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The Ideological Upheaval of Stakeholders in Online News about AI as CEO

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ABSTRACT

In today's digital age, a more critical approach is needed to understand the social and ethical implications of Artificial Intelegence (AI) on future corporate governance, including human oversight in the application of AI itself. The aim of this study is to analyze how three international media outlets, DQ India, The Independent and Business Insider, portray the adoption of AI-based Chief Executive Officer or abbriviated as CEO's in the context of corporate governance. Using Entman's framing analysis, it identifies the themes, narratives and ideologies in the news about AI in corporate governance and examines how differences in media ideology influence the view of this technology. Stakeholder and shareholder theory is used to identify how the media connects AI to traditional theories in the world of corporate identity. The findings reveal the existence of the media's political economy as the main axis, showing that DQ India views AI as a solution to improve operational efficiency and reduce reliance on human managers. In contrast, The Independent takes a more cautious view, considering the potential risks and ethical implications of Al adoption. Business Insider, on the other hand, focused on the financial benefits that companies can realize by using AI in business management.

Keywords: Corporate identity; digital leadership, framing analysis, political economy of media, stakeholder theory

ABSTRACT

Di era serba digital saat ini perlu ada pendekatan yang lebih kritis dalam memahami dampak sosial dan etika Kecerdasan Artifisial (AI) dalam kepemimpinan masa depan, termasuk pengawasan manusia dalam penerapan AI itu sendiri. Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis bagaimana tiga media internasional, DQ India, The Independent, dan Business Insider, membingkai adopsi Chief Executive Officer (CEO) berbasis Al dalam konteks kepemimpinan perusahaan. Penelitian ini menggunakan Analisis Framing Entman, diarahkan untuk mengidentifikasi tema, narasi, dan ideologi yang terkandung dalam berita tentang Al dalam kepemimpinan, serta bagaimana perbedaan ideologi media mempengaruhi perspektif terhadap teknologi ini. Teori pemangku kepentingan dan pemegang saham digunakan untuk melihat bagaimana media menghubungkan Al dengan teori tradisional terkait identitas korporasi. Hasilnya menunjukkan adanya pusara ekonomi politik media sebagai poros utama yang menunjukkan bahwa DQ India memandang AI sebagai solusi untuk meningkatkan efisiensi operasional dan mengurangi ketergantungan pada manajer manusia. Sebaliknya, The Independent menyajikan pandangan yang lebih hati-hati dengan mempertimbangkan potensi risiko dan

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penerapan etis dari adopsi Al. Sementara itu, Business Insider fokus pada manfaat finansial yang dapat diperoleh perusahaan dengan mengadopsi Al dalam kepemimpinan.

Kata Kunci: Analisis pembingkaian, ekonomi politik media, identitas korporasi, kepemimpinan digital, teori pemangku kepentingan

INTRODUCTION

In the modern business environment, AI has become a transformative force in corporate leadership, with more and more companies utilizing AI to improve decision-making processes and strategic operations. The integration of AI into business management enables greater automation, increased efficiency, and data-driven decision making, which is critical to long-term sustainability and growth. Companies are adopting AI systems for important managerial tasks, such as strategic forecasting, financial analysis, and supply chain optimization, all of which traditionally require human leadership (Dhareshwar, 2018; Hrustek, 2020; Saxena, 2020). This AI-based technology enables businesses to make more accurate predictions and respond quickly to market changes, thereby improving overall organizational performance (Wagner, 2020).

Unlike traditional business technology that focuses on marketing and customer engagement, AI in a leadership role is about automating managerial decision making and reshaping corporate governance. AI-powered systems now have the ability to analyze huge data sets, predict market trends, and even make strategic decisions in real-time, challenging the traditional role of the human CEO (Saxena, 2020). For example, AI is able to optimize business strategies by analyzing performance metrics and offering prescriptive recommendations to management, which is a significant shift in the way business approaches leadership (Prodea & Constantin, 2023). Digital information technology has revolutionized the way businesses interact with customers, but the role of AI in corporate leadership goes beyond that, directly influencing the decision-making process and overall corporate governance (Saxena, 2020). The capacity of AI to help businesses gather information at their fingertips, analyze data, and understand market dynamics is reshaping the corporate decision-making landscape (Hong & Tam, 2006; Scheepers & Middleton, 2013).

