

# AI as a threat to responsible governance (analogies with technologies of cult organizations)

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The primary objective of the research is to identify threats posed by AI to responsible governance that are analogous to threats from cult organizations. The research methodology is based on a comparative analysis of the negative impacts on citizens from AI and from cult organizations. The research results allow for the conclusion that there is an analogy between certain negative impacts on individuals from the use of AI and from cult organizations, which may pose threats to responsible governance. Technologies aimed at disrupting established patterns of life activity (withdrawal into virtual reality, reduction of communicative activity with family, friends, colleagues, blocking of empathy, etc.). Technologies aimed at blocking reflexion (outsourcing many cognitive functions to AI, formation of "clip" or fragmented thinking, etc.). Technologies aimed at "reflexive programming," i.e., imposing predetermined ideas, viewpoints, positions, opinions, and other mental constructs on an individual to foster acceptance of a proposed norm of life activity. The results of employing these technologies manifest in: the transformation of the subject into an object of control. The negative consequences for responsible governance are evident. The research conducted is relevant for framing and solving the problem of neutralizing the identified threats to responsible governance.

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