

Artificial Intelligence As a New Paradigm iIn Business Ethics

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Abstract. In the era of artificial intelligence (AI), technology is growing rapidly and changing the way businesses are run. AI enables automation, big data analysis, and increased operational efficiency. However, this development also raises various ethical issues that companies need to pay attention to so as not to harm consumers, society, and the environment. This study explores the paradigm of artificial intelligence in the context of business ethics, focusing on its impacts, challenges, and potential benefits in the business world. This study uses a systematic literature review approach from various reputable sources. The article criteria include literature published from 2019 to 2024 with the theme of business ethics in the AI era, and other articles relevant to this study. Based on the search, 15 articles were determined that were relevant to the predetermined criteria. The results of the study found that in this study, AI is not only a technical tool to improve operational efficiency, but is also able to redefine business ethics in the modern era. AI offers great potential to overcome traditional ethical challenges and create new paradigms in business decision making. However, this opportunity is also accompanied by significant challenges, such as algorithmic bias, data privacy, and lack of regulation. This discussion will review the role of AI in business ethics, the benefits it brings, the challenges it faces, and the steps that can be taken to optimize the ethical use of AI.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Artificial intelligence (AI) has become one of the most transformative technologies in the way businesses operate across sectors. With the ability to process and analyze large amounts of data, and learn from existing patterns, AI offers a huge opportunity to increase efficiency, reduce costs, and create more innovative products and services (Dwivedi, Y. K et al., 2021). AI helps automate many routine tasks that previously required human involvement. This can include administrative work such as scheduling, data processing, and inventory management. With automation, companies can improve operational efficiency and reduce costs.

AI is also widely used in customer service to improve user experience. AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants enable businesses to provide 24/7 customer support with fast and accurate responses (Vashishth, T. K., 2024). AI can also analyze customer behavior to provide more personalized product recommendations, as seen in streaming services (Ahmed, S., & Aziz, N. A., 2024). By analyzing transaction data, preferences, and previous interactions, AI helps businesses provide more relevant and satisfying experiences to customers.

Machine learning algorithms can identify hidden patterns in data that may be difficult for humans to find. Therefore, AI can help businesses analyze big data to generate deeper

insights into operational performance, market trends, and customer behavior (Ajiga, DI et al., 2024). In an effort to improve sustainability, AI is also applied to optimize energy use and reduce resource waste. AI can be used to manage a more efficient energy system, such as regulating energy use in factories or office buildings, and optimizing energy consumption in production and distribution (Ahmad, T, 2021). Businesses that integrate AI with sustainability policies can reduce their environmental impact and achieve green goals (Issa, J. et al., 2024).

Artificial intelligence has the potential to revolutionize the business world, increase efficiency, improve customer experience, and drive innovation. However, the implementation of this technology certainly also brings various challenges, including large initial investment costs, requiring competent skills and human resources, security and data protection issues, and even ethical issues such as algorithmic bias, discrimination, and privacy violations (Regona, M. et al., 2022). Therefore, the implementation of AI must be carried out carefully to avoid ethical and social issues, and ensure that this technology is used in a way that benefits the company, employees, and society as a whole. Businesses that can integrate AI wisely are sure to gain a competitive advantage in the growing global market (Sharma, M et al., 2022).

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a branch of computer science that focuses on the development of systems or machines that can mimic or execute tasks that normally require human intelligence (Sarker, IH 2022). AI-based modeling: techniques, applications and research issues towards automation, intelligent and smart systems. *SN Computer Science*, *3* (2), 158.). AI encompasses capabilities such as natural language processing, pattern recognition, decision making, machine learning, and facial recognition (Rane, N. L, et al.). Simply put, AI seeks to make machines or computers "smart" in a way that allows them to learn from experience, adapt to new data, and perform tasks automatically.

Hansen, SS (2022) stated that the history of artificial intelligence began in the 1950s, when computers were first introduced by Alan Turing, a British computer scientist, proposing a test known as the Turing Test to measure the ability of machines to imitate human intelligence. If a machine can communicate in a way that is indistinguishable from humans, then the machine can be considered "smart". Then in 1956 through the Dartmouth conference, the term "artificial intelligence" was first coined by John McCarthy, who became one of the pioneers of this field. This conference marked the beginning of formal research on AI, and various efforts to develop AI. Until the 2000s AI developed rapidly with advances in computing

and the availability of big data and cloud computing. Deep learning, which is a branch of machine learning that uses artificial neural networks, enables breakthroughs in speech, image, and natural language processing recognition.

