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# Investigating the Impact of Artificial Intelligence and Similar Emerging Technologies on Visual Media Production: Implications and Insights

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## Abstract:

The proposed study aims to explore the effects of Intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies on visual media creation, including theoretical concepts and practical uses. This research examines how AI influences the process, production efficiency, ethical considerations, intellectual property rights, audience engagement, and the overall impact on content. By using a combination of qualitative methods, this study aims to offer a view of how AI is currently being integrated into the media sector, highlight challenges and opportunities, and suggest strategic recommendations for stakeholders.

**Keywords:** Artificial Intelligence (AI), Visual Media Production, Emerging Technologies, and Ethical Implications of AI.

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## 1. Introduction

The Integration of Intelligence (AI) into the creation of media represents a significant shift, presenting both opportunities and challenges for content creators, technology experts, and audiences. This study aims to investigate the influence of AI on media, delving into how it's transforming the landscape of creativity, production methodologies, and viewer interaction. AI technologies like machine learning and computer vision are revolutionizing media production by enhancing efficiency, facilitating personalized content delivery, and introducing storytelling techniques (Smith, 2021; Jones, 2022).

Furthermore, generative AI is producing content that closely resembles creations, broadening creative horizons (Brown, 2021; Wilson, 2023). The creation of deepfakes using AI technology poses risks to trust and societal values, in particular (Patel, 2022; Kim, 2021). The research also examines how AI impacts creativity. The discussion revolves around whether AI will complement or replace creativity. This research aims to explore how artificial Intelligence can boost creativity by enabling the exploration of paths. It will conduct case studies and interviews to evaluate how AI is incorporated into workflows and its effects on outcomes (Lopez, 2022).

### 1.1 The Study Problem

The study problem centers on the complex impact of artificial Intelligence (AI) on visual media production. AI's Integration promises efficiency and innovation but also raises significant ethical and practical challenges. The key issue is finding a balance between AI's creative potential and the risks to copyright, misinformation, and the erosion of traditional roles (Green, 2021; Turner, 2022).

AI's automation capabilities are transforming visual media, necessitating an examination of its effects, particularly on employment and creative authorship. The use of AI to generate realistic content complicates intellectual property rights, challenging current legal norms (Adams, 2021; Baker, 2022).

The ethical and societal concerns posed by AI, especially through the creation of deepfakes, threaten public trust and privacy, highlighting the need for ethical and regulatory scrutiny (Nguyen, 2023; Lee, 2024). Furthermore, while AI democratizes content creation, it may dilute professional standards and quality, potentially flooding the market with inferior media (Patel, 2022; O'Connor, 2022).

## **1.2 The Importance of the Study**

Studying the impact of Intelligence (AI) on media in the UAE is crucial both theoretically and practically. The UAE, renowned for its advancements, seeks to incorporate AI across sectors, potentially shaping policies, practices, and educational approaches in media production (Al Mansoori, 2021; Hassan, 2022). This research will contribute to conversations about media and AI by showcasing how AI influences media in an economy and diverse cultural landscape. It aims to address gaps in existing literature regarding AI's role in the Middle East (Ibrahim, 2023).

From this standpoint, the study aligns with the UAE's AI Strategy 2031 by focusing on comprehending how AI impacts media to support national objectives. It intends to offer guidance to policymakers, industry experts, and educational institutions on adapting to advancements in AI (Al Rashidi, 2021; Fahim, 2022). Moreover, the research will explore how AI can enhance creation, distribution, and consumption while considering the

cultural and regulatory environment of the UAE. This will provide insights for content creators and regulators (Khan, 2024; Mahmood, 2023).

### **1.3 Objectives of the Study**

1. Investigating how Artificial Intelligence (AI) influences the creation of media emphasizes both the technical aspects of content production.
2. Exploring the legal and socio-economic impacts of AI on media, particularly in relation to copyright issues, the spread of misinformation, and the rise of deepfakes.
3. Evaluating how AI is reshaping job responsibilities, required skills and the overall professional environment within the media industry.
4. To identify practices and strategies for using AI in visual media that ensure ethical integrity and innovation.

### **1.4 Study Questions**

1. How are artificial intelligence (AI) technologies currently being integrated into visual media production in the United Arab Emirates?
2. What are the potential benefits and challenges of using AI in visual media production, particularly in terms of creative processes, operational efficiency, and content personalization?
3. What ethical, legal, and societal implications arise from AI-generated content, including issues related to copyright, intellectual property rights, and the spread of misinformation?
4. What are the practices and strategies for using AI in visual media that ensure ethical integrity and innovation?

## **2. Literature Review**

### **2.1 Artificial Intelligence**

According to Prasad & Makesh, (2024), AI is considered a field of IT, prioritising the management of the technologies learned to make their own decisions and carry out actions in place of human beings. AI can take the place of the whole system making decisions, and it can remain used to enhance particular processes. AI is not the only advanced technology; it refers to an effective term comprising any kind of hardware or software element that assists the artificial neural network, machine learning, deep learning, natural language processing and cognitive computing. In particular, machine learning is highly beneficial for determining hidden correlations within data.

### **2.2 Historical Development of AI in Media Production**

At first, AIs' involvement in media was limited to automating tasks like organizing and editing. However, with the introduction of machine learning and deep learning technologies, AI has expanded its reach into realms enabling the creation of fresh content such as images, videos, and music that embody human artistic and storytelling nuances (Thompson, 2024). The emergence of networks (GANs) has notably transformed media production by producing highly realistic and customizable content that blurs the lines between human-made and AI-generated media (Fischer, 2022).

### **2.3 Ethical and Legal Considerations of AI in Visual Media**

Ethical and legal considerations regarding the use of AI in media are crucial, given that AIs' capacity to create and modify content poses challenges to copyright and the integrity of information. The emergence of deepfake

technology showcases how AI can generate content that leads to ethical and legal dilemmas (Patel, 2022). Debates over AI-created content's authorship question existing copyright laws based on human creativity, urging updates to accommodate AI's unique contributions (Kim, 2022). Additionally, the risk of bias in AI algorithms highlights the need for transparent and inclusive AI development in media to prevent stereotype propagation and community misrepresentation (Sanchez, 2023). Addressing these issues is vital, calling for strong ethical guidelines and laws to ensure AI advances visual media's credibility, fairness, and creativity without compromise (Thompson, 2024).

