

Silent Crisis: Exploring AI Conversations and Teen Suicides

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Abstract: As Adolescents continue to interact with AI-based chatbots in their daily lives - such as ChatGPT, Character.AI, and Replika - both their methods for finding information as well as reassurance and emotional support are also being transformed. These platforms provide accessible, non-judgmental interaction; however, the expanding role of chatbots concerning youth development raises serious ethical, psychological, and legal issues. This article explores youth's emotional dependence on chatbots, issues related to algorithmic design flaws, and the inadequate regulation governing conversational agents for minors. Through comparative legal analysis and through case studies (i.e., *Raine v. OpenAI*, etc.) it identifies structural voids in existing liability frameworks regarding minors, and it provides recommendations for creating a child-centric duty of care regulation model based upon EU, U.S. and UNESCO guidelines.

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