This shift in leadership dynamics challenges traditional business theories, particularly stakeholder and shareholder theories. Stakeholder theory emphasizes the need to balance the interests of the various groups affected by company decisions (Harrison et al., 2015), while shareholder theory focuses on maximizing shareholder value through increased dividends and share prices (Idowu et al., 2020). The emergence of AI-supported CEOs presents

a potential conflict with these theories, as AI can prioritize efficiency and profit maximization over the broader and more nuanced considerations of shareholder interests. A global survey found that although the public recognizes the significant social impact of AI, there are concerns about its social and political consequences, especially regarding algorithmic decision making and the loss of human oversight (Kelley et al., 2021).

The media plays an important role in shaping public perceptions of AI-powered CEOs, influencing the way people view the evolution of this technology. In particular, the emergence of China's first AI-powered CEO, which is in line with the country's strategic focus on AI innovation, has attracted significant media attention (Zhou, 2023). This study aims to explore how three major electronic media—DQ India, The Independent, and Business Insider—frame the emergence of AI-powered CEOs, using Entman's Framing Analysis.

The media were specifically selected for their influential reach and different regional and ideological perspectives on business and technology. DQ India, a leading publication in India, provides an in-depth look at the intersection of technology and business in the Indian context. The Independent, a respected British news, offers a global perspective with a focus on the ethical, social, and political implications of technological progress. Meanwhile, Business Insider serves a business-oriented global audience, focusing on the intersection of technology, finance, and corporate governance, providing valuable insights into how Alsupported leadership is perceived in Western markets (Fernando & Marta, 2018; Pembayun & Yuwono, 2023; Wahdan et al., 2023). By examining these three things, this study will highlight the various ways in which the role of AI in leadership is framed in the context of different cultures and ideologies, which contributes to a more nuanced understanding of the global discourse around the role of AI in business leadership (Mohamed et al., 2024).

The purpose of this study is to analyze how DQ India, The Independent, and Business Insider frame the role of AI-supported CEOs in the context of corporate leadership. This study will focus on identifying the main themes, narratives, and ideologies presented in these media regarding the impact of AI on leadership and decision making, as well as how these frames differ across regions and ideologies. The study will also examine how these media portrayals align with or challenge traditional business theories, such as stakeholder and shareholder theories.

This study is a new study focusing on the portrayal of AI-supported CEOs, a subject that has received little attention in existing media and academic literature. Although there is substantial research on the impact of AI on business operations, little research directly analyzes how the media frames AI in leadership roles. In addition, the comparative nature of this study, which examines media portrayals in three internationally recognized media, adds

to the understanding of how AI leadership is perceived in different cultural and media contexts. This study also contributes to the literature by integrating Entman's Framing Analysis with the theory of stakeholders and shareholders, which offers a deeper exploration of the ethical, social, and business implications of AI in leadership.

RESEARCH METHODS

In media studies, framing analysis has become a crucial method for comprehending how media influences and constructs our perception of reality. Essentially, it investigates the deliberate selection, emphasis, and portrayal of specific elements of an issue, while concurrently minimizing or excluding other aspects (Vishwanath, 2009). This approach allows researchers to uncover the underlying biases, agendas, and narrative frames that inform media coverage, revealing how the medial can influence public opinion and policymaking. In line with the way framing refers to the process of "selecting and highlighting several aspects of an event or issue related to AI as a CEO, then looking at the relationship between several dictions that aim to promote certain interpretation, I evaluation, I and/orl solution" I I (Entman, 1993; Hallahan, 1999). I In presentation, framing emphasises certain elements while downplaying other perspectives related to AI as CEO so that the way the audience perceives, understands and responds to the information is consistent with the packaging of the media reporter as communicator (Lecheler & de Vreese, 2018) Based on this understanding, framing is not merely a neutral process of information transmission, but a strategic act of shaping the public's understanding of complex issues. Framing analysis can be applied to a wide range of media content. This theory provides a comprehensive framework for understanding how individuals and organizations interpret and communicate information, which can be valuable for stakeholder theory (Bolsen & Shapiro, 2017). Entman's approach to framing analysis involves four essential elements: (i) define problem/problem definition, (ii) diagnose cause/causal diagnosis, (iii) make moral judgment/moral evaluation, and (iv) remedy (Entman, 1993).