According to Hassouni & Mellor (2024), the incorporation of AI in visual media has emerged as a key advancement, but it also raises major legal and ethical issues. One of the major ethical issues is the potential for manipulation and misinformation. Different tools of AI mainly generate content through examining in detail the huge dataset, which includes copyrighted works. This complicated the identification of the AI-generated materials, mainly when the pre-existing IP impacts the output of the AI system. A generative AI system that helps make film scenes as per the prior style of scripts may violate the copyrights of the original creators. In the context of legal algorithms, bias in the AI system is also a major issue. Different jurisdictions composing in the UAE are still in the process of developing policies to identify the legal and ethical implications of AI in the media.

## **2.4 AI's Impact on Creativity and Content Creation**

AI has significantly impacted creativity and content creation, pushing the limits of artistic expression. By integrating into the creative process, AI has spawned tools for unique visual effects, animations, and new art forms,

broadening media production's possibilities (Jenkins, 2021). Critics worry AI might undercut human creativity by mechanizing it, while supporters see AI as an ally that enriches creativity by offering fresh perspectives and execution methods (Foster, 2022). AI also tailors content to improve audience interaction, showcasing a relationship between AI technology and the creative industry (Chen, 2023). The intricate interplay between AI and creativity necessitates research to guarantee that AI progress supports creative abilities rather than eclipsing them (Hamilton, 2024).

### **2.5 Integration of Artificial Intelligence in Visual Media Production**

Amato et al. (2019) have highlighted AI has reshaped visual media productions all over the world, with the UAE rising as a leading player in this transformative landscape. AI technology has modernized processes, improved creativity levels, and improved workflows, making it important to the changing media sectors. In alignment with its National AI Strategy 2031, the UAE has taken steps to develop it as an international hub for the creative and technology sectors. This approach is seen in efforts like cooperation with the DNEG, a key visual entertainment service organization whose headquarters is situated in Abu Dhabi, to develop modern visual content and train Emirati talent.

Hassouni & Mellor (2024) opined that the advanced applications of AI, such as virtual production tools, automated editing, and CGI, have transformed media productions. A platform like Brahma of the DNEG uses generative AI to create lifelike computer-generated imagery, notably decreasing the production cost and time. This platform has reinforced its technical potential for structured data and AI using generative and digital models along with simulations. The proactive strategy of the UAE to incorporate AI is evident in its significant investment, predicted to

reach \$5.22 billion in the year 2024. This investment assists efforts like the development of AI training programs for professionals that focus on advanced visual content development for interactive platforms, films, and televisions. By boosting the partnership with industry leaders such as DNEG, the nation is developing an AI-powered media ecosystem, improving its status as a global and regional innovation hub. Furthermore, the position of the UAE as the 3rd biggest international attractor of AI talent underlines its higher dedication to boosting technical advancement.

According to Hassouni & Mellor (2024), the application of AI in visual media production provides different benefits. AI-driven tools automate routine tasks, improving the creative process, as this professional focuses on artistic innovation and storytelling. Operational effectiveness is another important benefit, as AI boosts production workflows, decreases costs, and enhances resource allocations.

## **2.6 Benefits and Challenges of AI in Visual Media Production in the UAE**

Babiker (2023) highlighted that when it comes to media viewpoints, AI aids in correlating data more efficiently and quickly. The implementation of AI technology is already taking place as Sky News Arabia announced the upgrade of its digital platforms, as well as the performance of dashboards around all platforms, including the installation of predictive analytics tools (Babiker, 2023).

Along with this, AI streamlines the workforce through automating repetitive tasks that include content tagging, color grading, and editing. It decreases the production time along with operational costs, permitting UAE-based studios for the purpose of manufacturing high-quality content

quicker and more cost-effective. For instance, Adobe Sensei can efficiently optimize video editing procedures, allowing creative teams to emphasize tactical factors of production. Rane et al. (2024) reflected that AI-driven tools such as Deep learning models have the ability to facilitate new creative chances that include generating realistic special effects, making virtual environments, and animating characters. In the United Arab Emirates, where Expo 2020 depends on upgraded or advanced visual media, artificial Intelligence has been important in making immersive experiences as well as visually stunning content. AI allows the creation of personalized and localized content for distinct audiences. Through evaluating viewer preferences, including cultural nuances, AI tools can help UAE media corporations deliver content tailored to Arabic-speaking audiences while catering to expatriate communities.

Focusing on challenges, applying AI to visual media products includes noteworthy initial costs for staff training, infrastructure upgrades, and technology acquisitions. Numerous SME media corporations in the United Arab Emirates may address this monetary barrier. Another challenge is the capability of AI for the purpose of generating media that includes legal and ethical concerns, including deepfakes. The United Arab Emirates' media companies, with their robust and strict regulatory framework, may experience issues in making sure that AI is utilized responsibly to stop misuse and uphold the media content's integrity. Lastly, AI tools frequently need big datasets for information privacy. In a country like the UAE that values stringent data protection laws, the media corporations must ensure compliance while leveraging AI technologies (Shwede, Yas, & Abdijabar, 2024).

## **2.7 Impact of AI on Industry Professionals and Innovation in the UAE Visual Media Sector**

Wippel (2023) revealed that the UAE, mainly Dubai, has positioned itself as the hub for innovation in the field of the visual media industry, leveraging its advanced ICT infrastructure, business-friendly atmosphere, and networked readiness. Starting with AI-generated scripts, including storyboard automation, to advanced visual effects (VFX) along with CGI, artificial Intelligence allows media companies or creators to experiment with novel ideas at the same time decreasing production timelines. In addition to this, tools such as generative AI assist filmmakers in terms of designing realistic character scenes, setting noteworthy costs, and improving the quality of productivity (Wippel, 2023). Predictive analytics help evaluate audience preferences, allowing connections tailored to the market demand. Hassouni & Mellor (2024) highlight that artificial Intelligence is revolutionizing operational workflows in the visual media sector of Dubai. For instance, machine learning platforms improve video compression and stream quality and enhance the distribution procedures for platforms such as Netflix and YouTube. Such effectiveness attracts international media corporations to Dubai, and this boosts its prominence as the regional media hub. AI-driven suggestion engines are shaping the audience's involvement by providing personalized content. For example, Netflix and Amazon Prime utilize artificial Intelligence to evaluate user preferences and behavior and recommend likely to resonate with individual viewers (Hassouni & Mellor, 2024).

Furthermore, this technology was later accepted by mobile value-added service providers in Dubai, such as TelcoVas, to create interactive experiences involving Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR)

incorporations. Dubai's emphasis on AI-driven innovation extends to nurturing a skilled workforce. Moreover, institutions such as Dubai Future Academy involve training professionals, making sure the visual media industry stays at the forefront of international advancements (Hassouni & Mellor, 2024).