In general, AI can be used to automate tasks, analyze big data, predict trends, and improve efficiency and accuracy in various fields. One of them is in the business sector (Eboigbe, E. O, et al. 2023). AI helps in analyzing market data and trends to predict business decisions, such as investment or demand forecasting (Okeleke, P. A et al., 2024). Many companies use AI to improve customer service with chatbots that can answer questions automatically (Nirala, K. K et al. 2022). AI is also used to control production processes and improve efficiency, reduce production defects, and predict machine maintenance needs (Javaid, M. et al., 2022). In addition, AI can analyze user data to target more relevant ads and improve the effectiveness of marketing campaigns (Iyelolu, TV et al., 2024).

Business Ethics

Trevino, LK, & Nelson, KA (2021) stated that business ethics refers to moral principles applied in the business world to ensure that decisions and behavior in carrying out business activities are carried out in a fair, honest, and responsible manner. Business ethics relates to how companies, managers, and employees make decisions that not only benefit the company, but also consider their impact on society, the environment, and other stakeholders (Nicolaides, A, 2021) . Trevino, LK, & Nelson, KA (2021) stated that the principles of business ethics emphasize

- 1. Honesty and Transparency. Companies are expected to conduct their business activities honestly and openly, including in financial reporting, communication with consumers, and disclosure of relevant information.
- 2. Fairness. Business ethics emphasizes fair treatment of all parties involved, such as employees, customers, suppliers, and the community. This includes providing fair wages, equal opportunity, and non-discriminatory treatment.
- 3. Social and Environmental Responsibility. Companies are expected to conduct their business activities honestly and openly, including in financial reporting, communication with consumers, and disclosure of relevant information. Businesses are responsible not only to shareholders or owners of the company, but also to employees, customers, suppliers, and the wider community. Ethical business decisions take into account the welfare of all parties involved.

- 4. Integrity. Involves actions that are consistent with high moral values, such as not committing fraud or corruption, and maintaining the company's reputation in a good manner.
- 5. Compliance with Laws. Business ethics also involves compliance with applicable laws and regulations. This includes implementing policies that comply with government regulations and industry standards.
- 6. Privacy and Security. In the digital era, protecting personal data and information owned by consumers is an important aspect of business ethics. Companies must maintain the confidentiality and security of their customers' data.

Overall, business ethics aims to create a balance between achieving the company's financial goals while paying attention to moral values that are important for the welfare of all parties involved (Crane, A. et al., 2019). The application of good business ethics can increase public trust, create better relationships with stakeholders, and support the company's long-term sustainability (Joyner, BE, & Payne, D, 2002).

Research methods

This study uses a Systematic Literature Review (SLR) approach with data sources derived from indexed journal literature that has an ISSN (International Standard Serial Number) electronically that has been published via the internet with the E-IS SN code. Data retrieval is done through internet surfing from Google Scholar. The population of research data is 15 relevant articles indexed from various publishers or journal publishers.

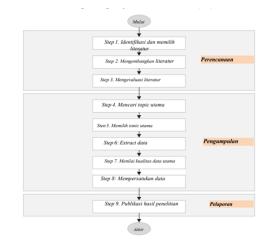


Figure 1. Systematic Literature Review (SLR) Scheme

In Scheme 1, Systematic Literature Review (SLR) is conducted in three stages: planning, conducting and reporting the literature review. In the first step, the requirements for a systematic review are identified. Then, systematic reviews on the problem are identified and reviewed. A review protocol is designed to guide the conduct of the review and reduce the possibility of researcher bias. In the second step, it defines the research question, search strategy, study selection process with inclusion and exclusion criteria, quality assessment, and finally the data extraction and synthesis process. The third step is reporting by writing the research results based on the literature that has gone through the first and second steps, then discussing them in the research results and concluding them.

