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What's wrong with current AI media coverage?

These 7 flaws:

<https://t.co/ht7XW4OY2x>

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AI Hype: Overconfident techies bragging about their AI systems (AI Boosterism).

AI Criti-Hype: Overconfident doomsayers accusing those AI systems of atrocities (AI Doomerism).

Both overpromise the technology's capabilities and spread unrealistic expectations. <https://t.co/D3chQKacBI>

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It's either simplistically optimistic or simplistically pessimistic

When founders are referred to as "charismatic leaders," AI ethics experts as "critics," doomsayers (without AI expertise) as "AI experts"

it distorts how the public perceives & participates in these discussions. <https://t.co/WBPiXXmzWj>

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Copycat behavior: News outlets report the same story from the same perspective.
It leads to media storms.

When AI Doomers become 'media heroes,' their fearmongering overshadows the real consequences of AI.

It's not a productive conversation to have, yet, the press runs with it. <https://t.co/Ei4M5VLWmb>

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Attributing human characteristics to AI - misleads people.

It begins with words like "intelligence" and "learning" and moves to "consciousness" and "sentience," as if the machine has experiences, emotions, opinions, or motivations.

This isn't a human being. <https://t.co/3tLn8UC6Zy>

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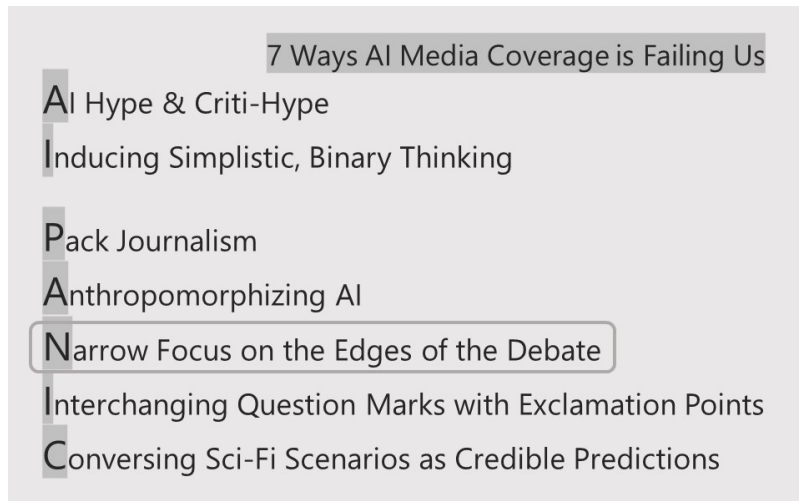
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The selection of topics for attention and the framing of these topics are powerful Agenda-Setting roles.

This is why it's unfortunate most attention is paid to the fringes of the debate, not the majority in the middle.

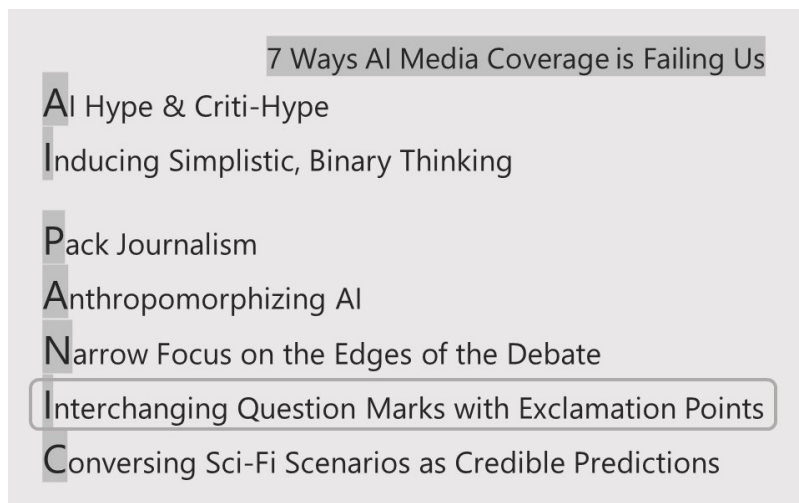
The loudest shouters provoke misguided outrage. <https://t.co/INete1qvki>



Sensational, deterministic headlines prevail over nuanced discussions.

"AGI will destroy us"/"save us" make for good headlines, not good journalism.

Whenever people make predictions with absolute certainty in a state of uncertainty, follow the money & see why that's the case. <https://t.co/xSXSwfclZO>



"AI will get out of control and kill everyone." This scenario doesn't need any proof or factual explanation. We saw it in Hollywood movies! So, that must be true (right?)

The focus should NOT be on imaginary threats, but on the actual challenges and the guardrails they require. <https://t.co/jmtkrpqq8F>

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"Humans 'could go extinct' when evil 'superhuman' AI robots rise up like The Terminator"

I received this from someone who said he found a headline that combined ALL 7 media flaws.

OMG, it's perfect ■

<https://www.dailystar.co.uk/tech/news/humans-could-go-extinct-evil-29061844>