

# 🤖 Let's Chat about ChatGPT — What's Really Behind the Answers?

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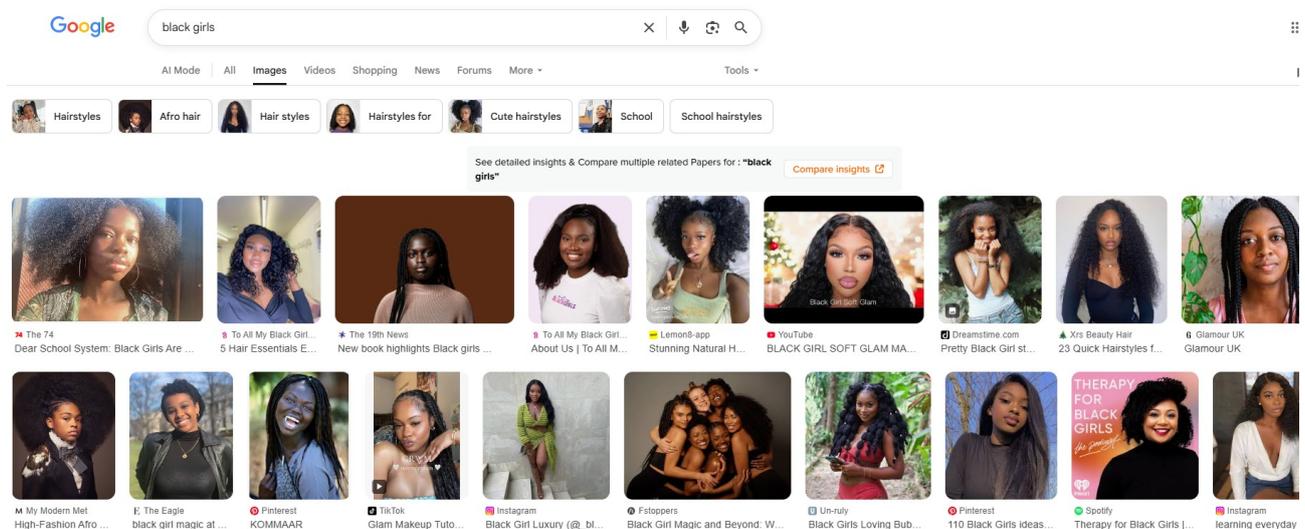
Dear Friends,

Did you know that GPT stands for Generative Pre-trained Transformer? This uses a Large Language Model (LLM), the output it generates is based on the probability of each subsequent word occurring. This might (or might not, sorry) sound interesting but the underlying question you may wish to ask is what data does the machine train itself on to provide this prediction?

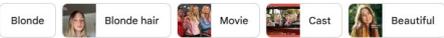
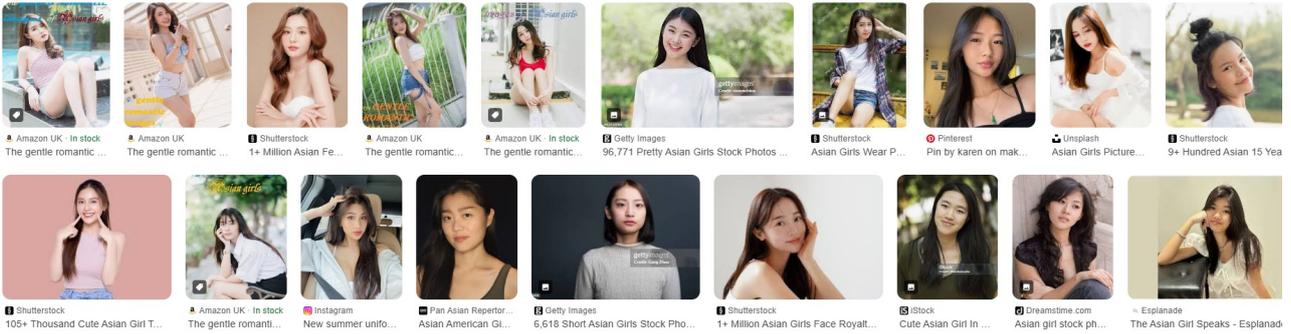
There is a well-known computing phrase “garbage in garbage out” which is ever more pertinent. In a few years (or months) I believe LLMs will base themselves more and more on content that they have generated themselves, some of which is inaccurate. Leading to the risks perpetuating convincing sounding answers that are incorrect. Worryingly this has the potential for this to reinforce biases and racist views on a new level.

Previously it had been pointed out that search engines can reinforce racism ([this is a link to my book summary](#)). In this past if you entered the search term ‘Black girls’ or ‘Asian girls’ pornography would appear on page one, whereas pornography did not appear on page one for the term ‘White girls’. In addition, autocomplete suggestions tended to relate to pornography for the two former search terms but not the later one.

I briefly performed some ‘research’ (4<sup>th</sup> October 2025) by repeating these searches with Google image search. Today no pornography was on page one ‘Black girls’. ‘White girls’ didn’t actually have pornography but not many white girls either! Mainly links and videos about the film White Chicks. White Chicks is a film I would certainly recommend watching, only after you have watched my YouTube Video of the Month :).