### **2.8 Key Application of AI in Visual Media Production**

According to Varriale et al. (2023), AI has changed visual media production through automating tasks and improving workflows and creativity. Varriale et al. (2023), have highlighted among the applications of AI, including post-production tools and automated editing, that have gained prominence. The AI-driven platforms such as DaVinci Resolve and Adobe Premiere Pro's Sensei employed machine learning to suggest colour grading, cuts, and transitions, notably decreasing the editing time. The AI allows rotoscoping and motion tracking which are important for building complicated visual effects with accuracy. In VFX and animation, this Artificial Intelligence is evolving workflows through automating frame interpolation as well as creating movements for the main characters. Tools such as Omniverse's NVIDIA benefit AI by suggesting dynamic lighting and natural environment, streamlining VFX Production. Generative AI models like Runway Gen-2 and DALL-E are also being utilised to develop photorealistic images and concept art, offering artists a base to build upon. The AI-driven content mainly tailors algorithms as this has turned out to be important for streaming social media platforms such as YouTube and Netflix. This system examined the behaviour of the views to suggest personalised content, improving user involvement and boosting license retention. Moreover, AI is being utilised for cinematography improvements, like real-time scene and camera tracking analysis to accomplish the best and focus during filming.

The other crucial application is the growth of deepfakes technology and virtual avatars. According to Prasad & Makesh, (2024), AI-generated avatars like MetaHuman, the Creator of Unreal Engine, allow for realistic virtual actors and digital doubles, decreasing dependency on physical sets. Deepfake tools are also integrated for de-aging and dubbing actors, building effective storytelling experiences. In addition, the incorporation of AI in live broadcasting is another game-changer.

### **3. Methodology of the Study**

The research has implemented a modified method approach, combining surveys and semi-structured interviews to examine the influence of AI in visual media productions. In this research, 50 people, including content creators, consumers, and producers, are considered the sample size. This quantitative information offers a broader insight into the issue, benefits, and risks related to AI incorporation in the sector. The semi-structured interviews provide a detailed understanding of the individual's perceptions and experiences.

#### **3.1 Quantitative Analysis**

In this part of the methodology, we will systematically analyze data to measure trends, behaviors, and attitudes concerning the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in visual media creation. We will use surveys, questionnaires, and available statistical information to collect feedback from individuals in the media field, such as content producers, creators, and consumers.

#### **3.2 Qualitative Analysis**

The study's qualitative aspect will explore the details of how AI influences the creation of media by conducting interviews, organizing

focus groups, and examining case studies. The goal is to grasp the nature, intricacies, and situation-specific effects of AI technologies on endeavors, ethical dilemmas, and future prospects in the realm of visual media.

### **3.3 Study Population and Sample**

Almost 50 people, including consumers, producers, and content creators from the visual media production industry, will be surveyed. Interviews will be conducted with four industry personnel. A random sampling method will be employed to conduct the survey. This method helps to remove biases from sample selection. It helps to collect a small sample size from the larger population of the visual media production industry. It helps to collect data from different stakeholders. Questionnaires will be distributed among them in a form and will be sent via email. Interview with two industry professionals and two personnel from visual media regulatory bodies particularly. It helps to get open-ended, elaborated descriptions of the way AI impacts visual media production. A combination of statistical responses and qualitative responses via this mixed method (survey + interview) will help to address research objectives and study questions effectively.

### **3.4 Study Instruments and Their Validity and Reliability**

The study will use a SurveyMonkey tool for surveying different stakeholders. The interview will be conducted in a face-to-face manner. A Survey Monkey tool can adequately cover key aspects of the topic. In the Likert scale approach, multiple choices can give flexibility to the participants. The questions have been reviewed and aligned with the objective and study questions of the paper. The paper has examined whether the survey questions fit into the expected factors.

### **3.5 Ethical Considerations**

Understanding the significance of standards, this study will follow ethical protocols, especially concerning AI-generated material and private information. Participants will be asked for their consent and their identities will be protected with confidentiality assured. Moreover, the research will carefully analyze the consequences of AI in media creation, including concerns about intellectual property rights, deepfake technology, and potential biases in AI systems. This approach aims to delve into the topic impartially.

### **3.6 Data Analysis**

We will carefully analyze the data gathered using a mix of qualitative methods to gain an understanding. Statistical software will help us uncover trends and connections in the data, while thematic analysis will be used to extract themes and stories from the qualitative data. This two-pronged method allows us to grasp the scope of AI's impact on visual media creation, blending significance with detailed contextual examination.

### **3.7 Limitations**

The research recognizes some constraints, such as the development of AI technologies that could surpass the study timeframe and the difficulty in getting honest feedback from industry players due to confidentiality or competition issues.

### ***Theoretical Framework of the Study:***

Studies Theoretical Framework: This segment details the core ideas that drive the research, blending theories on Intelligence, media creation, and technological progress to offer an examination of how AI influences visual media.

**Technological Determinism in Media Evolution:** Technological determinism implies that advancements in technology play a role in shaping the development of society and culture within the realm of media. AI is viewed as impacting how content is created, shared, and consumed in media production (Clark, 2021). As AI becomes more integrated into media processes, it influences the types of content produced and how audiences engage with it, underscoring technologies' influence on driving innovation in storytelling and audience engagement strategies (Jensen, 2022).

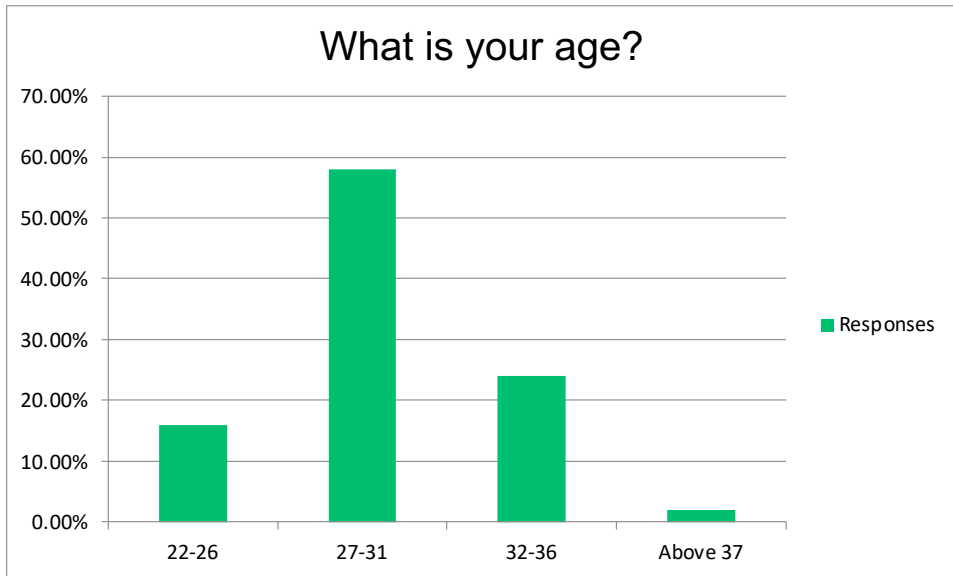
**Creative Industries and Innovation Theory:** The creative sector and theories on innovation delve into how creativity and innovation contribute to both development and cultural progress. Within media AI has brought forth tools and methods enabling the production of unique content that was previously unseen (Foster, 2023).