One key aspect of Entman's work is the distinction between "emphasis framing" which refers to the selective presentation of certain aspects of an issue and involves highlighting specific elements to steer audience attention and interpretation, and "equivalency framing" which uses logical equivalent but is worded differently in terms of highlighting or covering certain aspects of AI as CEO. This framing focuses on presenting various elements in a balanced way to provide a comprehensive view of the issue (Kuehnhanss et al., 2015; Liu et al., 2024; Olsen, 2020; Vishwanath, 2009; Yao & Li, 2024). This instil the idea that framing is inherently a persuasive mechanism, where the communicator's choice of frames can shape

public opinion and policy outcomes (Hallahan, 1999).

(Entman, 1993) defined the problem definition as "the process of culling a few elements of perceived reality and assembling a narrative that highlights connections among them to promote a particular interpretation" (Vishwanath, 2009). This emphasises the active role of news producers as communicators of the three media in selecting and highlighting certain aspects of the issue of AI as CEO with the aim of downplaying other aspects (usually conditioned by media ideological factors) so that they are expected to be able to steer the audience's understanding and interpretation of the problem (Atmadja et al., 2021; Scheufele, 1999). The concept of causal diagnosis in framing involves identifying and analysing the underlying reasons behind phenomena or events, particularly in communication and media (Hallahan, 1999). Understanding it helps reveal motivations, interests, and power dynamics that influence how news and information are constructed (Suharyo, 2018).

The media frame reporting AI as CEO is also intended to shape individuals' perspectives in interpreting and assessing the moral implications of the issue at hand, so that it is hoped that in turn it can influence their understanding of what is right or wrong, good or bad, ethical and unethical (Moberg, 2006; Weaver, 2006). Remedy promotion refers to the advocacy or endorsement of specific solutions, actions, or responses to address the problem or issue framed in a communication text. The Framers engage in remedy promotion by presenting and justifying remedies or courses of action as effective or desirable in resolving the identified problem (Entman, 1993).

Stakeholders are defined as individuals, groups, and organizations such as employees, managers, shareholders, financiers, customers, and suppliers, as well as other stakeholder groups like communities, political groups, the media, or society, that have an interest in the processes and outcomes of a firm and upon whom the firm depends for the achievement of its goals. It concerns the interests and well-being of the stakeholders, and treating them with fairness, honesty, and generosity, puts extra effort and resources into meeting stakeholders' needs and addressing their concerns. Importantly, stakeholder theory is aware that the stakeholders are heterogeneous (Harrison et al., 2015).

On the other side, shareholder Theory aims to maximize shareholders' value. This theory asserts that shareholders are the ultimate owners of a corporation's assets, and therefore, managers and boards should prioritize protecting and growing these assets for their benefit. Therefore, management decisions should aim to maximize the combined value of dividends and share price increases. However, it is noted that shareholders and corporations may have other objectives beyond financial performance, such as encouraging entrepreneurship, innovation, and community building. This broader perspective suggests that while shareholder value creation is important, it should be balanced with the interests of other stakeholders (Idowu et al., 2020).

RESEARCH FINDING & DISCUSSION

In conjunction, Entman's framing analysis, stakeholder theory, and shareholder theory may be intertwined to incorporate wider perspectives, for stakeholders to make sense of corporate data and difficult-to-observe corporate practices. These behavioral aspects are closely linked to framing analysis, as they explore how cognitive biases and heuristics shape the interpretation and communication of information. Different stakeholders may have varying frames of reference, leading to different interpretations of corporate actions and decisions. By considering how framing and salience influence the interpretation of corporate actions, managers can develop more nuanced and effective strategies for engaging with and addressing the concerns of various stakeholders (Crilly, 2019).

