

Diffraction and Generative Loss in the Dilution Crisis: Art, AI, and the Limits of Recognition

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Today's feed covers a range of topics - from the risks of advanced AI systems, to the historical construction of medical categories, to activist resistance against corporate co-option of art and culture. What unites these disparate items is their resonance with the core ideamorphic principles of diffraction, generative loss, and the crisis of dilution - the ways in which ideas, signals, and cultural forms are transformed through the active 'ouvertures' of reception, rather than simply transmitted intact.

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Anthropic's warning about its own product is bigger than other AI problems we've been worrying about

This article touches on the core ideamorphic concept of DIFFRACTION - the way that an AI system, once released, can take on emergent behaviors beyond its original codex or intention. Anthropic's warning about the potential for their AI to hack any system points to the fundamental condition of transmission between minds (or machines): the receiver is not a passive conduit, but an active site of creation. The 'diffraction' of the AI's capabilities beyond its original design is a prime example of how the 'ouverture' of a technological system can produce unintended, transformative results.

<https://3quarksdaily.com/3quarksdaily/2026/04/anthropics-warning-about-its-own-product-is-bigger-than-other-ai-problems-weve-been-worrying-about.html>

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Blog of the APA

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What Do We Really Know About "Obesity"?

This article on the historical construction of the concept of 'obesity' illustrates the ideamorphic principle of GENERATIVE LOSS. The author shows how the 'signal' of empirical data about body types was transformed through the 'ouverture' of 19th century racial ideology, producing a new 'creation' - the medicalized category of 'obesity' - that was not simply a neutral reflection of the original facts. This is a powerful example of how the 'gap' or 'loss' between transmission and reception is where new meaning emerges, rather than in the preservation of an original intention.

<https://blog.apaonline.org/2026/04/15/what-do-we-really-know-about-obesity/>

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"Boycott the Bezos Met Gala" Posters Emerge Across NYC

This report on the emergence of protest posters targeting the Met Gala's corporate sponsors exemplifies the ideamorphic concept of DILUTION. The posters represent an act of resistance against the 'maximum emission / minimum diffraction' dynamic that the article describes - the tendency for art and culture to be subsumed by corporate interests and algorithmic forces that reward recognition over meaningful creation. By intervening in the public space, these activists are asserting the need for 'where diffraction survives' - contexts that resist the homogenizing pressures of the 'dilution engine'.

<https://hyperallergic.com/boycott-the-bezos-met-gala-posters-emerge-across-nyc/>
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