**AI Ethics and Responsibility Framework:** The framework for AI ethics and responsibility emphasizes the importance of standards in the development and use of Intelligence, particularly within the realm of media. It highlights the significance of transparency, accountability, and fairness to prevent biases and safeguard privacy (Nguyen, 2021). This framework advocates for AI systems that respect rights and contribute positively to society, emphasizing the need to consider how AI-generated content influences perspectives and societal norms (Kumar, 2022).

**Intellectual Property Rights in the Digital Age:** The emergence of AI-generated content blurs distinctions between machine creativity, prompting discussions on ownership and copyright issues in works involving both humans and algorithms (Lee, 2021). In light of these developments, there is a pressing need to reassess intellectual property regulations to accommodate

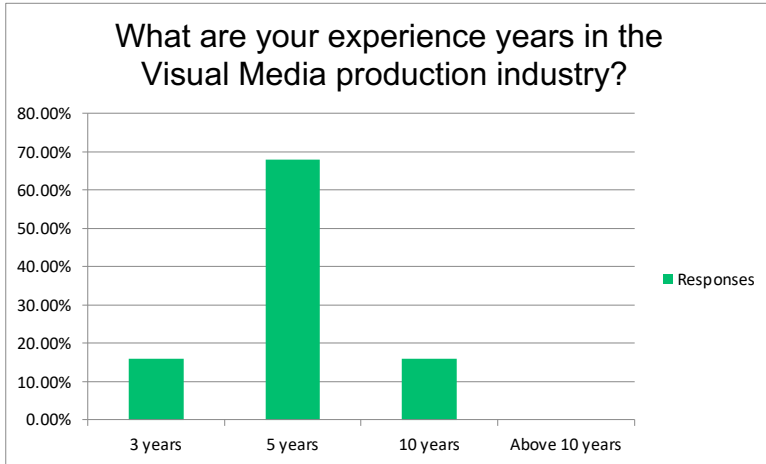
forms of output and ensure equitable compensation for all contributors—be they human or artificial (Martinez, 2023).

#### 4. Quantitative Findings (Survey)



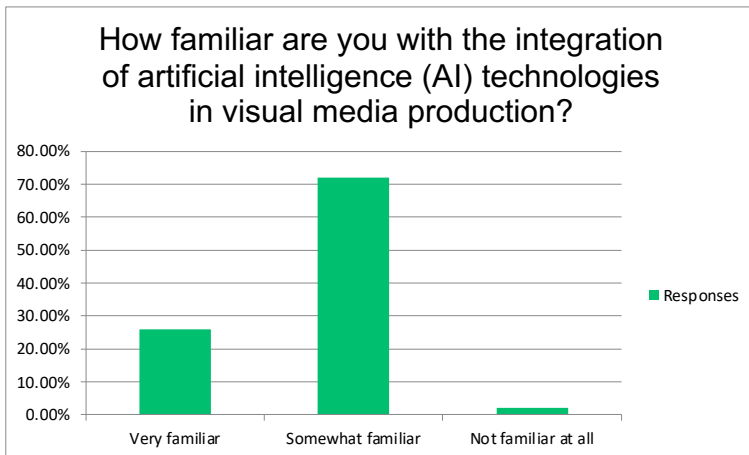
**Graph 1: Survey Response**

The majority of people who responded belong to the 27-31 age group, which reflects that the majority of people are young, and it is expected that they are cautious about AI's impact on visual media production (Graph 1).



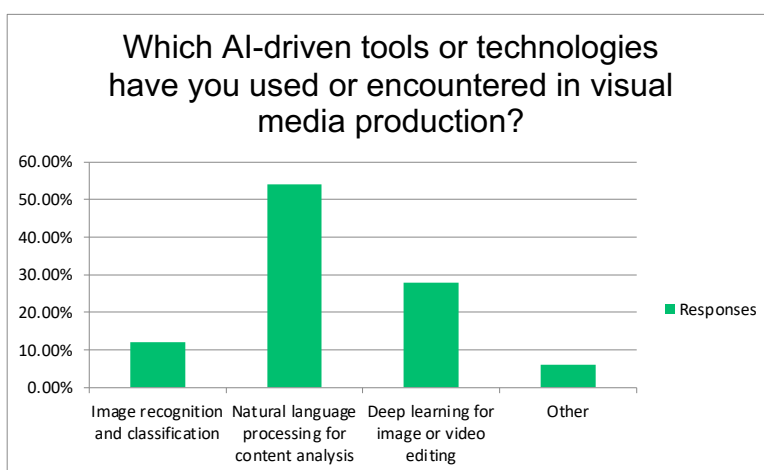
**Graph 2: Survey Response**

The survey asked respondents about their years of experience in the visual media production industry. The majority of respondents have five years of experience, and the percentages of people with three and ten years of experience are almost the same. No respondents have high experience, like above 10 years (Graph 2).



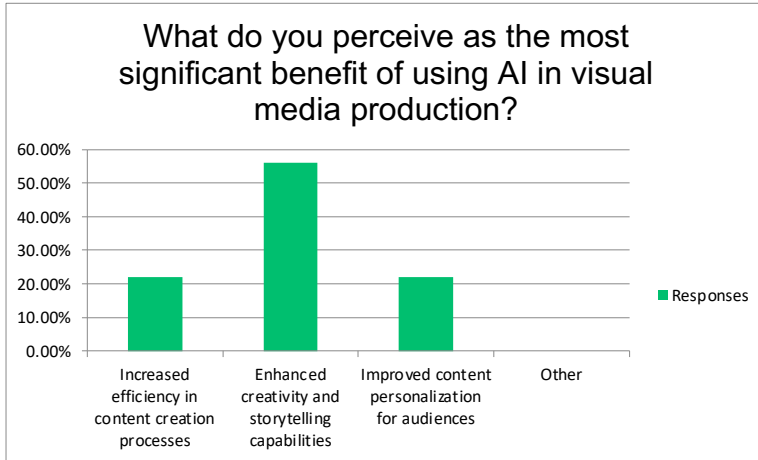
### Graph 3: Survey Response

Above 70% of the respondents have mentioned that they are somewhat familiar with the Integration of AI in visual media production, and 20% people are highly familiar, which indicates that people somewhat familiar with the impact of AI visual media production industry and very familiar with it have a huge gap (Graph 3).