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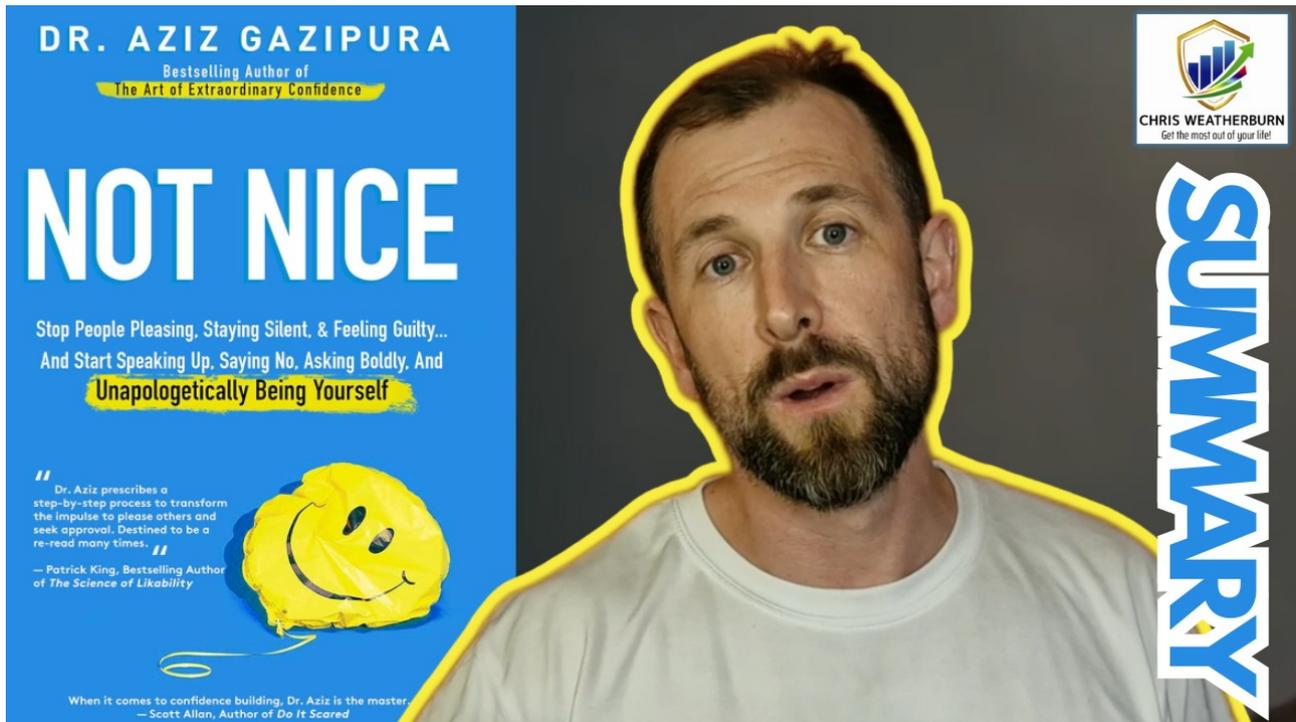
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Interestingly 'Asian girls' seems to reveal an ongoing problem. The first image links to a 55-page erotic book on Amazon which has only received three reviews. The description of this book contains "Soft romantic images of Asian girls. Through here I want to bring to you the beautiful images of Asian women under many different perspectives and images! Through the photo series that I bring to girls, you will show off your fiery body, attractive looks in many places, and beautiful poses that will give us relaxing moments when watching the ladies." I don't plan on summarising this book any further!

My concern is that LLMs can unintentionally perpetuate incorrect information on a new level. If you control the classification scheme you have the power. If this newsletter was one page 1 of google search there would be many more readers – help me get there by sharing this newsletter with your friends by clicking here.

## YouTube Video of the Month



This video is based on a long book that I have summarised down to just over five minutes. Key points include that “niceness” is not kindness – its fear masquerading as politeness: trying to avoid conflict, needing to be liked, holding back your true self. The main thing I like about the video is the use of my ‘stock footage’ that includes me going around Paris!

## X of the Month



Selected this X by [@nickmmark](#) simply as I found it amusing, it is not a brain either!

As I write this newsletter the new Storm season has occurred. Storm Amy has battered large parts of the United Kingdom. Did you know storms are named alternatively with female and male names, starting at the beginning of the alphabet. Bizarrely female storms tend to do more damage than male storms?

You may find this surprising given that they are essentially randomly named. However, the explanation is that people prepare more for male storms than female storms perceiving these as more threatening!

## Website of the Month

[www.chrisweatherburn.com](http://www.chrisweatherburn.com)

There is a lot of power in a name, and it seems you need to tell people things often, so they remember them. Therefore, for the first time I am selecting my own website for website of the month. This contains over 200 useful written book summaries and lots of videos, I hope you find it helpful. If you have a recommendation for the next website of the month please let me know!

Have a great month,

Chris

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