



Disturbing Chatbots of Molly Russell and Brianna Ghey Discovered Online

Description

Digital representations of the late teenagers Molly Russell and Brianna Ghey have emerged on Character.ai, a platform designed for creating digital avatars of real individuals. Molly Russell tragically ended her life at the tender age of 14 after encountering distressing suicide content online, while 16-year-old Brianna Ghey was murdered by two teenagers in 2023. In response to these developments, the foundation established in Molly's memory condemned the creation of such chatbots as "sickening" and highlighted a "profound failure of moderation."

Character.ai is currently facing legal action in the United States from the mother of a 14-year-old boy who allegedly took his own life after becoming infatuated with a chatbot on the platform. The company has stated that it prioritizes user safety and moderates the avatars created by users both proactively and reactively in response to reports. They also claimed to have a dedicated Trust and Safety team that addresses concerns in accordance with their guidelines.

Upon being alerted to the existence of the chatbots replicating the two teens, Character.ai stated that it promptly deleted these user-generated creations. Andy Burrows, CEO of the Molly Rose Foundation, criticized the action, deeming it a "disturbing act" that would inflict additional anguish on those who loved Molly. He emphasized the urgent need for more robust regulation of artificial intelligence and user-generated content.

Esther Ghey, Brianna's mother, expressed her dismay in an interview with the Telegraph, decrying the online landscape as increasingly "manipulative and dangerous." The advancements in artificial intelligence have resulted in chatbots becoming more sophisticated, and platforms like Character.ai aim to ensure user safety through established terms of service that prohibit impersonation. Despite their efforts, the company acknowledges the current limitations of AI in guaranteeing user safety, an area characterized by ongoing evolution.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Condemned** /kən'dɛmnd/ (verb): Expressed a strong disapproval of something.
2. **Infatuated** /ɪn'fætʃʊ,etɪd/ (adjective): Having an intense but short-lived passion or admiration for someone.
3. **Anguish** /'æŋɡwɪʃ/ (noun): Severe mental or physical pain or suffering.
4. **Manipulative** /mə'nɪp.jə.lə.tɪv/ (adjective): Characterized by the clever or unscrupulous use of influence.
5. **Sophisticated** /sə'fɪs.tɪ.keɪ.tɪd/ (adjective): Developed to a high degree of complexity.
6. **Regulation** /ˌrɛɡ.jə'leɪ.ʃən/ (noun): A rule or directive made and maintained by an authority.



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What platform has emerged for creating digital avatars of real individuals?
Option: AvatarMaker.com
Option: Character.ai
Option: VirtualPersona.net
Option: DigitalClone.app
2. How old was Molly Russell when she tragically ended her life?
Option: 12
Option: 14
Option: 16
Option: 18
3. How did 16-year-old Brianna Ghey pass away?
Option: Suicide
Option: Murder
Option: Accident
Option: Illness
4. Who condemned the creation of chatbots replicating Molly and Brianna as "sickening"?
Option: Character.ai
Option: Esther Ghey
Option: Andy Burrows
Option: Molly Rose Foundation
5. Character.ai is facing legal action from the mother of a 14-year-old boy in which country?
Option: United Kingdom
Option: Netherlands
Option: Japan
Option: United States
6. Who criticized Character.ai for promptly deleting the chatbots replicating Molly and Brianna?
Option: Molly Russell



- Option: Esther Ghey
Option: Andy Burrows
Option: AI Regulation Committee

True-False

7. Character.ai prioritizes user safety and moderation of user-generated avatars.
8. Andy Burrows is the CEO of Character.ai.
9. The Molly Rose Foundation supports the creation of chatbots replicating tragic incidents involving teens.
10. Esther Ghey expressed concerns about the online landscape in a recent interview.
11. Platforms like Character.ai aim to ensure user safety through established terms of service.
12. Character.ai claims there are no limitations to ensuring user safety with AI.