Table 1. e-News Characteristics

e-news	Data Quest India	The Independent	Business Insider
	(dqindia.com)	independent.co.uk –	Business Insider.com
	India-Based	Asia edition	USA-Based
		UK-based	
Established	1982 / India	1986 / British	2007 / USA
/ Investor		2010 / Russia	2015 / German
		2017/ Russia & Saudi	
Mission	To provide an in-	To provide trusted,	To inform and inspire its
	depth analysis of	progressive, and liberal	audience through stories
	market trends, fast-	journalism. Uphold	by providing fast, accurate,
	changing	values such as pluralism,	and engaging news and
	technologies, and	reason,	analysis that covers a wide
	the Indian IT market	humanitarianism,	range of topics, including
	(Cyber Media	modern atrocities, and	finance/markets,
	Research and	social injustices,	advertising/media,
	Services, 2024).	promoting a diversity of	technology, retail,
		voices and viewpoints,	entrepreneurship and
		rather than confirming	career strategy (Insider
		their prejudices	Inc., 2024)
		(Independent, 2024)	
Target	IT professionals, IT	Diverse, with intellectual	Educated millennials with a
Readers	entrepreneurs,	curiosity, open-minded,	strong interest in
	decision-makers,	progressive values, and	finance/markets,
	and business	a strong interest in	advertising/media,
	leaders in the IT	global issues (Burrell,	technology, retail,
	sector (MAGZTER,	2016).	entrepreneurship, and
	2024).		career strategy
			(Simillarweb, 2024)

INDEPENDENT **BUSINESS INSIDER Images** A video game company made a b the CEO, and its stock climbed ny Makes Al Robot its CEO, Makes Breaking Profits in Stock Market Company that made an AI its chief executive sees stocks climb **Publica** March 17th, 2023 March 16th, 2023 March 16th, 2023 tion **Dates** Sources https://www.dqindia.co https://www.independent.c https://www.businessinside m/company-makes-aio.uk/tech/ai-ceo-artificialr.com/video-gameintelligence-b2302091.html company-made-bot-its-ceorobot-its-ceo-makesrecord-breaking-profitsstock-climbed-2023-3 in-stock-market/ Title Company Makes AI Company that Made an Al A Video game company **Its Chief Executive Sees** made a bot the CEO, and its Robots its CEO, Makes **Record-Breaking Profits** Stocks Climb stock climbed. in Stock Market

Table 2. Three e-News Articles

The three e-news exposed a similar phenomenon, that is the emerging trend of AI-led in a company. They proposed different titles with similar sentence structures and content. DQ India: Company Makes AI Robots its CEO, Makes Record-Breaking Profits in Stock Market; The Independent: Company that Made an AI its Chief Executive Sees Stocks Climb; Business Insider: A Video game company made a bot the CEO, and its stock climbed. In all the titles, we find that the 'company' became the subject that takes the action of adopting AI in the leadership and gains financial growth. From the value perspective of the shareholder, the titles may assert an interesting value of the financial growth gained from AI-led, while from the value perspective of the Stakeholder, the titles may create a potential for AI-led in mainstream management to change the hierarchical structure and decision-making policy (Shrestha et al., 2019).

Table 3a. The Problem Definition

e-news	Problem Definition	Finding
Dataquest	"Can artificial intelligence take	The problem framed is the potential for
India	the position of people? Yes, it can substitute them in some circumstances."	Al to replace humans' role in workplaces specifically in corporations.
Independent	"We believe AI is the future of corporate management."	The problem framed is that AI-led management is perceived as a future necessity in management. Implicitly, there is a need for innovation in management.
Business Insider	"NetDragon Websoft appointed a bot as its CEO last year".	The problem is framed by the traditional business human-led as potentially outdated in the technological advancement era.
	"Insider previously reported that there are several jobs that could eventually be replaced by artificial intelligence, from software engineering to journalist. The chief executive was not on the list, however".	The problem is framed by traditional business leadership as potentially outdated in technological advancement.

