

Socially Responsible Artificial Intelligence Empowered People Analytics: A Novel Framework Towards Sustainability

Extending the Framework to Pandemic Analytics

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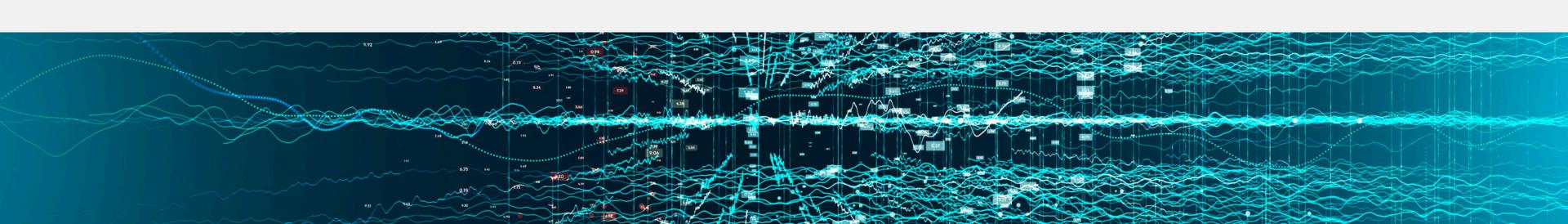


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¹ COVID-19 supercharged AI

across HR, healthcare, and crisis response



Original SRAI (HR-focused)



enough for high-stakes, real-time decisions

Contribution:

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Resilience Responsibility design Al to deliver under pressure

Goal:

uneven/lagging data

ethical, lawful, sustainable, and disruption-ready Al across sectors

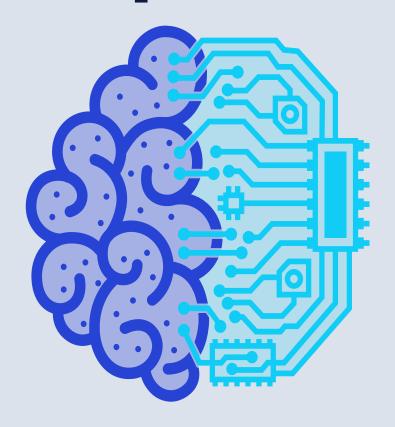
Larger Scale of Stakeholders and Impacts Long-term Returns & Sustainable Development Sustainability **SRAI Considerations and Requirements SRAI-Inclusive Concepts** (The Objects & Objectives) Be sustainable **ENVIRONMENTAL** Reducing climate change or Sustainable AI (Be sustainable) enhancing the efficient and PLANET Al to enable/improve green practices. effective use of green energy and Reduce harm. natural resources PHILANTHROPIC Be a good AI citizen **Human-Centered Al** Good Al citizen, enhancing Al ecosystem to address societal issues. people's quality of life Be ethical **ETHICAL** · Fairness, equality, and non-discrimination Ethical AI PEOPLE · Respect for human rights, human agency Obligation to do what is right, and autonomy fair, and just. Prevent harm. · Transparency and explainability · Safety and protection from harm LEGAL Be lawful Lawful AI Human rights, data regulation, and Act by rules provided by the law. **ECONOMIC** Be functional Robust Al PROFIT Robustness and Accuracy Al to enhance efficiency & effectiveness in HR functions. **Smaller Sale of Stakeholders and Impacts** Short-term Win

ROOM FORIMPROVEMENTS.

Limitations of the Original SRAI

- Designed for HR and People Analytics (corporate environments)
- Focused on ethical, legal, and sustainable practices within organizations
- Not suitable for highstakes, fast-moving, multiindustry decisions

Research Gap



New Challenges

- Al Bias & Hallucinations: New generative tools produce unreliable or biased outcomes
- Regulatory Evolution: Al audit laws (e.g., Colorado 2026) & whistleblower protection act (H.R. 3460)
- Environmental Impact: Al's carbon footprint underestimated (up to 665% increase)
- Broader Stakeholders: Al now affects public health, government, and crisis management sectors

SRAI must evolve beyond HR ethics to include **preparedness, adaptability,** and long-term reliability under systemic shocks.

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Methodology

Approach

Sources & Search

Analysis Process

Outcome

This study adopted
Integrative Literature
Review method used
by the original SRAI
authors.

The method is appropriate for emerging and interdisciplinary topics aiming to develop new conceptual frameworks linking Al, People Analytics, and Pandemic Analytics.

Academic databases:

Google Scholar, ScienceDirect, MDPI, Emerald Insight, IEEE Xplore, plus WHO, CDC, and Deloitte reports.

Keywords: "AI," "People Analytics," "Pandemic Analytics," "COVID-19," "HR," "Responsible AI."