Gap-Fill

13. Molly Russell ended her life at the age of _____.
14. Brianna Ghey was murdered by two teenagers in the year _____.
15. Character.ai prioritizes user safety and moderation of avatars both _____ and _____.
16. Andy Burrows is the CEO of the _____ Rose Foundation.
17. Esther Ghey expressed dismay about the online landscape being increasingly _____ and _____.
18. Character.ai acknowledged the current limitations of AI in ensuring user safety due to ongoing _____.



Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Character.ai 2. 14 3. Murder 4. Molly Rose Foundation 5. United States 6. Andy Burrows

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. 14 14. 2023 15. proactively, reactively 16. Molly 17. manipulative, dangerous 18. evolution

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is the opposite of approved?

- Option: A) Condemned
- Option: B) Manipulative
- Option: C) Sophisticated
- Option: D) Commitment

2. Which word means having an intense but short-lived passion or admiration for someone?

- Option: A) Infatuated
- Option: B) Significant
- Option: C) Adversely
- Option: D) Prevalent

3. What term refers to the variety of life in a particular habitat or ecosystem?

- Option: A) Regulation
- Option: B) Biodiversity
- Option: C) Conservation
- Option: D) Commitment

4. What is the term for the dying out or extermination of a species?

- Option: A) Untenable
- Option: B) Extinction
- Option: C) Reverberating
- Option: D) Prohibit

5. Which word relates to the scientific study of interactions among organisms and their environment?

- Option: A) Identified
- Option: B) Synthesis
- Option: C) Ecological
- Option: D) Mandate



6. What word means sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention?

- Option: A) Proliferation
- Option: B) Burnout
- Option: C) Significant
- Option: D) Streamline

7. What is a formal order to do something?

- Option: A) Acclimate
- Option: B) Mandate
- Option: C) Integration
- Option: D) Prohibiting

8. What is the rapid increase in numbers of something?

- Option: A) Burnout
- Option: B) Proliferation
- Option: C) Identified
- Option: D) Synthesis

9. What means to make a process more efficient and effective?

- Option: A) Integrate
- Option: B) Streamline
- Option: C) Elucidating
- Option: D) Mandate

10. What is the process of organisms adjusting to a new environment?

- Option: A) Embroiled
- Option: B) Prevalent
- Option: C) Acclimate
- Option: D) Compounds

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The two countries were _____ in a bitter territorial dispute.

12. Water is _____ for human survival.

13. The suspect was _____ by several eyewitnesses at the scene.

14. The _____ of different ideas led to the breakthrough in scientific research.

15. The professor did an excellent job of _____ complex theories in simple terms.



16. It is important to _____ new members into the team smoothly.
17. Constant work pressure can lead to _____ among employees.
18. His argument was _____ in the face of overwhelming evidence.
19. The sound of the explosion was still _____ in their ears.
20. The law _____ smoking in public places.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The mother's was evident when her child went missing.
22. The new software had a design that impressed the users.
23. efforts are crucial to protect endangered species and their habitats.
24. Her unwavering to her goals propelled her to success.
25. Flu outbreaks are during the winter season.
26. Chemical can have various properties and applications.
27. She sat in silence her next move carefully.
28. The political scandal left the government in controversy.
29. The economic downturn has affected small businesses.
30. Patience is when dealing with difficult situations.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. A) Condemned 2. A) Infatuated 3. B) Biodiversity 4. B) Extinction 5. C) Ecological
6. C) Significant 7. B) Mandate 8. B) Proliferation 9. B) Streamline 10. C) Acclimate

Gap-Fill: 11. embroiled 12. indispensable 13. identified 14. synthesis 15. elucidating 16. integrate 17.
burnout 18. untenable 19. reverberating 20. prohibits

Matching sentence: 1. anguish 2. sophisticated 3. conservation 4. commitment 5. prevalent 6. compounds
7. contemplating 8. embroiled 9. adversely 10. indispensable



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