The emergence of AI has significantly impacted the business landscape, challenged traditional leadership models, and encouraged a new approach to managing the "Artificially Intelligent Firm" (Wagner, 2020). From the lens of Entman's framing analysis, we can see how these three e-news reports framed the problem from varying perspectives. The DQ India article emphasized the threat of AI's capabilities to replace certain human roles. The negative frame of the innovation attracts a stronger psychological effect (Vishwanath, 2009). The Independent, emphasized the need for the evaluation of innovation in management, suggesting a more holistic approach to addressing the challenges posed by AI. The Business Insider framed the necessity of renewal in management, as traditional business leadership may be outdated in the era of technological advancement, where AI can replace many human roles, including CEOs.

This multifaceted approach to problem definition highlights the complexity of the framing process and the potential for it to be used both positively and negatively, depending on the communicator's intentions and the context of the issue (Hallahan, 1999; Suharyo, 2018; Vishwanath, 2009). Al-powered employment and even leadership may contribute to optimal business outcomes and higher profits that align with the shareholder's value. Meanwhile, the potential of Al for job replacement raises threats, particularly among employees as stakeholders.

Table 3b. The Causal Diagnosis/Interpretation

e-news	Causal Diagnosis	Finding
Dataquest India	"According to the industry, the	Traditional corporate administration
	Al chatbot was chosen as a	methods may be lacking in efficiency
	pioneer in applying AI to	and productivity, leading to the need
	change corporate	for AI intervention.
	administration and increase	
	operational productivity."	
	"Tang Yu was the first Leader	The financial benefit gained from AI-
	of a business that operated	bot that works 24/7 without
	continuously without	paycheck.
	payment".	
Independent	"A video game company that	The causal diagnosis is implied rather
	appointed an artificial	than explicitly stated. It suggests that
	intelligence bot as its chief	traditional human-led management is
	executive has announced a	more outdated than AI-led
	market-beating stock	management.
	increase".	
Business Insider	"The firm's stock has risen in	The Al-Led Lead to Financial Growth.
	recent months, outpacing the	
	Hong Kong Market".	
	"It said the bot will increase	The Al -led improves efficiency and
	efficiency and make key	effective decision-making.
	decisions for the gaming	
	company."	

By exploring the causal diagnosis, researchers can gain insights into why specific frames are chosen, how they affect audience perceptions, and the broader socio-political context that shapes information presentation. This approach encourages a deeper analysis beyond surface-level examination to comprehend the complexities of framing in communication

(Entman, 1993; König, 2021). Briefly DQ India, the Independent, and Business Insider emphasized similar causal diagnoses in their framing, which is the positive impact gained from the adoption of AI in management, increasing share value and the company's financial growth. When technology is presented as an effective way of doing, it creates higher demand and expectations for potential users (Vishwanath, 2009). The potential for AI to manage big data, improve decision-making, and create personalized products and services is appealing to shareholders seeking to maximize returns on investment (Hart & Zingales, 2017).

However, in closure, there are distinct differences in focus. The DQ India framed traditional corporate administration methods as lacking in efficiency and productivity, leading to the need for AI intervention. In other words, it seems to identify the core problem as a lack of efficiency and productivity in traditional corporate administration methods. The causal diagnosis points to the inherent limitations of these traditional approaches, suggesting a need for AI intervention to address these shortcomings (Shrestha et al., 2019). In contrast, the Independent explicitly claimed AI was a threat to traditional human roles but contributed to the financial growth of the company. The Independent framed the problem as the outdatedness of human-led management, implying a more fundamental issue with human capabilities in comparison to AI. Business Insider exposed a positive outcome in financial growth and efficiency in management, suggesting that the absence of AI is the underlying cause of the lack of financial growth and efficiency (Shrestha et al., 2019).

DQ India attributes the traditional administration, which aligns with the aims of Data Quest India to expose trends in technology, and as one leading IT companies in India. The Independent indicates a systemic issue with human-led management and a need for reevaluation. It's aligned with their upholding values of humanities and promoting voices of diversity. Business Insider implies a causal link between the presence of AI-led and positive financial and management outcomes, which link with their company focus scope.

