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Can AI be a Democratic Delegate?

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Can an artificial intelligence act as a democratic delegate who votes for individual citizens? I argue that AI can delegate but in a bounded way, lowering the cost of participation without displacing self-government. Democratic representation requires perspectival knowledge that is indexed to a particular life. A delegate can access this knowledge either by sharing the represented citizen's lived experience or by receiving her standpoint from her directly. Current AI agents fall short of the first while open to the second. Building on this, I propose the bounded AI delegate where the citizen first deliberates with an AI agent to articulate her political values, producing a charter within which the AI votes. This retains the citizen's authority over ends while giving discretion over means to AI. I show that this design answers the representation problem and the AI alignment problem with a single mechanism, since the citizen retains the final authorship. I then defend the model against objections concerning self-government, alignment, manipulation, and responsibility.

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