Introduction

Good afternoon fellow debaters, my name is Daniel from BongEun elementary school. I am glad to debate against my fellow debaters, and I hope we do well. Thank you.

Presentation

Imagine that you have a friend who understands your feelings and never says “no”. How would you feel? You will feel ecstatic, and this is also the same feeling you will feel when you like an AI friend more than a human friend.

While robots have many advantages, they also have some disadvantages. To begin with, robots make our mind weaker. AIs are programmed not to hurt human feelings. AI will analyze our emotions, saying the right words to comfort us or improve our feelings. We will always live in safety, not hearing any hurting comments. This will cause our minds to be frail, and not immune to words that harm us. Primarily, liking an AI friend more than a human friend might decrease our socializing. Robots are meant to follow our orders. They will never say “No”, and they will never hurt us. This causes us to only play with robots. Here is a question. What do you prefer? A tail-wagging dog, or a growling one?

How do we prevent these problems? In order to prevent the problem that was stated previously, we should make a law limiting the time between AIs and humans. Such as, “Humans shouldn’t communicate with AIs for more than an hour a day”. In this way, AIs and humans wouldn’t talk so much. The next problem is that as robots develop, robots can learn by themselves and overpower humanity. If this happens, there might be a robot tyranny that controls us and limits our freedom. In order to prevent this terrible future, we should categorize information into levels. For example, 1st level information is basic knowledge that everybody knows. If the robot wants to learn over a certain level, it needs permission from humans, putting robots under control.

If you don’t want a future where nobody talks to each other but robots, or robots controlling our world, we should prepare for the future by making new laws and categorizing information.

Impact

Nobody wants a life where robots control our lives. Yes, there are many pros about robots, like they can comfort us when we are sad. However, I believe that robots have much more cons than pros.

 To begin with, robots make us dependent. As robots are like friends to us, they make us become pets. They make us calm, under protection. This sounds good, but if this continues, it will be a problem. As we won’t hear sharp words, when we hear them, we will be very hurt. This will cause us to be vulnerable, and easily cause a fight. This might ruin our friendship, moreover any other relationships that you can make.

 Also, if robots make us rely on them, we will trap ourselves inside a box. We won’t talk to each other face to face, causing a decrease in socialization, because robots follow our orders but humans don’t. We will feel humans are less entertaining then robots because robots try to match our feelings.

 In order to prevent these problems, I think we should first make a law to limit the time spent between AI and humans. For example, making the robot go off after 10 hours or so. This will decrease the problem of socialization and dependency.

Also, in order to prevent AIs controlling us, we should divide information into levels, so AIs could only learn for a certain level, preventing robots from becoming the ruler.

Imagine a world where nobody speaks to each other. Most people speak to only AIs, and even if they speak to each other, they often fight because they get their feelings easily hurt. They won’t speak to each other, but through Ais. Moreover, we might be controlled by AIs without knowing, like gaslighting.

 Conclusion

There are many movies that see robots as a bad thing, such as Terminator, Avengers Age of Ultron, or I, robot. However, there are also movies that see robots as a hero, such as Atom, or Big hero. Many people think differently about robots, but I believe that robots will be a harm to us, even though there is a prevention, such as making laws or categorizing information.  Robots will give us problems such as making our mind fragile, decreasing our socialization, or even rule us.

  For these reasons, I believe that a robot friend will have many disadvantages, and we should prepare for the future in a lot of different ways. Thank you for listening.