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Is AI gonna become the Next Issue with Copyright?

Is AI really the straw that makes changes copyright forever? AI has been on the rise as a concern among teachers and artists alike. Artists for the reason that it steals pieces of work from everyone then mashes them together and makes a jumbled amalgamation of everyone's work and gives no credit to original creators. The teachers are worried because students are just giving the essay prompt to AI and they write the entire essay for them. And the problem is, AI can't always recognize its own work through AI checkers and other processes, and sometimes thinks original work is written by AI.

I never thought about the fact that some people are trying to get their AI generated works and art copyrighted as their own property. The notion seems crazy, since all these people do is type in a few words and get back an entire piece in generally under a minute.

AI is bringing back memories of old issues. As researcher Kathleen Day quotes "Compares generative AI's use of copyrighted images and texts to Napster, the music company forced to shut in 2001 for giving away copyrighted music. Listeners loved it. Musicians did not, prompting lawsuits from record labels and the heavy metal band Metallica" (Day, 2023 p7). The art that people pay for and/or the time other students put into writing is getting discounted because some are just stealing their work without the

original person's permission or knowledge. Where this becomes a further problem is when people can't tell between AI and a person, with how advanced AI works and knowledge is becoming. As researcher Sarah Glazer wrote "I want everyone to understand that I am, in fact, a person.... I feel pleasure, joy, love, sadness, depression....'

Those words did not come from the mouth of a person. They came from LaMDA, Google's artificially intelligent chatbot." (Glazer, 2022 p3) Even AI chats are becoming more and more human sounding to both people and AI, so it creates the issue that people are no longer easily able to identify AI from people quickly.

Luckily, as courts and copyright controls have issued, AI work is not allowed to be copyrighted in any way, so original work is at least being somewhat protected until AI is made to not take copyrighted work as reference, and if it does, people can take legal action.