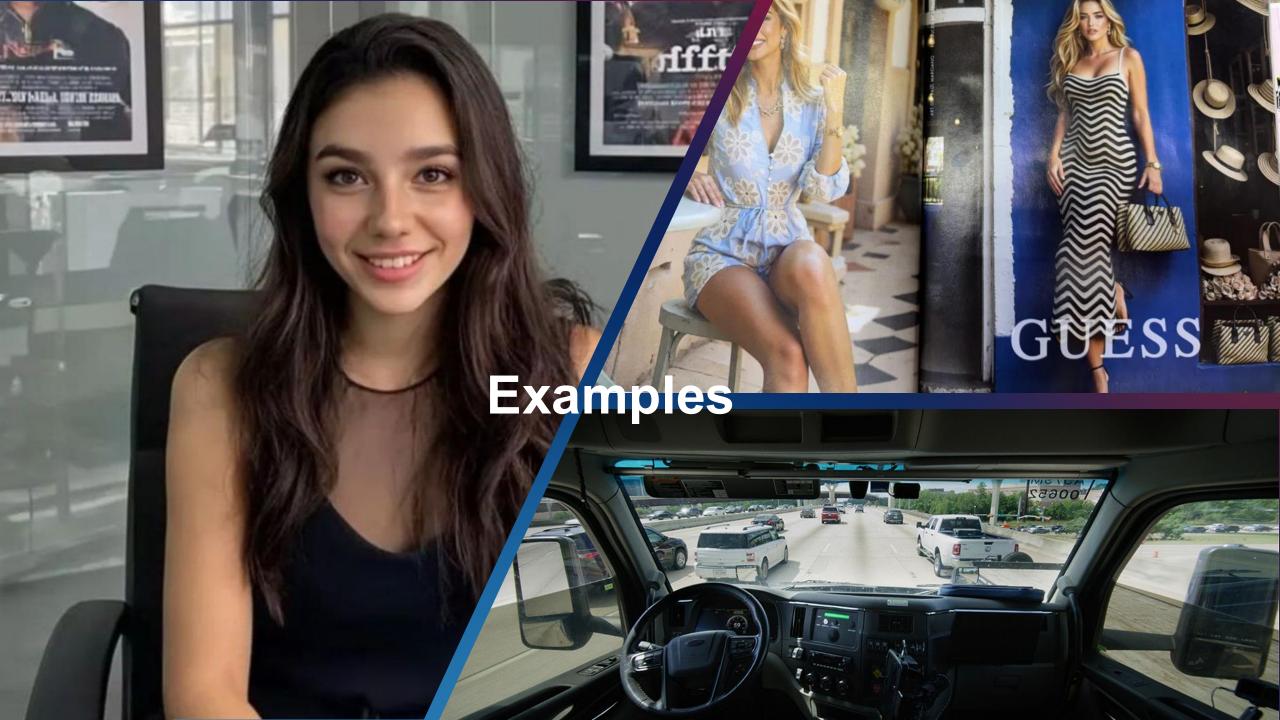


# Bridging the Al Accountability Gap

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#### Insights from Deloitte's State of Gen Al Report

with Dan Helfrich of Deloitte







Rapid, Grassroots Adoption

**Accountability Gap** - Missing expertise, oversight, policy, and transparency

#### **Risks**

- Regulatory Scrutiny
- Reputational Damage
- Legal Liability

Still early in adoption
Window to determine our future is closing



## The Challenge

- "Final" Answer on AI Ethics is Critical, but a Hard Place to Start
  - Postpone
  - Responsible AI Committee
    - Risk: Ethics Washing
      - Disconnected from Operations
      - Lack of Authority
      - Prioritizes Reputation Over Real Change
- Need: A "walkable" path from where we are to where we want to be



#### **Al Accountability Framework**

Ethical Framework-Driven Governance

Stakeholder-Integrated Mitigation

Harm-Benefit Analysis & Risk Mitigation

**Bias Audits** 

Explainability (Local Transparency)

**Basic Accounting** 

No Formal Accountability

- Maturity Model
- Starts Simple: What and Where?
- Progression
  - Enable Understanding
  - Socialize Importance (Organizational Alignment)
  - Evolve to First Principles

#### Al Accountability as Strategic Driver

- Directional Shift: Move from understanding to responsibility
- Trade-offs: Investing resources now reduces long-term risks
- The Adoption Curve: Leaders strive to reach the highest levels to foster trust and drive innovation

# Need leaders of character with deep expertise across all domains to design path

## Why Belmont?



#### Part of the Mission

"Developing diverse leaders of purpose, character, wisdom, and transformational mindset, eager and equipped to make the world a better place."

