AI Usage Policy

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1. Purpose and Scope

1.1 As a publication that reports on artificial intelligence, Tech Revolt holds itself to a high standard in its own use of it. This Policy sets out how AI tools may be used in the research, production and publication of Tech Revolt's journalism, reports and other content.

1.2 This Policy applies to all Team Members and to all Editorial Content and research products.

2. Principles

2.1 Human oversight: AI may assist Tech Revolt's journalists but shall not replace their judgement. Every item of published content is reviewed and approved by a person.

2.2 Accountability: Journalists remain fully accountable for all work published under their byline, however it was produced.

2.3 Accuracy: AI output may contain errors, fabrications and bias, and shall be treated as unverified until checked.

2.4 Transparency: Readers shall be told when AI has played a significant role in producing content.

2.5 Confidentiality: Sources, unpublished material and personal data shall be protected in any use of AI.

3. Permitted Uses

3.1 Subject to Sections 6 and 8, AI tools may be used for:

(a) research assistance, including identifying background material and potential sources;

(b) transcription of interviews and recordings;

(c) translation, provided the result is reviewed by a person fluent in both languages before publication;

(d) summarising documents, reports and filings, provided any point used is checked against the original;

(e) data analysis, provided methods and results are validated by a person;

(f) editing for grammar, spelling, clarity and house style; and

(g) suggesting headlines, summaries and metadata for review by an editor.

4. Uses Requiring Approval

4.1 The following require the prior approval of the Editor in Chief and disclosure to readers:

(a) publication of substantial passages of text generated by AI;

(b) AI-generated or AI-assisted illustrations and graphics; and

(c) synthetic audio or video, including AI-generated voices or presenters.

5. Prohibited Uses

5.1 AI tools shall not be used to:

(a) fabricate or alter quotations, sources, data or events;

(b) publish AI output that has not been verified and approved by a person;

(c) create photorealistic images of real people or events, or alter photographs in a way that changes their meaning;

(d) impersonate any person, including in communications with sources; or

(e) write Byline content attributed to a named author who did not write it.

6. Verification

6.1 All facts, figures, names, quotations and citations produced or processed by AI shall be verified against primary sources in accordance with the Editorial Code of Practice before publication.

7. Disclosure to Readers

7.1 Where AI has played a significant role in producing content, a disclosure shall be included, for example:

This article was translated with the assistance of AI and reviewed by a Tech Revolt editor.

7.2 The methodology of Tech Revolt's research reports shall state any material use of AI in collecting or analysing data.

8. Confidentiality and Data Protection

8.1 Confidential source material, the identity of Sources, unpublished investigations, embargoed information and personal data shall not be entered into any AI tool other than those approved by Tech Revolt for that purpose.

8.2 Tech Revolt maintains a list of approved tools, which are selected on the basis of their data security and their terms on the use of input data. The approved tools are ChatGPT (OpenAI) and Claude (Anthropic). No other AI tools may be used without the prior approval of the Editor in Chief.

9. Review and Amendment

9.1 Given the pace of change in AI, this Policy is reviewed every six months. Tech Revolt reserves the right to amend it at any time; the current version is published on this page.