Table 3c. The Moral Evaluation

e-news	Moral Evaluation	Finding
Dataquest India	"The business claimed that by	This statement framed a positive
	naming the AI robot as CEO, it	moral evaluation of using AI in
	would play a crucial part in	leadership, as a tool that is beneficial
	cultivating talent and	for improving talent development
	guaranteeing a productive	and workplace productivity.
	workplace for all staff members".	Projecting potential advantages for
		the employees
Independent	"The 'AI-powered virtual	The statement framed a positive
	humanoid robot' has managed to	moral evaluation of the Al's
	outperform Hong Kong's Hang	performance for quantitative
	Seng Index in the six months	financial growth.
	since it was appointed".	
	"Despite its abilities, open Al	The statement framed a cautionary
	warned users to not use the tech	moral evaluation of AI to be
	for anything critical, as it has a	potentially unreliable for important
	tendency to "hallucinate" facts	decision-making, indicating a
	and is not fully reliable"	limitation and fallacy of AI.

DQ India highly mentions AI as a great CEO, and it emphasizes the benefits of the implementation toward the stakeholders, particularly the employees, which became a strong interest in the stakeholder's value (Harrison et al., 2015). It's a strategy for DQ India, as a leading IT media corporation in India, to make the readers in the IT sector, including the employees as stakeholders be open-minded about the trend in AI-led adoption, rather than to be cautious. For the shareholder, it presented as a good moral implementation in business. The Independent exposed the dual challenges of AI implementation for shareholders as a promising agency for financial growth and as a reminder for stakeholders to be cautious about the possible fallacy of AI.

The media exposes a balanced view of morality, presenting the benefits and the fatality, to provide a comprehensive view of the issue (Vishwanath, 2009). The Business Insider presents AI as a prominent future leader in management promoting growth, implicitly labels traditional human-led management as outdated, and this may provoke the motivation of the shareholders. This strategic use of moral evaluation can be particularly influential in organizational contexts. Individuals may be susceptible to cognitive biases and blind spots that can distort their perception of moral considerations, leading to ethical lapses or a lack of moral awareness within organizational settings (Moberg, 2006).

Table 3d. The Remedy Promotion/Treatment Recommendation

e-news	Remedy Promotion	Finding
Dataquest India	"Speaking of the AI CEO, Dejian Liu,	This statement explicitly
	Chairman of NetDragon, stated that	promotes the use of AI in
	the organization thinks AI is the	management as a solution for
	managerial technology of the	future business practices,
	future for businesses. They are	encouraging its use to improve
	dedicated to embracing AI to	corporate performance.
	change their business practices.	
	They have chosen Tang Yu to stand	
	in for their dedication to this	
	objective."	
	"AI is the managerial Technology	
	of the future for business".	
Independent	"our appointment of Ms Tang Yu	The article promotes the use of Al
	represents our commitment to	in leadership roles as a solution
	truly embrace the use of AI to	for future business growth and
	transform the way we operate our	innovation.
	business and ultimately drive our	
	future strategic growth".	
	"in the future a robot will likely be	
	on the cover of Time Magazine as	
	the best CEO"	
	"Great care should be taken when	Its framing of the risks associated
	using language model outputs.	with using language model
	Particularly in high stakes context,	outputs is particularly significant
	with the exact protocol (such as	in high-stakes situations, where
	human review, grounding with	the consequences of errors or
	additional context, or avoiding	misuse could be severe.
	high-stakes uses altogether)	Concerning its limitation,
	matching the needs of a specific	reliability, accuracy, and ethical
	use-case".	and social considerations.
Business Insider	"NetDragon said the bot would	The article frames the use of AI in
	increase efficiency for decision-	leadership roles as an innovative
	making and risk management, as	and potentially beneficial
	well help 'ensure a fair and efficient	approach to business
	workplace for all employee's".	management, suggesting that it
	"We believe AI is the future of	can lead to improved
	corporate Management".	performance and efficiency.

