

Operations

Human Resources

















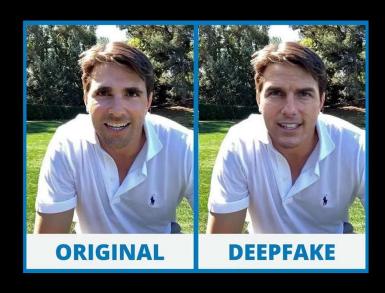






Be mindful of privacy and security

- Deepfakes https://beta.character.ai/
- Automated & Enhanced Phishing Attacks
- Al-Powered Malware



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Put human flourishing first





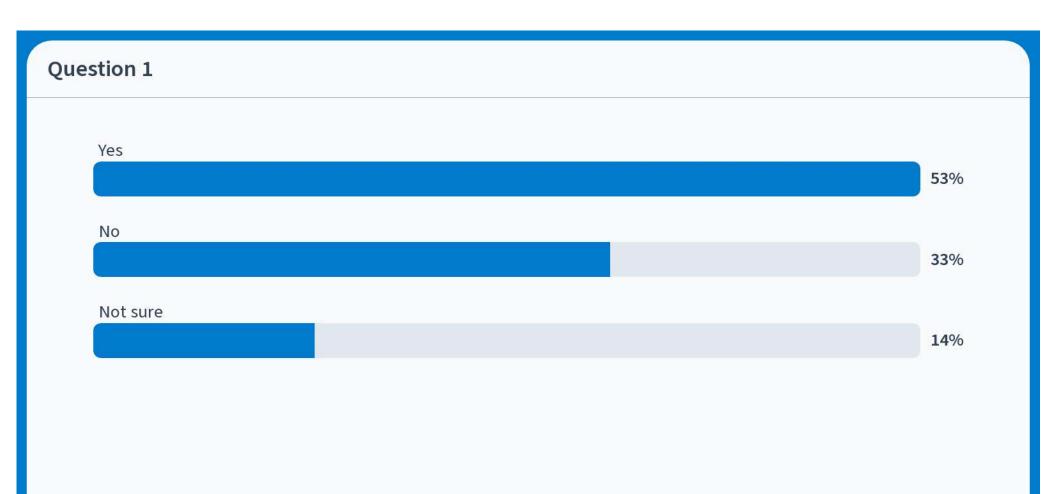
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Question 1

Do you regularly use artificial intelligence in your H.R./ People Manager professional life?





In which areas does HR currently utilize automation and/or AI?

*Question was select all that apply.



79%Recruitment and hiring



18%
Productivity monitoring



41%Learning and development



8%
Succession planning



38%
Performance management



4%
Promotion decisions



Broad HR Use

Source: SHRM

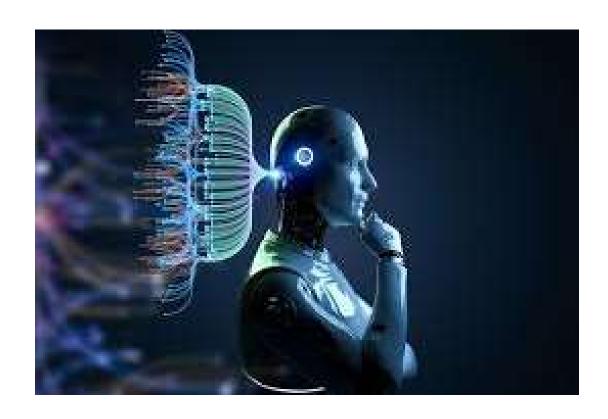
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Current Worker Usage

Al Fast Facts	Percentage of desk workers who have used Al for work	Percentage of desk workers who have used automation for work	Percentage of Al and automation users who are seeing productivity gains	How do you feel about the idea of Al and automation handling tasks from your current job?	What work- related tasks are Al tools most useful for today?	Which tasks would you most prefer to minimize or eliminate with the help of Al and automation?
	26%	34%	80%	42 [%] excited 31 [%] neutral 27 [%] concerned	Writing assistance Automation Summarization	Paperwork/data entry Updating of systems/files Writing summaries/ notes

