

6G, AI, and Digital Divide: Bane or Boon?

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Some Key Fundamental Rights and Values Affected

- The Right to Access Information
- The Right to Internet Access
- Fairness/Discrimination

Standardization: Conventional vs. Chaos

| | Conventional Standardization | Flexible Approach |
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| Benefits | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ensures interoperability and reliability.● Promotes 'equitable' access to technology.● Prevents digital fragmentation. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Rapidly addresses unique community needs.● Enhances inclusivity and localized solutions.● Quick adaptation to deploy new technologies. |
| Challenges | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Slow adoption of new technologies.● Dominance by large industry players delays benefits to underserved communities.● Potential perpetuation of existing disparities. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Risk of interoperability issues and fragmented networks.● Disproportionate impact on marginalized populations.● Increased risk of digital exclusion and exploitation without standardized security. |

Consider → balancing flexibility advantages (such as innovation and inclusivity) with the standardization to ensure safeguarding fundamental rights.

Role of AI in Wireless Standards

| | AI in Wireless Standards |
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| Benefits | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Enhances network efficiency and performance.● Optimizes resource allocation, promoting broader access.● Adapts dynamically to users' needs, aiding underserved communities. |
| Challenges | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Potential exacerbation of inequalities if mismanaged.● Risk of biases in AI algorithms.● Privacy concerns and accountability issues. |

Consider→ AI can enhance access and fairness but must be managed to avoid inequalities and protect privacy.

Open Source: Opportunity or Threat?

| | For Innovation | For Industry |
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| Benefits | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lowers barriers, fostering innovation.• Encourages collaboration and diverse solutions.• Provides transparency, enhancing security and trust. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drives competition, leading to better and more affordable technologies.• Enables rapid development and adaptation. |
| Challenges | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Threatens proprietary business models.• Potential quality and support issues. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk of reduced revenue for traditional players.• Potential for fragmented efforts.• Balancing open innovation with commercial interests. |

Consider → Open source fosters innovation and inclusivity but must address quality challenges to ensure fair access and non-discrimination.

Open Source and AI in Wireless Networks for End-Users

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| Benefits | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lowers costs, enhancing accessibility• Supports universal service obligations• Democratizes access to advanced technologies• AI-driven personalization improves user experience and optimizes network resources |
| Challenges | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk of digital fragmentation• Potential exclusion if not universally applicable• Ensuring quality and security• Privacy concerns with data usage and risk of biases in AI services |

Consider → Open source and AI enhance accessibility and affordability, but need measures to ensure privacy, security, and equitable access to prevent discrimination.

Thank you for your attention!

Don't hesitate to reach me if you have more questions!

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