3. RESEARCH RESULT

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is now playing a significant role in reshaping modern business ethics. Based on a review of 15 articles, this study found that AI has the potential to revolutionize the approach to ethics in business (Trunina, I. et al., 2023). One of the main contributions of AI is its ability to automate decision-making processes, especially in terms of regulatory compliance, fraud detection, and ethical risk analysis (Gautam, A. 2023). This efficiency is difficult to achieve with manual methods, but the presence of AI also brings new challenges that require attention from academics and practitioners. AI in the context of business ethics is often used to increase transparency and accountability (Agrawal, G. 2024). . According to several articles, data-driven algorithms enable the reduction of human bias, which has long been an obstacle to ethical decision-making (Akter, S. et al., 2021). For example, AI can detect discrimination in the recruitment process or help analyze business policies objectively. However, there are concerns about the nature of AI algorithms which are often considered black boxes, where their working mechanisms are difficult for users to understand (Pedreschi, D et al., 2021). This emphasizes the need to develop more explainable AI technology. The benefits of AI in business ethics include increased operational efficiency and analytical accuracy (Paramesha, M. et al., 2024). This technology is able to accelerate complex processes, such as ethics audits or contract analysis (Chowdhury, EK 2021). In addition, AI also helps companies comply with global regulations, including data protection and environmental sustainability standards (Solanke, B. et al., 2024). However, these benefits can only be achieved if AI algorithms are designed with inclusive and fair ethical principles in mind, so that this technology truly supports responsible business practices (Scatiggio, V. 2020). However, the application of AI in business ethics faces major challenges, especially algorithmic bias and the lack of clear regulations (Attard-Frost, B. et al., 2023). Unrepresentative data can lead to injustice, such as discrimination based on gender or race in recruitment algorithms. In addition, data privacy is a major issue because AI often processes sensitive information without adequate user consent (Gabriel, O. T, 2023). This condition

raises ethical dilemmas, especially when companies are not transparent about the use of the data.

Regulation related to AI technology in business ethics is still a homework that needs to be completed. Only a few articles discuss regulations in depth, indicating that the development of AI technology is faster than the creation of relevant policies. This legal uncertainty has the potential to hinder the widespread adoption of AI in the business world. To overcome this, collaboration between technology developers, regulators, and academics is needed to create a framework that supports the ethical implementation of AI (Ajiga, D. et al., 2024). Artificial Intelligence (AI) has become one of the most revolutionary technologies in various fields, including business. Based on the findings of 15 articles in this study, AI is not only a technical tool to improve operational efficiency, but is also able to redefine business ethics in the modern era (Böhm, S, 2022). AI offers great potential to overcome traditional ethical challenges and create new paradigms in business decision making (Allioui, H., & Mourdi, Y. 2023). However, these opportunities also come with significant challenges, such as algorithmic bias, data privacy, and lack of regulation (Rodrigues, R. 2020). This discussion will review the role of AI in business ethics, the benefits it brings, the challenges it faces, and steps that can be taken to optimize the ethical use of AI.

AI As A New Paradigm In Business Ethics

One of the key findings of the reviewed articles is how AI is able to become a new paradigm in business ethics through the automation of decision-making processes. This technology provides solutions to various ethical problems that were previously difficult to solve, such as fraud detection, risk management, and regulatory compliance (Harry, A., & Khan, A. (2024). With the ability to analyze large amounts of data in real-time, AI enables faster and more objective decisions compared to manual approaches (Lai, V. et al., 2021). Examples include the use of algorithms in analyzing transactions to detect suspicious activity, or the use of Natural Language Processing (NLP) to assess business contracts against certain legal and ethical standards. However, AI is not only an efficient decision-making tool. This technology is also starting to change the way companies approach ethical issues. Many companies are using AI to measure and monitor the social impact of their business policies, including the effects on the environment and communities (Efe, A. 2023). For example, AI-based analytics can help companies understand whether their supply chain practices comply with the principles of sustainability and social responsibility.

Benefits of AI in Business Ethics

AI presents several significant benefits in the context of business ethics. One of them is the reduction of human bias in decision-making (Kadiresan, A. et al., 2022). Human bias, which is often influenced by emotions, personal experiences, or prejudices, can negatively affect business decisions. By using data-driven algorithms, AI can produce more neutral and objective decisions (Akter, S. et al., 2021). For example, in the recruitment process, AI algorithms can help select candidates based on their qualifications without being influenced by gender, race, or age bias. Another benefit of AI is operational efficiency. Several articles have shown that AI can speed up previously time-consuming processes, such as ethics audits or contract risk analysis (Ganapathy, V, 2023). In an increasingly complex business world, this efficiency provides a significant competitive advantage. In addition, AI also helps companies meet various global regulations, such as regulations on sustainability or data protection (Zhao, J., & Gómez Fariñas, B. (2023) . With AI, companies can easily monitor and ensure their compliance with applicable regulations (Kalusivalingam, A.K. et al., 2022). AI also supports transparency and accountability (Novelli, C. et al., 2024). Data-driven systems allow companies to document every step in the decision-making process. This makes it easier to track and assess if ethical issues arise later. Some companies have even started using blockchain technology combined with AI to increase transparency in their supply chains (Xu, P. et al., 2021).

