Who’s Afraid of the Big Bad Bot? The American Fear of Technology in the 21st Century

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"We cannot quite know what will happen if a machine exceeds our own intelligence, so we can’t know if we’ll be infinitely helped by it, or ignored by it and sidetracked, or conceivably destroyed by it." - Rollo Carpenter, AI Scientist & Creator of Cleverbot

**HYPOTHESES**

**H1:** The older a person is, the more likely they are to be afraid

**H2:** The lower a person’s income is, the more likely they are to be afraid

**H3:** The less education a person has, the more likely they are to be afraid

**BACKGROUND**

- **Computer Phobia:** anxiety concerning future interactions with a computer as well as an negative attitude toward the societal impact of computers
- **Internet Phobia:** anxiety specifically concerning interactions on the world wide web, includes a fear of viruses and scams
- **Digital Divide:** The disparity in access to technology among demographic groups
  - first level: Who has internet or phone access
  - second level: Who has reliable and consistent access as well as the tech skills to make the most of their access.

**Technology Maintenance Theory** refers to how low income people must work harder to access the internet.

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