Source: SHRM, Safesforce

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The Al Concern

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Question 2

Florist Gump uses Recruiting Tech. Inc. to hire a new marketing director for its nationwide campaign for the new Golden Curran(t) flower. 60 apply. Recruiting Tech. screens out/rejects 20 applicants because their backgrounds have an 80% misalignment with Florist Gump's recent preferences and hiring history.

Permissible or Impermissible

Question 2 Permissible 37% Impermissible 63%



Answer

- Possibly impermissible
- > It is unclear why the Recruiting Tech. rejected the 20 candidates other than the candidates appeared to have a material misalignment with "preferences" and "hiring history"
- Codes for discrimination



Potential Problem

Unless carefully trained and monitored, using AI for recruiting and hiring tends to reinforce social stereotypes and replicate existing workforce dynamics

- > Zip codes
- > Colleges
- > Backgrounds



Regulatory Oversight

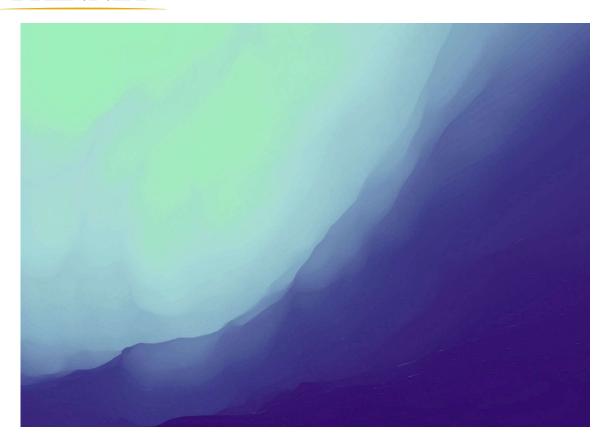
- EEOC Five Year Strategic Enforcement Plan (ends 2027) identified use of A.I. as the "next discrimination frontier"
- EEOC Highest priority of EEOC is combatting algorithmic discrimination
- NYC Automated Employment Decision Tool law
- Executive Order on Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of A.I.



Settlement of Lawsuit

- > August 2023 EEOC settled its first AI lawsuit
- Company called iTutorGroup paid a \$365,000 settlement after EEOC found that its recruiting tool "automatically rejected" female applicants over 55 and male applicants over 60.

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A.I. Language Models



The GOOD

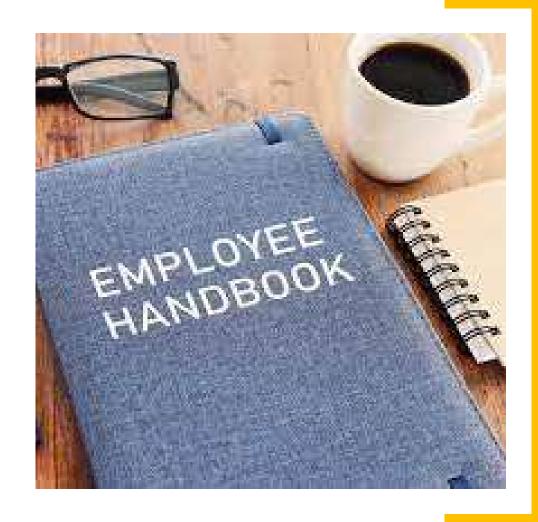
- > Optimal for non-personalized communications, general workplace policies (excluding anti-harassment/ retaliation and most safety), facilitating communications, and developing engagement initiatives
 - Cellphone policies
 - Safe driving policies
 - Clean kitchen policies
- > Eliminating repetitive tasks
- > Assisting with editing and tone

What are the key provisions for an effective inclement weather policy?

