

The Habermas Machine — Google DeepMind's AI Mediator for Citizens'-Assembly-Style Deliberation

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · United Kingdom

Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Quasi-experimental

Summary

DeepMind's 'Habermas Machine' AI mediator drafted group-consensus statements for UK citizen deliberation groups; in a peer-reviewed study of 5,734 participants, its statements were preferred over human mediators' 56% of the time and reduced group polarisation.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	3/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability beyond pilot	1/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-13

[Google DeepMind \(with University of Oxford and the Sortition Foundation\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-13

[Science journal article](#) — accessed 2026-08-13

[MIT Technology Review coverage](#) — accessed 2026-08-13

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