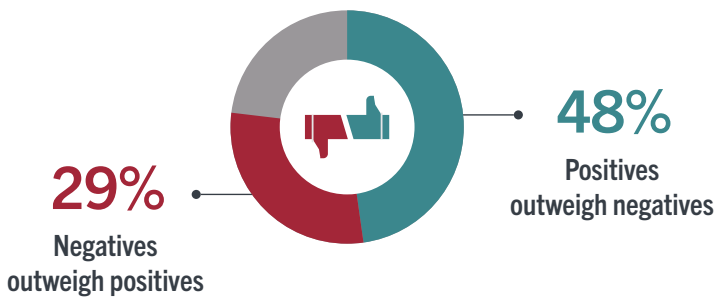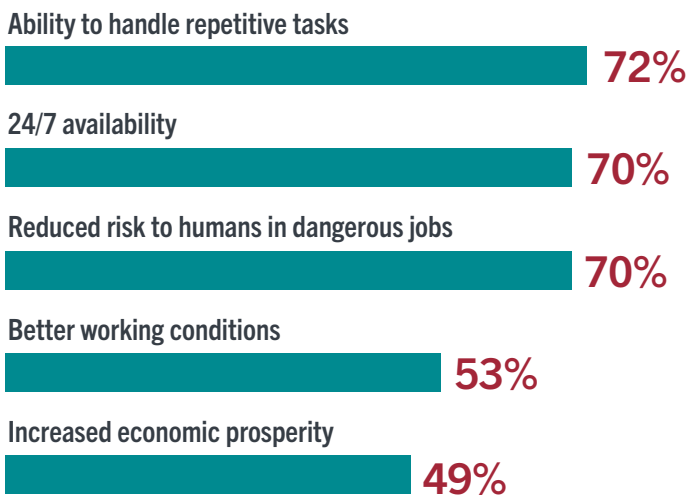# Despite Concerns that Artificial Intelligence Is a Threat to Democracy and Will Likely Become Uncontrollable, Americans Believe its Benefits Still Outweigh its Risks

That's according to findings from the Stevens *TechPulse* Report: A Perspective on Americans' Attitudes Toward Artificial Intelligence. The Stevens Institute of Technology/Morning Consult Poll shows the public is deeply conflicted about the promise and pitfalls of AI.

More Americans feel the positives of greater AI adoption in everyday life outweigh the negatives, but still express widespread concerns over the consequences of greater adoption of AI:
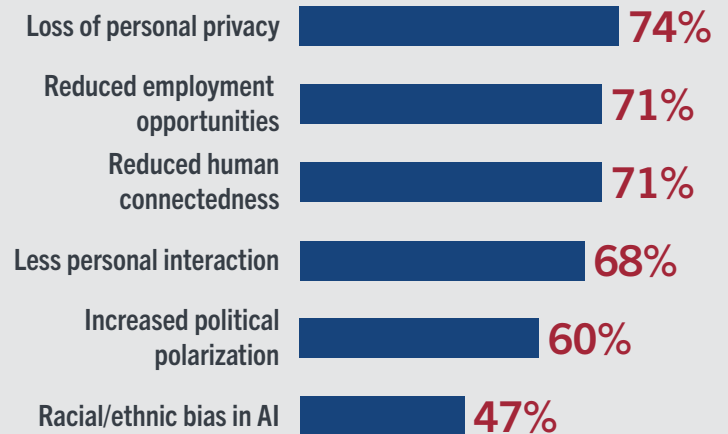
48%
Positives outweigh negatives

29%
Negatives outweigh positives

Americans recognize the likely potential positive outcomes of greater adoption of AI in everyday life, including:

Ability to handle repetitive tasks
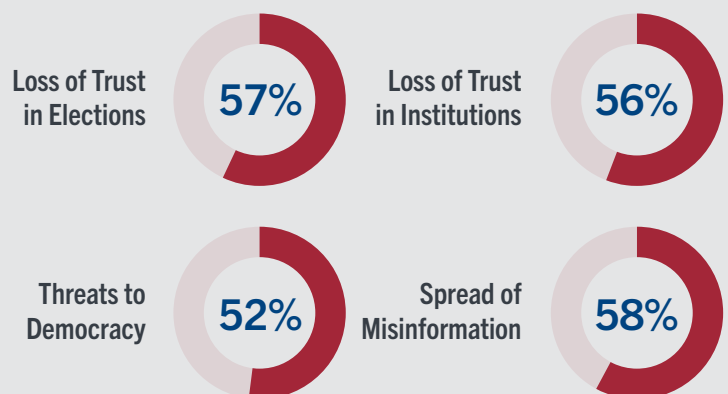**72%**

24/7 availability
70%

Reduced risk to humans in dangerous jobs
70%

Better working conditions
53%

Increased economic prosperity
49%

Negative Consequences

Many are wary of the downsides of greater AI adoption, which include:

Loss of personal privacy
74%

Reduced employment opportunities
71%

Reduced human connectedness
71%

Less personal interaction
68%

Increased political polarization
60%

Racial/ethnic bias in AI
47%

A majority of Americans believe AI has contributed to eroding trust and spreading misinformation by playing a role in:

Loss of Trust in Elections
57%

Loss of Trust in Institutions
56%

Threats to Democracy
52%

Spread of Misinformation
58%

Specific Uses: Facial Reacognition and Self-Driving Cars

Sixty-two percent of Americans believe facial recognition is a responsible use of AI technology. Adults are comfortable with employing it for a variety of tasks that include:

71%
Finding missing persons

68%
Finding lost pets

68%
Identifying and monitoring criminals

64%
Identifying fraudulent behavior when making purchases
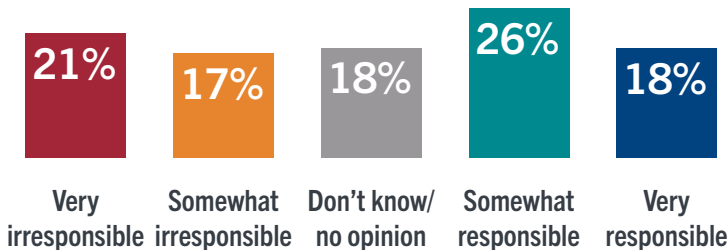
62%
Aiding in police investigations

48%
Monitoring people at rallies and marches

People are less convinced that self-driving cars are a responsible use of AI.

21%	17%	18%	26%	18%
Very irresponsible	Somewhat irresponsible	Don't know/ no opinion	Somewhat responsible	Very responsible

Future Implications

There is a good deal of apprehension about the future of AI.
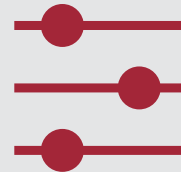
Half of adults (51%) believe it is likely that humans will be unable to control AI.

In addition, majorities also believe it is likely AI will:

69%
Be misused by governments

63%
Control too much of everyday life

52%
Become smarter than humans