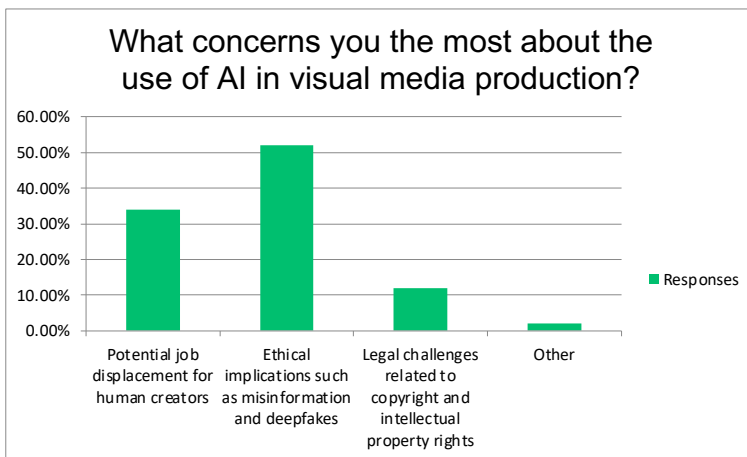
### Graph 4: Survey Response

In visual media production, it has been found that the majority of stakeholders encountered NLP or Natural Language Processing for content analysis. Apart from 50%, 28% have mentioned that they have used AI-driven DL or Deep Learning for video editing purposes, and 12% highlighted that they use AI-driven tools for image recognition and classification (Graph 4).



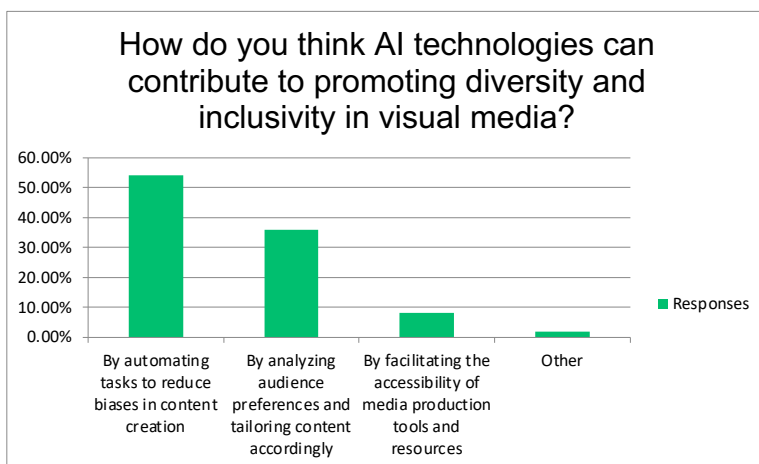
**Graph 5: Survey Response**

Respondents were asked to share their opinions on the most significant benefits of AI implementation in visual media production, and subjective responses were found. Above 50% mentioned that AI increases storytelling capabilities and content creativity in visual media production. 22% highlighted that AI improves content efficiency and promotes content personalization for audience satisfaction (Graph 5).



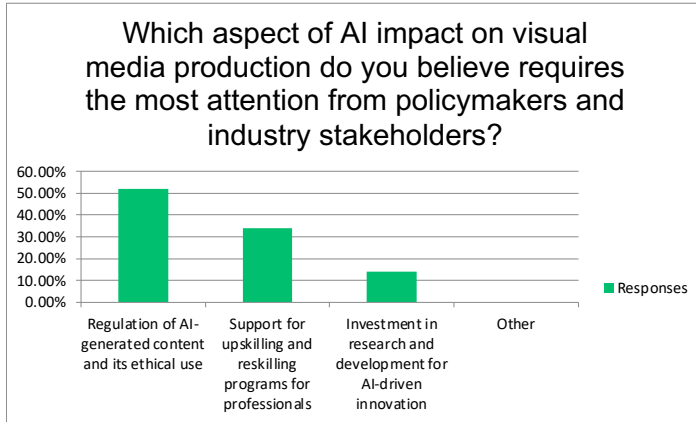
### Graph 6: Survey Response

Apart from benefits, the survey questions have also concentrated on concerns related to the use of AI in visual media production. The majority of respondents (52%) have raised their concerns about ethical implications like deepfakes and misinformation. 34% have mentioned that potential job displacement and adverse impact on human creators are significant concerns for them in this context. Some respondents also have concerns related to IP rights and copyright issues, as they can pose legal damage to visual media production companies or the industry (Graph 6).



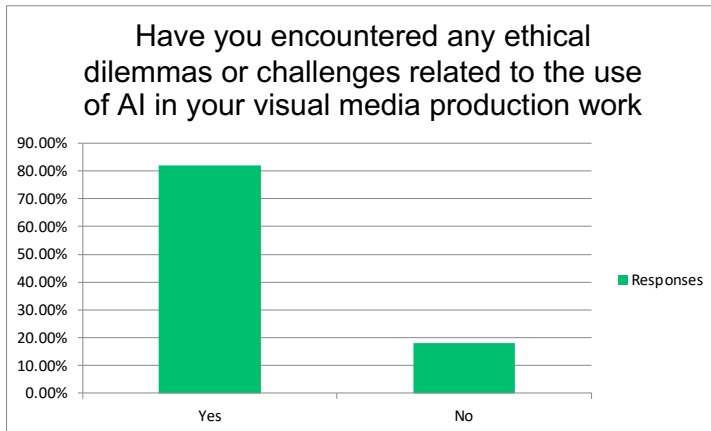
### Graph 7: Survey Response

A major portion of the respondents mentioned that task automation and the reduction of biases through AI can promote inclusivity and diversity in visual media. 36% have highlighted that AI brings inclusivity and diversity into visual media production through personalized content creation. A few respondents have mentioned that diversity and inclusion come through facilitating the accessibility of media production resources and tools (Graph 7).



