



BridgeAI Syllabus

Module 1 Introduction to AI

Interactive Exercise 3 Opportunities and risks: bias, accessibility, democracy

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**Title:**

The AI Ethics Squad: Debugging Bias & defending Democracy

Objective:

Participants will learn to identify the double-edged nature of AI by analyzing real-world scenarios. They will distinguish between **Opportunities** (accessibility, inclusion) and **Risks** (bias, misinformation/deepfakes) and propose human-led solutions.

Group Size:

Small groups of 3–4 people

Duration:

20–30 min

Instructions:**Step 1: Setup**

The teacher explains that AI is a powerful tool, but like any tool, it can be used to build or to break. The class is divided into "Ethics Squads." The teacher distributes the **"Scenario Cards"** (see below) to each group.

Step 2: Activity

In small groups, the participants analyse three specific scenarios. For each scenario, they must decide:

1. **Is this an Opportunity or a Risk?**
2. **Which category does it fit?** (Bias, Accessibility, or Democracy).
3. **The Fix/ The Boost:** If it is a risk, how do we fix it? If it is an opportunity, how do we make sure everyone knows about it?

Scenario A: An AI system automatically deletes job applications from people who live in specific zip codes/neighborhoods.

Scenario B: An app uses a camera to describe the world aloud for people who are blind or have low vision.

Scenario C: A realistic-looking video (Deepfake) of a politician declaring war spreads on social media, but it never actually happened.



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Step 3: Debrief

Guided discussion:

- "Why is it dangerous if an AI makes decisions without human supervision?"
- "How does the Deepfake (Scenario C) hurt democracy?"
- "How did Scenario B help include people who were previously excluded?"

Materials Needed:

- Printed "Scenario Cards" (A, B, and C).
- "Ethics Report" Worksheet (one per group).
- Pens or tablets.

Expected Outcome:

Groups produce a completed "Ethics Report" where they have correctly categorized the scenarios. They will formulate at least one "**Golden Rule**" for safe AI use (e.g., "*Always check the source of a video*" or "*AI should not judge people based on where they live*").

(Worksheet to Print)



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