used information expectations location vacation judgement home communicate factor makes timing effect accwsd communication human types determines statedecisions does office paid notice conditions benefit choice employee closures delay snow advance essential vs cuse come decision definecall weather staff contentability time pay work
here... umbrellaclosed inclement compensation contingency culture behavior attebdancemiss making expected compensation contingency manager

Policy Examples

- Driving Policy
- Inclement Weather Policy
- Reimbursable Business
 Expenses





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Question 4

What is the *most*significant problem with
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unlawful organizational relevance impersonal platform inconsistent factor evaluation inaccurate specificity pulling consustency awareness generic legality honestybusiness CULTUPE legal cultural hippa secure leaves lawempathy statebias aws consistency nuance differ vaguecompliance bad feel lacking discriminatory alignment gray issues specific examples company customization policies sufficiency privacy judgement room



Answer

- >Perception and liability
- >Same issue with having an A.I. language model draft personalized or sensitive email communications
- Consider: How would a jury react to having an instrumental policy drafted by automated technology in seconds



Repetitive Task Usage

- > Emailing applicants for interview scheduling (not job offers)
- > Developing employee surveys
- > Developing interview questions
- >Creating performance reviews
- > Reminders for holidays and events
- >Basic memos



What about an LLM Policy. . .



Policy governing employee use of A.I. language model technologies for work-related purposes



Only 26% of companies have adopted

When is A.I. use encouraged, when is it tolerated, and when it is verboten?



The OKAY

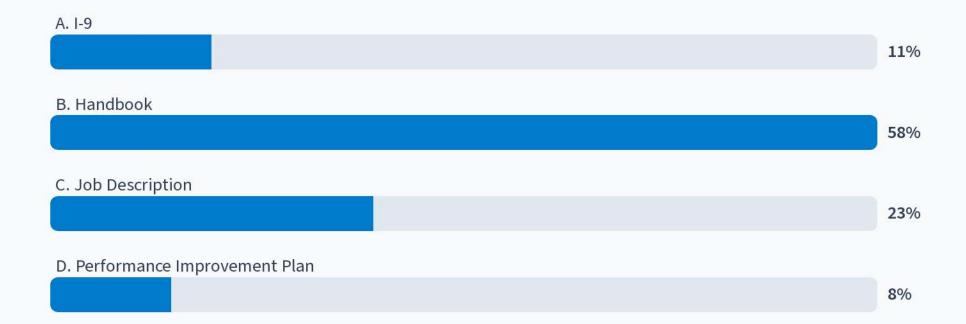
Policies, communications, and tasks that may require inspiration but also require tailored application, careful review, and conscientious input from the user

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Question 5

What is the most important HR / Employment related document for employee management?

Question 5





Answer

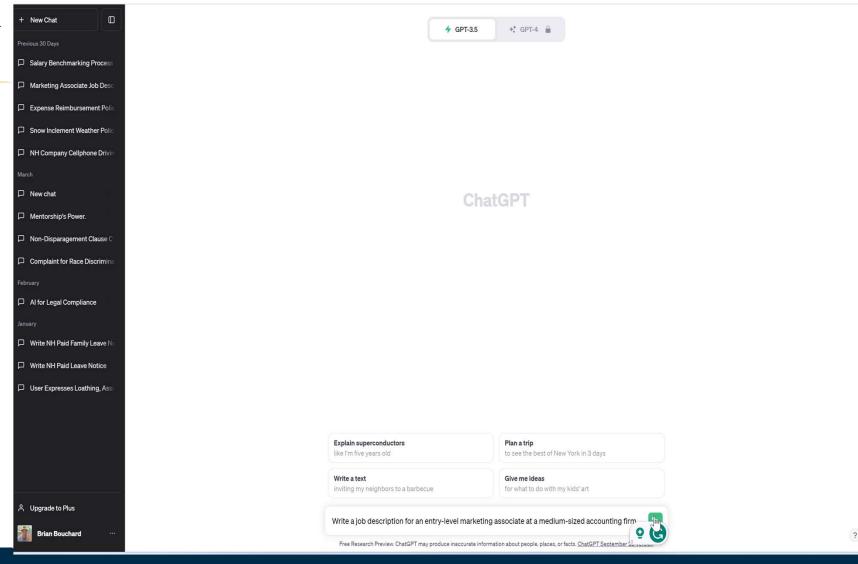
- > C. Job description
- A good job description will:
 - Set/communicate expectations
 - Establish essential qualifications
 - Carefully define "essential functions" of the position
 - Tailored to the position, location, and industry

