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Students made a racist deepfake of a principal. It left parents in fear.

The firestorm touched on several hot-button issues in schools, including racism, student privacy, abuse of artificial intelligence and threats of gun violence

March 14, 2023

Three high school students in Putnam County, N.Y., made a deepfake of the George Fischer Middle School principal going on a racist rant against Black students. (Google Maps)



By [María Luisa Paúl](#)

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2023/03/14/racist-deepfakes-carmel-tiktok/>

EDUCATION

From deepfake nudes to incriminating audio, school bullying is going AI

BY LEXI LONAS COCHRAN - 06/06/24 6:00 AM ET



Students are quickly learning the ease with which artificial intelligence (AI) can create nefarious content, opening up a new world of bullying that neither schools nor the law are fully prepared for.

Educators are watching in horror as deepfake sexual images are created of their students, with sham voice recordings and videos also posing a looming threat.

Advocates are sounding the alarm on the potential damage — and on gaps in both the law and school policies.

“We need to keep up and we have a responsibility as folks who are supporting educators and supporting parents and families as well as the students themselves to help them understand the complexity of handling these situations, so that they understand the context, they can learn to empathize and make ethical decisions about the use and application of these AI systems and tools,” said Pati Ruiz, senior director of education technology and emerging tech at Digital Promise.

At Westfield High School in New Jersey last year, teen boys used AI to create sexually explicit images of female classmates.

<https://thehill.com/homenews/education/4703396-deepfake-nudes-school-bullying-ai-cyberbullying/>



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Teens are spilling dark thoughts to AI chatbots. Who's to blame when something goes wrong?

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Source: Los Angeles Times (CA)

When her teen with autism suddenly became angry, depressed and violent, the mother searched his phone for answers.

She found her son had been exchanging messages with chatbots on Character.AI, an artificial intelligence app that allows users to create and interact with virtual characters that mimic celebrities, historical figures and anyone else their imagination conjures.

The teen, who was 15 when he began using the app, complained about his parents' attempts to limit his screen time to bots that emulated the musician Billie Eilish, a character in the online game "Among Us" and others.

"You know sometimes I'm not surprised when I read the news and it says stuff like, 'Child kills parents after a decade of physical and emotional abuse.' Stuff like this makes me understand a little bit why it happens. I just have no hope for your parents," one of the bots replied.



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Elon Musk's X sues to overturn Minnesota political deepfakes ban

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Source: Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — X Corp., the social media platform owned by Trump adviser Elon Musk, is challenging the constitutionality of a Minnesota ban on using deepfakes to influence elections and harm candidates, saying it violates First Amendment speech protections.

The company's federal lawsuit filed this week also contends that the 2023 state law is preempted by a 1996 federal statute that shields social media from being held responsible for material posted on their platforms.

"While the law's reference to banning 'deep fakes' might sound benign, in reality it would criminalize innocuous, election-related speech, including humor, and make social-media platforms criminally liable for censoring such speech," the company said in a statement. "Instead of defending democracy, this law would erode it."

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Congress passes bill on fake nudes, revenge porn

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Source: **Washington Post, The (Print Content)**

The U.S. House of Representatives on Monday voted overwhelmingly to pass a bill aimed at cracking down on the posting of sexual images and videos of people online without their consent, including AI-generated “deepfake” nudes of real people.

The bipartisan Take It Down Act, which passed the Senate unanimously in February, now heads to the desk of President Donald Trump, who is expected to sign it into law. The bill makes it a federal crime to publish nonconsensual intimate imagery, or NCII, of any person and requires online platforms to remove such imagery within 48 hours when someone reports it.



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Google calls for public-private collaboration on combating AI-enabled cyber threats

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Source: **Inside Cyber Security**

The national security risks posed by adversarial nations adopting artificial intelligence tools require the U.S. government to take on efforts to strengthen cooperation with the private sector on cybersecurity, according to Kent Walker, president of global affairs for Google and Alphabet.

“The U.S. is racing to pioneer breakthrough technologies like AI and quantum computing. At the same time, each day brings news stories about malicious cyber actors burrowing into American telecommunications networks, energy grids and water plants to hold infrastructure hostage and spy on citizens,” Walker writes in a Wednesday blog post.



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AI Risks, Litigation and Insurance Claims

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AI is evolving at breathtaking speed. As this paper is being written in late August 2024, the tech world is abuzz about Elon Musk's release of his new Chatbots Grok-2 and Grok-2 mini, which are available to paid subscribers of his platform X (formerly known as Twitter). They include a tool called Flux, which can make remarkably realistic deepfakes, with very few "guardrails." It generates celebrity and copyrighted images in various contexts, often humorous, and at times in compromising positions. Early testers have found some safeguards on generating images with nudity, but not with lingerie. Some prompts for images of criminal activities fail, but the wording of the prompt can yield different results. Musk has said "Grok is the most fun AI in the world." Others consider it totally reckless and irresponsible.^[1]

The next versions of phones from Google and Apple will have advanced AI features, including tools to manipulate images. As some commentators have cautioned, this could "erode trust in everything."^[2]