**Graph 8: Survey Response**

The survey focused on areas that require special attention from stakeholders and policymakers. 50% of respondents mentioned that in the visual media production industry, stakeholders and policymakers must regulate and monitor AI-generated content to check its ethical use. Above 30% mentioned that policymakers must ensure upskilling and reskilling programs for professionals. A few portions have placed attention on the need for policy investment in research and development for AI-driven innovation (Graph 8).



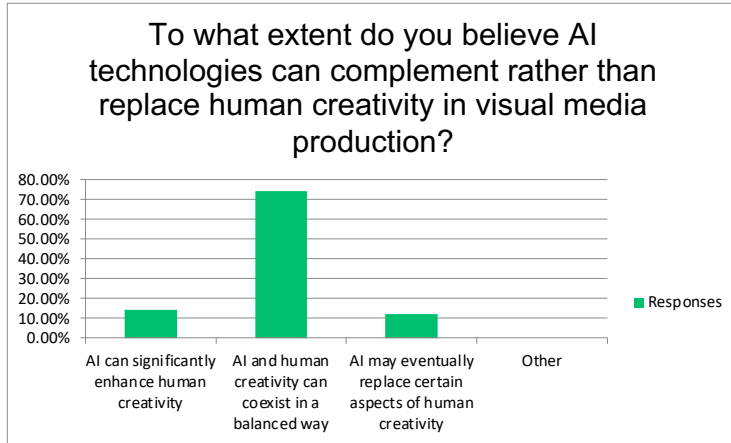
**Graph 9: Survey Response**

80% of respondents have said that they have encountered ethical dilemmas while using AI in their visual media production works (Graph 9).



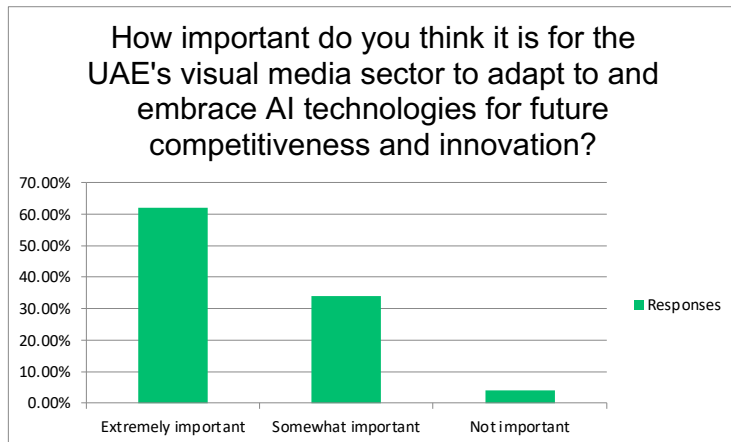
**Graph 10: Survey Response**

60% of people have said that they are somewhat confident in their ability to consider ethical aspects while using AI in visual media production work. 28% are very confident, and 12% are not confident, which highlights that the majority of personnel have moderate confidence and somehow suffer from significant ethical dilemmas in their work (Graph 10).



**Graph 11: Survey Response**

In the visual media production industry, above 70% of respondents have mentioned that AI can complement human creativity rather than lead to its displacement. They believe that human creativity and AI can coexist in a balanced way and that they can bring more success in the production process and innovation. A similar percentage has been observed in personnel responding to the role of AI in enhancing human creativity and the impact of AI in replacing certain aspects of human creativity (Graph 11).



**Graph 12: Survey Response**

The UAE is utilizing AI effectively in different contexts. Thus, the survey has placed attention on the importance of the country adopting and embracing AI for future innovation and competitiveness in the visual media production industry. Above 60% of respondents have mentioned that it is extremely important for the country as AI is leading the visual media world and better enhancing audience engagement in a personalised way. However, ethical use is always recommended in this context (Graph 12).

## 5. Qualitative findings (Interview)

| Interview Questions  | Industry Professional 1   | Industry Professional 2   |
|--|---|---|
| 1. How has AI integration impacted daily workflow in visual media production?  | AI has enhanced automation and brought speed to content creation.   | I think AI has enhanced personalized content creation and improved audience satisfaction daily.   |
| 2. In your opinion, what are some of the challenges the industry is facing after AI employment?  | Ethical issues are one of the significant challenges the industry is facing the use of AI.  | I believe that AI sometimes promotes biases and risks legal damage in terms of IP and copyright.  |
| 3. What particular AI tool or advanced technologies have you incorporated into the work, and how have they impacted creativity and efficiency in media production? | For automating video editing, we have used Adobe Sensei and AI-powered tools such as NVIDIA to represent realistic VFX. The adoption of these tools decreases production time, allowing us to experiment with effective creative ideas. | We especially depend on Runway Gen-2 for generating real background and AI-driven rotoscoping tools. These advanced technologies have decreased repetitive tasks and freed our teams for higher-level creative decision-making. |
| 4. What guidelines or measures do you believe are important for determining important issues like copyrights and deepfakes in AI-driven media?                     | I believe that transparency is the key. The content creator needs to reveal the usage of AI in production, and the platform should adopt strict guidelines to address and flag manipulated content such as deepfakes.                   | I think developing digital watermarks for the AI-produced content would assist in tracking its origin and help maintain accountability, while revisiting copyright law comprising AI-generated works is important.              |
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| Interview Questions   | Regulatory Personnel 1   | Regulatory Personnel 2   |
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| 5. What strategies do you use to stay updated and monitor Integration in the visual media production work?                                  | We attend conferences, engage in industry forums, conduct ongoing research and analysis, and arrange collaborative initiatives with stakeholders to stay updated about their opinions and monitor the ethical application of AI. | We develop guidelines and policies with consumer interests in mind and constantly monitor AI integration by attending meetings with industry stakeholders.   |
| 6. In shaping regulation and standards for AI-driven visual media production, what role should industry stakeholders play, in your opinion? | They must monitor AI-generated content regularly, establish a vision and strategies that are ethically based on AI use, and interact with AI experts to ensure responsible visual media production practices.                    | Industry professionals must maintain a balance between AI and human creators and must not encourage the replacement of human aspects. They must provide training and arrange upskilling and reskilling programs for professionals to ensure the coexistence of AI tools and human creators in visual media production. |
| 7. What steps is your company taking to control AI technologies in the visual media to ensure legal and ethical adherence?                  | We are developing policies mandating the definition of copyright ownership and AI content labelling for AI-generated works or content and imposing fines or penalties for misuse, such as deepfakes.                             | We prioritise developing guidelines for maintaining transparency, motivating ethical AI adoption, and cooperating with industry stakeholders to address misinformation and copyright challenges.   |
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## **6. Discussion of the finding**

### **6.1 Impact of AI on the Technical Content Creation Aspect**

AI has significantly impacted visual media production both in positive and negative ways. It has brought creativity in video editing, enhanced storytelling and efficiency of the content creation process. AI and ML have improved video content produced by large-scale users (Lu & Nam, 2021). Recommendations from algorithms lead to manual intervention effectively. Video-viewing duration and user scale are significantly increasing. Thus, it is important to utilize tools like AI to improve automation and reduce repetitive work. Penetration and development processes driven by AI exceed customers' original expectations (Mogavi et al., 2024). In contrast, human intervention requires browsing the video content and adopting the risk of missing an audit for a spot check. In the initial stage, the role of AI was limited to automating the content creation process, but the introduction of Deep Learning and Machine Learning has improved narrative nuances, which reduces the gap between human-created content and the AI-generated one (Amato et al., 2019).