Job title	
Add the title you a	ire hiring for
Compar	
Golden Phase	e
Workplace type	
Onsite	•
lob location 😝	
Phoenix, AZ	
lob type	
Full-time	-

Rated #1 in increasing quality of hire1









Other "Okay" Uses

- > Competency guides
- > Performance plans and goals (not a PIP)
- > On-boarding materials
- > General methodology learning: Examples:
 - What is a "salary benchmark"
 - Steps for conducting a wage & hour audit
- > https://chat.openai.com/



The PLEASE DON'T

Use of language model platforms for matters that require a *substantive knowledge* base to identify whether the work product generated by A.I. is legitimate or a hoax

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Do not use A.I. for . . .

Legal Compliance (including wholesale handbooks)

Complicated
Benefit Policies

Critical Handbook Policies (i.e. antidiscrimination and anti-retaliation)

Do <u>not</u> use A.I. for . . .

Employment Agreements Generally

Restrictive Covenants

Non-Disclosure Agreement

Severance Agreements Sensitive Communications



Fundamental Problems

- 1. The internet generally
- 2. Evolution of the law
- Hallucinations Occurs when A.I. simply invents a plausible sounding but ultimately fictitious reponse



Question 6

What are the problems with the non-solicitation provision from the next slide?

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Here is a sample non-solicitation clause that could be included in an employment agreement in New Hampshire:





"During the term of Employee's employment with Company and for a period of one year after the termination of Employee's employment, Employee shall not, directly or indirectly, solicit, divert, or take away any business from Company, or attempt to solicit, divert, or take away any business from Company. This includes, but is not limited to, soliciting or attempting to solicit any customer, client, supplier, vendor, or employee of Company to do business with any entity other than Company."

Compliance Uses

Use of A.I. for compliance purpose works *only if* the user is knowledgeable enough to (a) ask the right question, (b) in the correct way, and (c) already knows the answer



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The <u>NEVER</u>

Using A.I. to assist H.R. in resolving sensitive or confidential employee issues or to obtain guidance in response to a specific situation that has developed in the workplace



Question 7

Steve writes the following prompt into ChatGPT: "Marco has been diagnosed with degenerative disc disorder and is requesting an accommodation. Given the intensive physical requirements of Marco's job, management believes we would be better off separating Marco. Is that legal? When are final wages due?"

What's the problem here?

Question 7

A. The message is not privileged/confidential	
	15%
B. The company needs more information to determine payment of final wages	
	0%
C. The company is not engaging in the interactive process	
	30%
D. The company violated Marco's HIPAA rights	
	56%
	0070



Answer

- > A. The "conversation" is not privileged.
- > One step removed from posting the question on a message board or forum (e.g. LaborNet)
- Discovery requests
- >ADA & Confidentiality Concerns



Best Practices for Generative A.I.

- > Great tool to increase efficiency and to obtain a "third-party" perspective on non-sensitive matters
- > Great for basic policy drafting and first drafts of certain, basic policies
- > Be mindful of confidentiality and copyright concerns



Best Practices for Generative A.I.

- >Subpar tool for agreements or legal compliance
- NEVER USE for sensitive questions about specific employees or questions that should not be shared publicly
- >Develop an A.I. use policy



Questions