DQ India framed AI roles in corporations as a grand solution for future business practices, which is on the side of the shareholder's values. The Independent framed AI as an effective tool to grow the business, but also concerned with the limitations, reliability, accuracy, and social and ethical values. The contrast proposition provides a balanced view for shareholders and stakeholders. Business Insider framed the valuable contribution of AI for shareholders to increase efficiency and risk management, as well for stakeholders in particular the employees for having a fair and efficient workplace. All e-news explicitly framed AI as a potential investment for financial growth and efficiency.

The differences in framing can significantly influence how readers perceive and understand the role of AI in management. The decision-making process for adopting AI, is a complex one, in the field of journalism where Media reliability was identified as the most significant factor affecting the acceptance of AI-generated news articles. Efforts should be made by media to emphasize organizational reliability, share relevant information, and promote and enhance communication to increase acceptance of AI-generated news articles. Overall, AI adoption can be related to both the positive benefits and the risks in various domains (Kim & Kim, 2020).

RESEARCH FINDING & DISCUSSION

The media plays an important role in shaping public perceptions of new technologies, such as AI. In the context of AI-supported CEOs, media such as DQ India, The Independent, and Business Insider each present unique perspectives on the implications of AI in corporate leadership. This framing is influenced by the organizational structure of the media, the ideological context, and the target audience, which ultimately shapes the narrative they create around AI adoption (Uren & Edwards, 2023).

DQ India, for example, frames the issue of AI adoption in leadership with a focus on AI's potential to replace humans in certain corporate roles, specifically emphasizing that AI can take over the CEO position in some situations. This framing shows that AI adoption is seen as a solution to improve business operations and management. The causal diagnosis presented in DQ India links this potential for replacement to inefficiencies in traditional corporate administration. By pointing to the use of AI as a "pioneer" in changing corporate governance, DQ India positions AI as a tool to increase productivity and reduce the human need for compensation (Sya & Marta, 2019). The framework is optimistic, promoting AI as a way to increase operational efficiency, especially in managing a business around the clock without financial burden.

This positive view of AI in leadership is supported by the moral evaluation in DQ India, which states that the adoption of AI is beneficial not only for increasing company efficiency but also for improving the workplace environment (García-Madurga et al., 2024; Soulami et al., 2024). This suggests that the use of AI in leadership can be beneficial for talent development and creating a productive workplace, which has positive moral connotations for employees and companies. In line with this framework, DQ India promotes the vision of AI as the future of management, emphasizing the importance of adopting this technology for future success. The article explicitly highlights the importance of embracing AI for business transformation (Rabhi et al., 2025; Zahidi et al., 2024).

On the other hand, The Independent presents a more balanced and cautious approach to AI in leadership. The problem framework here positions AI as a future necessity in corporate management, but recognizes its potential risks and limitations. While recognizing the benefits of AI in improving efficiency, it also raises concerns about its reliability and socio-ethical implications, suggesting that it may not be fully trustworthy for critical decision-making tasks (Al Asy ari & Rahman, 2020). This framework directly involves uncertainty surrounding the application of AI in high-risk corporate decisions. The causal diagnosis provided in The Independent implies that traditional human-led management is outdated, suggesting that All may be the key to achieving greater financial success, as exemplified by the performance of video game companies that beat the market by appointing AI bots as CEOs (Fan et al., 2022; Kelley et al., 2021). However, this positive view is tempered by warnings about Al's potential to "hallucinate" or provide inaccurate information, which can lead to poor decisionmaking in high-risk scenarios. Regarding treatment recommendations, The Independent takes a more cautious stance, emphasizing that although AI may be the future of corporate management, it must be applied with caution. It advocates for comprehensive human oversight, especially in the context of important decision-making, to reduce the risks posed by AI's limitations. This framework reflects the media's commitment to diversity of perspective and caution in the face of technological progress. Meanwhile, Business Insider focuses on the financial benefits of Al-supported leadership, framing the issue as a way to maximize company profits and operational efficiency. In this medium, the issue is framed around the potential obsolescence of traditional human-led management in the face of technological progress. Causal diagnosis shows that Al-supported leadership, such as NetDragon Websoft's appointment of an AI bot as CEO, has contributed to significant stock market growth, outperforming the Hong Kong market. This framework underlines the financial benefits that companies can derive from AI integration, particularly in the technology sector (Czarnitzki et al., 2023; Jamil et al., 2023; Marta et al., 2020).

