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AI LITERACY · RESOURCE HANDOUT FOR LEADERSHIP

AI MYTHS VS. REALITY

20 Common Misconceptions and What Is Actually True

Separating what is true from what is not is how your team uses AI safely.

Common Misconceptions About AI and What is Actually True

Most resistance to AI, and most reckless use of it, traces back to the same handful of misunderstandings. Here is the short correction for each one.

#	THE MYTH	THE REALITY
1	<i>AI is magic.</i>	AI finds patterns in data. Powerful, but not mysterious.
2	<i>AI thinks and understands like a person.</i>	AI predicts likely words and outcomes. It has no understanding or consciousness.
3	<i>AI is always accurate.</i>	AI can be wrong, confident, and convincing at the same time. Verify anything that matters.
4	<i>AI will replace all human jobs.</i>	AI automates tasks. People supply creativity, judgment, empathy, and accountability.
5	<i>AI works instantly in every situation.</i>	Good results depend on good inputs, clear goals, and thoughtful implementation.
6	<i>More data always means better AI.</i>	Quality and relevance beat volume. Bad data produces bad results, faster.
7	<i>AI is completely objective.</i>	AI learns from human data and can reproduce the bias in that data.
8	<i>AI is only for technical people.</i>	Most current tools are built for general use and require no coding at all.
9	<i>AI is inherently a privacy threat.</i>	It can be if misused. Use approved tools and follow your data handling policy.
10	<i>AI only exists online.</i>	AI runs in applications, devices, equipment, and increasingly offline.
11	<i>AI can see and know everything.</i>	AI knows what it was trained on and what you give it. Nothing else.
12	<i>AI makes decisions on its own.</i>	AI produces recommendations. A person should still make the final call.
13	<i>AI output is always original.</i>	AI can closely reproduce existing material. Check for copyright and attribution.
14	<i>AI conversations are private by default.</i>	Not always. Data may be stored or used depending on the tool and the plan.
15	<i>AI will replace teachers and trainers.</i>	AI supports learning. People inspire, mentor, and adapt in ways AI cannot.
16	<i>AI does not have emotions.</i>	True, and that is exactly why human empathy matters more, not less.
17	<i>AI can predict the future.</i>	AI extrapolates from past data. It cannot foresee genuinely new events.
18	<i>AI is set it and forget it.</i>	AI needs monitoring, updates, and human oversight to stay useful.
19	<i>AI is too expensive for most organizations.</i>	Capable tools are widely accessible. Start small and scale on evidence.
20	<i>AI is the future, so there is no rush.</i>	AI is here now. Learning it today is the competitive advantage.

THE BOTTOM LINE

AI is a tool, not a miracle. Use it deliberately, question it consistently, and pair it with human judgment.

THINK CRITICALLY

Stay curious and stay skeptical. The people who get the most from AI are the ones who never fully trust it.

YOUR ROLE IS NOT REPLACEABLE

AI can assist. People lead, decide, and answer for the outcome.

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AI should elevate people, not replace them.

A human-centered approach to AI training.