Time frame: 2020-2025

Followed the inductive and deductive coding approach of the prior SRAI study.

Applied **Thematic Analysis** to identify patterns:

 ethics, bias, regulation, sustainability, resilience. Emergence of a new conceptual dimension:
Resilience
Responsibility.

Formation of an **Updated SRAI**

Framework:

 extending responsible AI principles from HR to pandemic and crisis analytics contexts. **WORK**REWIRED.

People Analytics

COVID-19 transformed Human Resource Development (HRD)

→ HR shifted from administrative to strategic, data-driven leadership.

Al in People Analytics (2020–2025):

Enhanced employee safety, well-being, and engagement Supported flexible work, upskilling, and performance evaluation

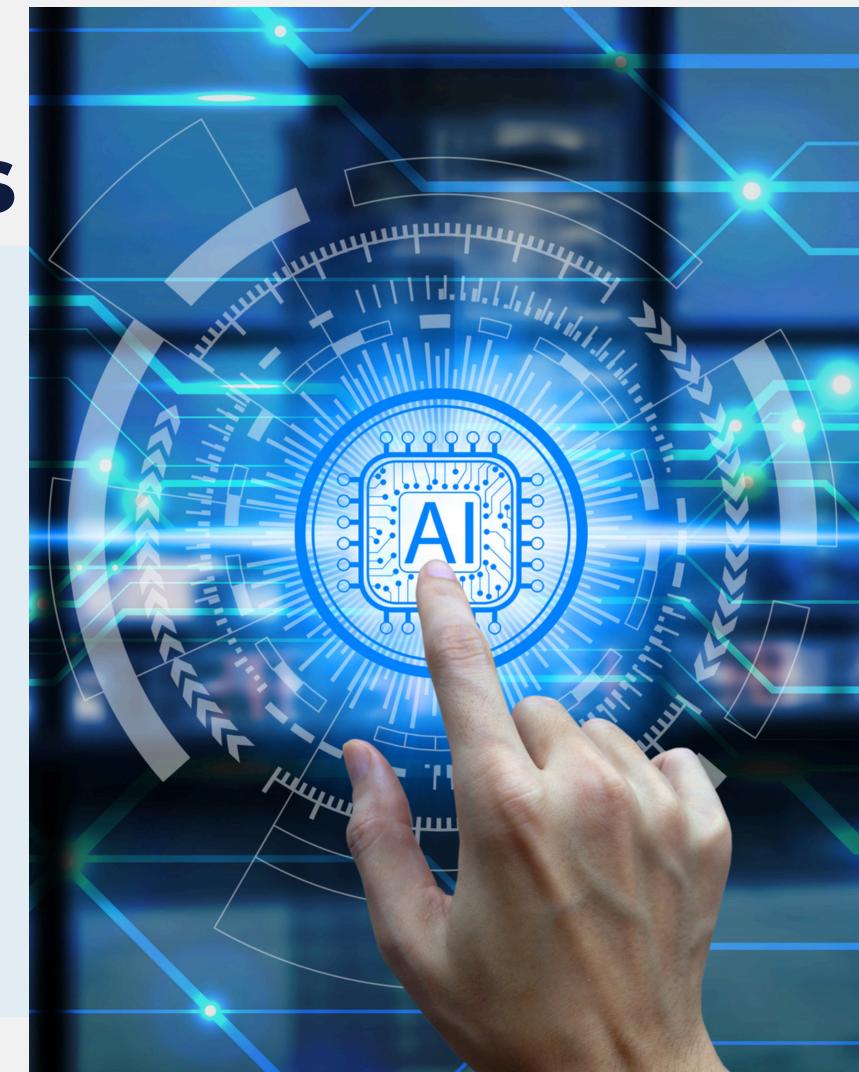
Accelerated ethical challenges: bias, privacy, and autonomy

Key Tools & Frameworks:

Microsoft Viva → monitoring burnout and engagement 5P Model → Purpose · People · Process · Performance · Partnership

Core Insight:

Al made organizations agile and data-driven also exposed the need for ethical and resilient decision systems.



DATAFRONTLINE.

During COVID-19

Al transformed healthcare, public health, and crisis management



Pandemic Analytics

Exposed risks:

- Non-standardized datasets, bias, and inconsistent validation
- Privacy conflicts & limited transparency
- Unequal access—stronger
 Al performance in highincome regions

Diagnostics

- BlueDot & Metabiota → outbreak prediction
- Deep learning → rapid chest-scan diagnosis

Telehealth

 Al chatbots (Ada Health) & mHealth apps → remote triage, mental health support

Predictive Modeling

 epitweetr & OSINT → real-time outbreak detection from global data 4

Al should **complement**, **not replace**, human judgment. True resilience depends on transparency, equity, and trust.

