



The big debate

Is the use of AI actors a good idea?

A computer-generated actor could become the next big movie star.

What you need to know

- In 2025, a company called Xicoia, which specializes in artificial intelligence (AI) talent, unveiled an AI actress named Tilly Norwood.
- Artificial intelligence is a computer system that learns from experience and performs tasks that usually require human intelligence.
- Xicoia claims that Tilly could be the next big star and that several talent agents—who represent actors and help them get cast in films—want to sign her up.



Artificial intelligence can be useful for everyday life, from digital assistants like Alexa and Siri to medical screenings for diseases like cancer. However, some people are not happy about one new AI invention in particular: an actor named Tilly Norwood. Although Tilly hasn't been cast in any big movies or TV shows yet, the company that created her says she could be a star. Can a creation that's not real actually convey human emotions and be believable on screen? Many people aren't convinced. There are also concerns that AI actors could start taking over real actors' jobs in films and TV shows. What do you think? Is the use of AI actors a good idea?

Yes—they free up more money

Making movies and TV shows can be really expensive. Using AI actors could save companies a lot of money. They wouldn't have to pay expensive Hollywood stars, and as a result they could make more shows or films. Plus, AI-generated actors wouldn't get tired or sick and could do things that real people can't do without the risk of getting injured. In fact, they could do all their own stunts and pretty much anything that's needed for a production, allowing filmmakers to create their movies with fewer limits. An AI actor could also be made to look like a certain character, which would be great for historical dramas about real people.

No—real people need those jobs

Even though AI actors exist, it doesn't mean we should use them. Real actors have natural talent and work hard to learn their craft, yet they risk losing their jobs to computer programs. AI companies have also been accused of taking advantage of real actors. According to the actors' union SAG-AFTRA, tech companies train AI actors like Tilly using the work of real professional performers who didn't give permission or get paid for it. Plus, AI actors look a little weird. It's unsettling to watch them, knowing they're not real and don't feel real human emotions. That spoils the experience of watching a movie or show.

YES Three reasons the use of AI actors is a good idea

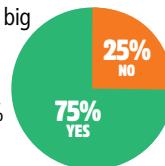
- 1 They're cheaper than big stars. That would free up more money to make more films.
- 2 Filmmakers could do much more with AI actors, who will never get tired or sick and could do all their own stunts.
- 3 They could be made to look and sound exactly right for a particular role—for example, a real person from history.

NO Three reasons the use of AI actors is not a good idea

- 1 Computer-generated actors could take jobs from real, professional actors.
- 2 Tech companies might use the work of real actors to train AI actors without permission or pay. That's not fair.
- 3 Watching a computer-generated actor who can't feel actual emotions could ruin the experience for viewers.

LAST WEEK'S POLL

Last week, we asked if it's better to set many small goals. Most of you favor taking little steps toward big success: 75% of you said yes, and 25% said no.



What do you think?

Now that you've read a bit more about this issue, visit kids.theweekjunior.com/polls so you can vote in our debate. Vote **YES** if you think the use of AI actors is a good idea or **NO** if you don't. We'll publish the results next week.

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