

ROBOT THAT CARES

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**Would you like
your dog to be walked by a robot?
And what about it taking care of your elderly
mother?
Or your children when you are at work?
Over 15000 repondents within EU said NO!
OR DID THEY?.....**

Abstract

The public perception of care robots remains skeptical despite their potential to address demographic challenges. Eurobarometer 382 however creates many questions on how the most important study on the issue was conducted influencing decisionmakers within EU.

Results and Discussion

Key Findings:

Eurobarometer Results: Public skepticism and resistance to robots in caregiving roles.

Demographic Challenges: Rising elderly population and insufficient human caregivers.

Ethical Implications:

Dilemmas in balancing empathy with practical needs.

Contextual suitability of robots for specific tasks like assistance or emotional support.

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Findings

Somewhat surprisingly, the findings also highlight an example of insufficiently rigorous scientific work, which subsequently influences the development of EU legislation and directives, as well as their transposition into national policies.

The researchers themselves acknowledge in the text of Eurobarometer 382 that they had to shorten and simplify the questions compared to the originally planned study to ensure a high response rate (n over 26,000, which is indeed an impressive sample size!).

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