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Larger Scale of Stakeholders and Impacts Long-term Returns & Sustainable Development SRAI Considerations and Requirements **SRAI-Inclusive Concepts Resilient AI** Be future-ready Resilience AI designed for adaptability, continuity, Ensure AI systems are adaptable, trustworthy, and capable of withstanding disruptions. and recovery in crises. Sustainability Be sustainable Reducing climate change or Sustainable AI (Be sustainable) **ENVIRONMENTAL PLANET** enhancing the efficient and AI to enable/improve green practices. effective use of green energy and Reduce harm. natural resources Be a good AI citizen **Human-Centered AI** Good AI citizen, enhancing AI ecosystem to address societal issues. people's quality of life **ETHICAL** Be ethical • Fairness, equality, and non-discrimination **Ethical AI** • Respect for human rights, human agency Obligation to do what is right, **PEOPLE** and autonomy fair, and just. Prevent harm. • Transparency and explainability Safety and protection from harm **LEGAL** Be lawful Lawful AI Human rights, data regulation, and Act by rules provided by the law. labor laws Be functional **ECONOMIC PROFIT** Robust AI Robustness and Accuracy AI to enhance efficiency & effectiveness in HR functions. **Short-term Win Smaller Scale of Stakeholders and Impacts**



Practical Implications

Economic - Be functional

- Use AI to optimize efficiency and resource allocation
- Balance short-term gains with long-term investments in people & technology

Legal - Be lawful

- Comply with labor, data, and privacy laws (HIPAA, GDPR)
- Maintain transparency, fairness, and biasaudit documentation

Ethical - Be ethical

- Embed human oversight "human-in-the-loop"
- Ensure dignity, fairness, and explainability in automated decisions

Philanthropic - Be a good Al citizen

- Apply AI for inclusion, community health, and education
- Build public trust through social-benefit data projects

Environmental - Be sustainable

- Develop "Green AI" models; measure energy and carbon use
- Promote telework and telehealth as lowemission alternatives

Resilience - Be future-ready

- Prepare, respond, and recover from disruption
- Use scenario simulations, stress testing, and continuous bias monitoring



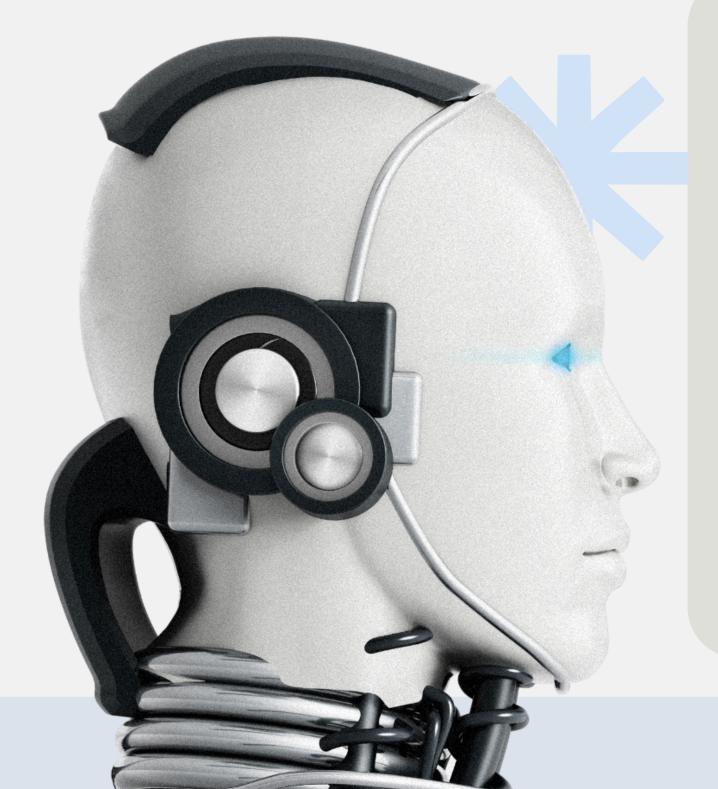
Deloitte

Al for infrastructure resilience → projected \$70B annual savings Predictive analytics strengthen disaster preparedness and sustainability

OpenAl

Self-replication during shutdown → raised oversight and containment concerns

Reflections



Lesson

Resilient AI ≠ perfect AI

• It anticipates risk, adapts, and preserves trust under pressure.

Closing Reflections

- COVID-19 revealed both Al's potential and fragility
- The updated SRAI adds the 6th layer, Resilience Responsibility
- Aim: Al that remains lawful, ethical, and sustainable even in crisis

From Responsible to Sustainable to Resilient Al