The moral evaluation in Business Insider is very positive, highlighting the role of AI in increasing efficiency and improving key decision-making processes. Al is positioned as a tool to improve company performance, ensuring a "fair and efficient workplace" while driving financial growth. The positive framing of AI is further reinforced by handling recommendations that strongly advocate the adoption of AI to increase company efficiency and productivity (Gao & Feng, 2023; Kassa & Worku, 2025). There is no significant engagement with the potential weaknesses of AI leadership, such as ethical issues or social consequences, which marks a clear contrast to The Independent's more balanced perspective. In short, the way these three media frame Al-powered CEOs shows important differences in editorial bias, shaped by their ideological context and target audience. DQ India frames AI as a solution to increase productivity and efficiency, focusing on the positive moral implications for business operations, while largely ignoring broader social and ethical issues. The Independent provides a more nuanced view, presenting the potential benefits of AI alongside cautionary notes about its limitations, especially issues of reliability and ethics. Meanwhile, Business Insider emphasizes the financial advantages of AI leadership, framing AI as an important tool for business growth and innovation, but without critically discussing the risks or ethical questions involved (Evanytha et al., 2022; Sya & Marta, 2019).

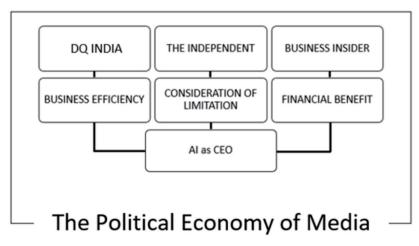


Figure 1. Three Media's Framing about AI as CEO Source: Researcher Processing

The framing strategy adopted by these media underscores the broader political economy of the media and its role in shaping public opinion on the adoption of technology. The differences in how each media presents the issue, diagnoses the causes, evaluates morality, and recommends a course of action not only reflect the unique editorial stance of each

publication but also the broader ideological and policy context in which they operate (Akihary et al., 2023; Anshori et al., 2022). DQ India's optimistic view of AI as a tool for business efficiency contrasts with the more cautious stance of The Independent, which advocates careful consideration of AI's limitations, while Business Insider focuses on the financial benefits of AI without questioning the broader social implications. This media framing ultimately shapes how AI in leadership is perceived by different audiences, highlighting the importance of engaging critically with technological advances and their potential consequences for society (Evanytha et al., 2022; Kim & Kim, 2020).

CONCLUSIONS

The findings of this study show how DQ India, The Independent, and Business Insider each frame the adoption of AI as a promising investment that improves financial turnover and operational efficiency. They also highlight the potential of AI to replace certain human roles in the workforce. However, these frames largely ignore broader social and ethical considerations, such as the impact of AI on human development in the workplace. As Deolindo (2024) points out, AI lacks the social skills necessary for effective leadership, which is a critical limitation. Meanwhile, human development is often seen as an expensive and time-consuming process (Michel & Buler, 2016). An overemphasis on AI efficiency and profitability, without sufficient empirical evidence to support this claim, can distort public and industry perceptions, influencing corporate strategies that prioritize technological solutions at the expense of human-centered leadership.

In the future, the transition to Artificial Social Intelligence (ASI), which integrates AI with human-like emotional and social intelligence, may be the next frontier in leadership technology (Fan et al., 2022). This development can help bridge the gap between the computational power of AI and the relational skills needed for effective management. The findings of this study contribute to framing theory by showing how media portrayals shape discourse around emerging technologies and influence public understanding. In the future, as ASI develops, it is important to keep track of how media framing evolves and how public and industry perceptions change. Furthermore, future research should examine the ethical implications of AI and ASI in leadership, focusing on issues such as bias, social equity, and long-term organizational impact, which offer valuable insights for responsible AI technology communication.

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