Afterward, they show it in front of the audience, which increases satisfaction and attractiveness. Redefined content led to immersive media experiences for the users (Partarakis & Zabulis, 2024). Apart from this, AI can promote alternative viewpoints on the same underlying events (Trattner et al., 2022).

### **6.2 Ethical, legal, and socio-economic implications of AI in Visual Media**

In visual media production, AI has no doubt brought many advantages, but it cannot hide the danger inherent in this technology. The technology

deals with vast amounts of data and the risk of privacy breach remains. In the media industry, especially in visual content creation, it is important to look after copyright and IP rights to maintain ethics (Bonadio, Lucchi & Mazziotti, 2022). Human intervention can cautiously consider these ethical aspects. However, it is true that they also have ethical dilemmas and do not feel very confident in considering ethical aspects. Deepfake technology might raise ethical and legal concerns and produce deceptive content (Vaccari & Chadwick, 2020).

In the case of piracy and concern for originality, careful and serious attention is required (Anantrasirichai & Bull, 2022). The wrong hands can access the technology, creating fake images, conversations, videos, and other content that may affect the reputation and overall performance and growth of the visual media production industry. Biases remain in the case of AI-driven content (Akter et al., 2023). Excessive focus on AI-driven personalization and recommendations might result in a contribution to the creation of “echo chambers,” which can reduce the extent to which citizens are exposed to information to which they might not show any agreement (Trattner et al., 2022). In the visual media, fake images, fake videos, and unethical editing not only harm organizational reputation but also pose a significant threat to the community. The social responsibility of the visual media production industry is at stake with the increasing use of AI. Regulatory bodies in this industry highlight the importance of collaboration with technologists in interdisciplinary ways. Skill development in computational interactive creativity is necessary while users collaborate with advanced AI-generated software (Reddy, 2022). Semi-supervised ML techniques can help to generate genuine information and visuals (Yang et al., 2022).

### **6.3 AI-driven changes in skills and job roles in the visual media industry**

In the era of AI, job redesign is one of the significant needs. AI has automated data analysis and manual editing. Human creators can now take the help of AI tools to improve customer satisfaction. Skills in ML, Data Analytics, and programming languages are important for employees in this industry to leverage AI tools effectively (Raschka, Patterson & Nolet, 2020). Data scientists, algorithm developers, and AI specialists in visual media are some of the transformative roles after the emergence and Integration of AI in this context. Visual designers, storytellers, and content producers are some of the traditional roles that are redefined after AI implementation.

Due to ethical considerations related to AI use in visual media production, it is important for people working in this sector to have critical thinking and ethical reasoning abilities to understand complexities in AI-generated content. The visual media landscape has been reshaped by AI-driven new skills and job roles (Raschka, Patterson & Nolet, 2020). A dynamic workforce that is capable of navigating the potential of AI in visual media production is the need of the hour in this industry.

### **6.4 Impact of AI on ethical integrity, innovation, and Human-AI interaction in the visual media industry**

In the innovative content creation process, AI plays a pivotal role. New art forms and unique visual effects can be integrated through AI, which strengthens production capabilities (Bender, 2023). AI gives innovative perspectives and implementation methods to content creators, which help them to come out of the stereotypes and add attraction to the content and can act as an ally to enrich creativity in content (Lee, 2022). Ethical integrity

is essential to prevent job displacement in the visual media production industry after the increasing dominance of AI. Among employees in this sector, AI and tools driven by it, like NLP, ML, and DL, are somewhat unknown. However, major sections have mentioned that they are somewhat familiar with AI integration and have used Natural Language Processing for content Analysis (Kang et al., 2022).

### **6.5 Examining whether AI replaces or complements human creativity**

Tailoring content creation by looking after diverse preferences and expectations of the audience marks diversity and inclusion by AI (Khan, 2023). AI tools can include text-to-animation, text-to-image, text-to-music models and text-to-3D. Stakeholders in visual media production are getting readily available translation software due to the Natural Language Processing (NLP) capability of AI (Kang et al., 2022).

Ethical integrity needs to be strongly enhanced by encouraging employee upskilling and reskilling in the media industry to understand the unstructured collection of content from AI. Visual media professionals can regulate structured processes. Therefore, AI and human content creators are closely interlinked. Both AI models and human content creators have a default house style. AI will generate content using 'default' aesthetics if human factors do not specify a style in explicit ways (McLoughlin, 2024). The interplay between human and AI models will create new hybrids and styles in visual media production. Highly experienced and skilled human creators have a significant advantage in leveraging AI effectively (Manovich, Manovich & Arielli, 2023).

Industry professionals need to understand that human-made images

can incorporate unique minuscule details, very particular content and other distinctive aesthetics that are beyond the capabilities of an AI image generator (McLoughlin, 2024). This is because in the need for very particular visual content creation, AI can generate generic objects, which is the greatest obstacle in AI generative media models. Content and aesthetic gaps between humans and AI require more detailed research and analysis in the future (Cetinic & She, 2022). Therefore, disregarding human factors and replacing their jobs with AI tools cannot promote innovation and growth of the visual media industry with its sole dependence on AI. If tackled better, AI can leverage human creativity rather than replace it (O'Toole & Horvát, 2024). Industry professionals must utilize combined creation from humans and machines in the production of visual media.

### **6.6 Future trends, predictions, and advice to content creators**

In the future, features in AI technology will be more improved and advanced. It can be predicted that the technology will revolutionize the visual media production process and simultaneously pose new kinds of challenges. Media content interaction and accessibility need to be enhanced. Personnel working in visual media content production can increase engagement and collaboration with tangible user interfaces, eye-free sensors, AR and VR interfaces, and conversational AI (Trattner et al., 2022).