Challenges in Using AI in Business Ethics

Despite its great benefits, the implementation of AI in business ethics is not without its challenges. One of the main issues raised by the reviewed articles is algorithmic bias. AI algorithms are designed based on training data, which if unrepresentative or reflect pre-existing biases, can exacerbate inequities (Hoffmann, A. L, 2019). For example, AI-based recruitment algorithms trained on historical data may unknowingly reinforce past gender or racial discrimination. Data privacy is another challenge that often comes up in discussions about AI. With its ability to process large amounts of data, AI often involves the use of sensitive personal information (Wachter, S., & Mittelstadt, B. 2019) . This poses a risk of privacy violations, especially if companies are not transparent about how the data is used. For example, the use of AI in customer behavior analysis can involve the collection of data without explicit consent, which can raise ethical dilemmas. The lack of comprehensive regulation is also a major challenge. Most articles show that the development of AI technology is faster than the creation of relevant policies (Kuziemski, M., & Misuraca, G, 2020).) . This creates gaps in legal

regulations that can be abused by companies or individuals. In addition, the lack of regulation also creates uncertainty for businesses that want to adopt AI technology in a responsible manner (Elliott, K et al., 2021).

Efforts to Improve AI Ethics

To address these challenges, several steps can be taken. First, algorithm developers should ensure that training data is representative and free from harmful bias (Gaonkar, B. et al., 2020). This can be done by involving multiple stakeholders in the design process, including ethicists, regulators, and affected communities. This approach helps create more inclusive and equitable algorithms. Second, transparency in the use of AI needs to be improved (Hind, M. et al., 2020). Companies should clearly communicate how their algorithms work and how the data is used. This can be done by adopting the principle of *explainable AI*, where the decision-making mechanisms of AI can be understood by non-technical users (Wang, S. et al., 2021). This transparency not only increases trust but also helps identify and fix ethical issues early. Third, regulations that support AI ethics should be developed (De Almeida, PGR et al., 2021). Governments and international organizations need to collaborate to create a framework that governs the use of AI in business. These regulations should cover aspects such as data privacy, algorithm design, and corporate accountability (Lu, S, 2020). In addition, regulations should also be flexible enough to adapt to rapid technological developments (Kashefi, P. et al., 2024)

4. CONCLUSION

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as a significant new paradigm in business ethics, as demonstrated by a systematic review of 15 research articles. AI has the potential to transform the way companies approach ethical issues through decision-making automation, increased transparency, and operational efficiency. The technology provides practical solutions to previously intractable challenges, such as fraud detection, risk analysis, and regulatory compliance. However, AI also brings complex challenges, including algorithmic bias, data privacy breaches, and lack of adequate regulation. The review found that AI can be a powerful tool for creating more objective and neutral decision-making, especially compared to traditional approaches that are often influenced by human bias. In addition, AI allows companies to proactively monitor and evaluate the social and environmental impacts of their business policies. However, the study also suggests that the use of AI in business ethics must be implemented carefully to ensure that its benefits are maximized without compromising basic ethical principles. Key challenges identified include algorithmic bias that can exacerbate existing inequities, especially if training data is unrepresentative or reflects patterns of past discrimination.

Data privacy is also a serious concern, as many AI applications require access to sensitive information without adequate protection or consent. The lack of regulations supporting the ethical development and use of AI adds to this complexity, creating loopholes that can be exploited by bad actors. The main conclusion of this study is that AI has great potential to become a new paradigm in business ethics, but its success depends largely on how this technology is integrated with strong ethical values. Collaboration between technology developers, regulators, and business practitioners is needed to create a framework that allows AI to be used responsibly and ethically. Artificial intelligence offers great potential to become a new paradigm in business ethics, but its success depends on how this technology is designed, implemented, and regulated. While AI can improve efficiency, transparency, and accuracy, risks such as algorithmic bias, privacy violations, and lack of regulation need to be taken seriously. Therefore, a multidisciplinary approach involving technology, ethics, and law is needed. This study shows that AI is not just a technical tool, but can also be a catalyst for systemic change in business. By using AI ethically, companies can not only meet regulatory standards but also build a reputation as responsible business actors. This step is important to ensure that AI not only supports business efficiency but also becomes a force that drives ethical values in the digital age.

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