#### Character Formation Culture

Comprehensive, campus-wide initiative centered on developing character, purpose, and wisdom through the Belmont Formation Collaborative (BFC)

#### SOUL Framework

Seek Excellence: Aspire to excellence with humility, recognizing a much greater purpose beyond yourself

However, a real solution requires a strong community of partners



#### Panel Discussion

Moderated by Dr. Jeff Donahoo

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#### **Tabletop Exercise**





## Al Accountability: Risk & ROI

- Deploying AI Throughout Organization (aggressively)
- \$1M for AI Accountability & Incident Response
  - Higher Spend (on Al Accountability): Provides greater
     protection against future incidents through better oversight,
     detection, and mitigation capabilities
  - Lower Spend: Reserves more money for response but incurs higher incident costs

Level	Spend
Level 0 - No Formal Accountability	\$0
Level 1 - Basic Accounting	\$50K
Level 2 – Explainability	\$200K
Level 3 - Bias Audits	\$500K
Level 4 - Harm-Benefit Analysis	\$700K
Level 5 - Stakeholder- Integrated Mitigation	\$950K

### **Table Report Out**



# Table 8: Accountability as Competitive Advantage

- 1. Can you envision scenarios where higher accountability maturity becomes a competitive advantage?
- 2. What market conditions or stakeholder pressures would need to exist for that to be true?
- 3. What industries or use cases are most likely to see accountability as a differentiator?
- 4. Can you share examples where ethical AI practices have already influenced market share or brand reputation?

## Table 9: Making the Case to the Organization

- 1. How can organizations cultivate awareness of potential AI system biases as ethical concerns and missed opportunities for innovation, inclusion, and market expansion?
- 2. What steps can leaders take to encourage teams to proactively identify and address bias in AI systems before it becomes a liability?
- 3. How can organizations integrate bias detection into their innovation pipeline so that it becomes a source of competitive advantage rather than a compliance task?

#### Table 10: Valley of Death

There's a significant transition between organizations that analyze AI's risks and trade-offs internally (Level 4) and those that embed ethical principles into their core strategy and culture (Level 6). How do we avoid faltering in these transitions?

- 1. What kinds of cultural practices, leadership behaviors, and organizational rituals can help make AI accountability a shared value rather than a siloed responsibility?
- 2. How can organizations foster environments that embed ethical AI practices into everyday decision-making?
- 3. What rituals or practices (e.g., ethics reviews in product sprints, accountability champions) have worked in other domains like cybersecurity or sustainability that could be adapted for AI?

#### **Table 11: Economics and Accountability**

- 1. How can leaders effectively demonstrate the ROI of implementing an AI accountability framework so stakeholders see it as a strategic investment rather than a compliance checkbox and cost center?
- 2. What arguments or metrics resonate most with stakeholders to show that responsible AI is an investment in trust, risk mitigation, and long-term value?
- 3. What specific metrics (e.g., reduced risk exposure, improved customer trust scores) can organizations use to quantify the ROI of AI accountability?
- 4. How can these be communicated to different stakeholder groups?

#### **Table 12: Sustainable Accountability**

- 1. How can organizations design AI accountability frameworks that remain adaptable as technologies, regulations, and societal expectations evolve?
- 2. What guiding principles, governance structures, and feedback loops can prevent these frameworks from becoming rigid compliance artifacts?
- 3. How can leaders ensure they support continuous learning, innovation, and resilience—so accountability becomes a dynamic capability rather than a static obligation?

#### Table 13: Accountability Through Visibility

- How can organizations operationalize transparency in Al systems so that it becomes a foundation for trust among customers, regulators, and partners?
- 2. What does meaningful transparency look like beyond publishing model cards or compliance reports?
- 3. How can organizations balance transparency with intellectual property protection and security concerns? What mechanisms can make transparency actionable and credible?
- 4. Can you share examples where transparency practices have strengthened trust or mitigated reputational risk?





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## Wrap Up



- Table Summary
- Call to Action
  - Contribute to AI Accountability Framework (AIAF) Design
  - Pilot and Socialize Framework
  - Advise on Belmont Interdisciplinary Student Education and Experience Design
- We Want Your Feedback (data@belmont.edu)