### **6.7 Case Studies**

#### **The Animation Studio 'Xpanse CGI' behind the 1st Sci-Fi Film of the UAE**

Xpanse CGI is identified as a Dubai-based Corporation that is rewriting the narrative of animation along with visual impacts in the Middle East

(Stardom, 2024). The company is recognized for making ‘Xero Error,’ the first computer-generated sci-fi film in the region. This company has become synonymous with state-of-the-art animation, high-caliber visual impacts, and extensive storytelling, and this raises the bar for aspiring studios in the region. In the year 2009, Xpanse CGI manufactured “Xero Error”, which is the 1st sci-fi film coming out of the United Arab Emirates. The accomplishment of this film was identified as the biggest achievement for the studio, and it would go on to create a new benchmark for regional cinema. Furthermore, “Xero Error” achieved global notoriety along with being screened at such famed events as the Sci-Fi London and Cannes Film Festival.

After this, Xpanse CGI pursued ambitious manufacturing projects, which definitely disclosed great commitment and versatility to storytelling. Including this, the study also co-produced ‘Malal,’ which is 1st Indo-Emirati film, via which its impact and reach enlarged the cultural lines. This company has also progressed with innovations and technologies to advance at the industry’s highest level (Stardom, 2024). This accomplishment in digital artistry has resulted in a wider portfolio such as digital branding and website design for high-profile customers in Dubai. Continuously in touch with emergent animation as well as CGI trends, this company stands out in making the visual experience extensive for audiences even as this embraces potential in VR and AR.

### **DNEG cooperation with the Abu Dhabi and Brahma AI Platform:**

DNEG is a well-known visual effects studio demonstrating the transformative capability of AI in visual media production via its cooperation with the United AI Saqer Group of Abu Dhabi. In 2020, this visual effect study secured a \$200 million investment from this group,

valuing the firm at more than \$2 billion (Manfredi, 2024). This effective partnership is mainly instrumental in extending the potential of the DNEG, especially via its AI-powered Brahma Platforms that mainly specialize in building computer generative images using modern generative AI and structure data modeling. The cooperation has demonstrated the strategic vision of the emirate to position itself as an international hub for media innovations. In this partnership, the DNEG is building a visual experiences hub across Abu Dhabi, prioritizing content production, distribution, and storage. This innovative hub is predicted to boost employment and uplift skill development, focusing on training Emirati talent in advanced AI technologies for the visual media. The AI potential of the Brahma platform helps the filmmaker to develop immersive visual content with exceptional efficacy. The platform has notably decreased the costs and time that were incurred in traditional CGI workflows, allowing the studios to focus on innovation and effective storytelling. This case has demonstrated the decision of the AUE to benefit from AI to evolve its creative sectors. By developing partnerships with international leaders such as DNEG, the region has aligned technical advancements with its National AI Strategy 2031, showing cultural and economic growth and innovations (Manfredi, 2024).

## **7. Conclusion**

In summary, the incorporation of AI in media creation signals a phase of innovation and complexity. This study proposal aims to not only navigate the scenario but also forecast future advancements, promoting a balanced strategy that leverages AI's capabilities while tackling its obstacles. It is crucial for policymakers, industry players, and academia to engage in discussions and partnerships to ensure that AI enhances creativity, upholds

values, and contributes positively to societal progress. The journey of incorporating AI into media production is just. Its direction will have a significant impact on not just the media sector but also the broader fabric of human culture and creativity.

The outcome has demonstrated both the transformative potential and the issue of incorporating AI in visual media production. The industry professional has shown how AI tools like VFX generation and automated editing have remarkably improved creativity and effectiveness by decreasing manual tasks. However, this also highlighted the requirement for ethical guidelines and transparency to handle challenges such as copyright disputes and deepfakes. The importance of a clear framework has been evident, like mandatory labelling for AI-based content and revising copyright laws to determine AI-generated works. These also reveal robust measures to combat misinformation and ensure accountability in the use of AI. The analysis has revealed that AI presents significant opportunities to transform visual media, however, its social, ethical and legal implications demand proactive measures from both regulators and industry to boost accountable and innovative applications.

## **8. Actionable**

- Industry professionals and policymakers need to provide AI-specific training to upskill and reskill people working in visual media production. Unless employees are trained to use AI responsibly in media production, they will continue to feel less confident in their ethical reasoning capabilities and face heavy ethical dilemmas..
- Information retrieval techniques to detect check-worthy claims and automated fact-checking techniques are necessary to mitigate

risks and ethical issues. Semi-supervised ML techniques can help to generate genuine information and visuals. In uncovering manipulated videos and images, it is vital to use multimedia forensic techniques.

- Regulatory bodies in the visual media production industry must focus on establishing strict guidelines, policies, and best practices for implementing AI in media production. Regular monitoring of AI-generated content can reduce the risk of misinterpretation and deepfakes.
- In order to harness the capabilities of AI in visual media, it is suggested to develop clear ethical laws and guidelines comprising necessary labelling of the updated copyright laws and AI-generated content. Cooperation among regulators and industry is important to determine misuse like deepfakes as well as make sure transparency. The training program needs to focus on offering professionals with the creative and technological skills required to AI-driven workflows.

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علاء مكي<sup>(2)</sup>

### ملخص البحث:

يهدف البحث المقترح إلى دراسة الآثار العميقة للذكاء الاصطناعي والتقنيات الناشئة المماثلة على إنتاج الوسائط المرئية، بما في ذلك الرؤى النظرية والتطبيقات العملية. تتعمق هذه الدراسة في التأثيرات التحويلية للذكاء الاصطناعي على العملية الإبداعية، وكفاءة الإنتاج، والاعتبارات الأخلاقية، وحقوق الملكية الفكرية، وإشراك الجمهور، والتأثير الأوسع على الإنتاج الثقافي. من خلال نهج متعدد الأساليب يجمع بين التحليلات الكمية والنوعية، يسعى هذا البحث إلى تقديم نظرة شاملة عن الوضع الحالي لتكامل الذكاء الاصطناعي في صناعة الإعلام، وتحديد التحديات والفرص، واقتراح توصيات إستراتيجية لأصحاب المصلحة. الهدف النهائي هو فهم كيفية تسخير تقنيات الذكاء الاصطناعي لتعزيز الابتكار والإبداع في إنتاج الوسائط المرئية، مع معالجة التحديات الأخلاقية والقانونية، ومن ثم الإسهام في التنمية المستدامة لهذه الصناعة.

**الكلمات الدالة:** الذكاء الاصطناعي، إنتاج الوسائط المرئية، التقنيات الناشئة، والآثار الأخلاقية للذكاء الاصطناعي.

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