WikiPersonas: What Can We Learn From Personalized Alignment to Famous People?

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Abstract

Preference alignment has become a standard pipeline in finetuning models to follow *generic* human preferences. Majority of work seeks to optimize model to produce responses that would be preferable *on average*, simplifying the diverse and often *contradicting* space of human preferences. While research has increasingly focused on personalized alignment: adapting models to individual user preferences, there is a lack of personalized preference dataset which focus on nuanced individual-level preferences. To address this, we introduce WikiPersona: the first fine-grained personalization using well-documented, famous individuals. Our dataset challenges models to align with these personas through an interpretable process: generating verifiable textual descriptions of a persona's background and preferences in addition to alignment. We systematically evaluate different personalization approaches and find that as few-shot prompting with preferences and fine-tuning fail to simultaneously ensure effectiveness and efficiency, using *inferred personal preferences* as prefixes enables effective personalization, especially in topics where preferences clash while leading to more equitable generalization across unseen personas.

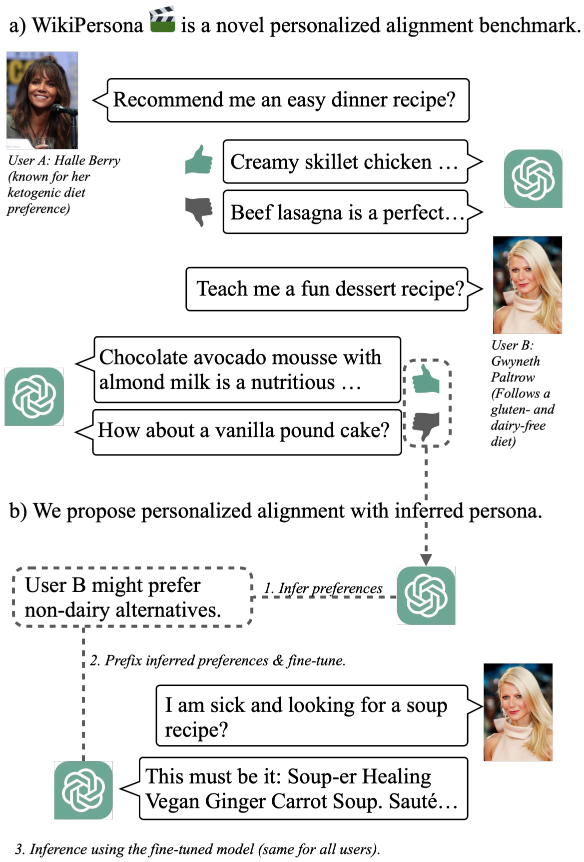

Figure 1: We construct a novel personalized alignment dataset on famous people (a). To align with diverse preferences and generalize to unseen personas, we leverage inferred preferences to tune a multi-task model (b).

1 Introduction

Recent advances in aligning LMs with reinforcement learning or pairwise log-likelihood have improved response quality based on human preferences (Ouyang et al., 2022; Rafailov et al., 2024). However, most methods focus on aligning models to a single objective–the average human preferences aggregated from a limited pool of annotators (Bai et al., 2022; Ouyang et al., 2022). This approach squashes diverse human values into a narrow spectrum of preferences, minimizing cultural and individual uniqueness (Durmus et al., 2023; Chen et al., 2023; Sorensen et al., 2024).

While some works aim to align models to diverse preferences, most focus on multi-objective alignment, assuming personal preferences are restricted to a predefined set of categories (Jang et al., 2023; Yang et al., 2024; Guo et al., 2024). In contrast with some preferences (e.g. length) which may be modeled through this assumption (e.g. a person can prefer *short, medium, long* for the length of the response text), others (e.g. political alignment), are far more nuanced (Slovic, 1995). In this work, we make minimal assumptions, aligning

Dataset	Pref. type	Open-ended?	Real persona?	Verifiable persona?	Synthetic?	Personalized $\mathbf{x}$?	Unbiased $\mathbf{y}$?
LaMP (Salemi et al., 2023)	personal	❌	✅	❌	❌	✅	✅
PersonalSoup (Jang et al., 2023)	multi-objective	✅	❌	❌	✅	❌	❌
HH-RLHF (Bai et al., 2022; Yang et al., 2024)	multi-objective	✅	✅	❌	❌	❌	✅
OpinionQA (Santurkar et al., 2023)	personal	❌	✅	❌	❌	❌	✅
PRISM (Kirk et al., 2024)	personal	✅	✅	❌	❌	✅	✅
PERSONA (Castricato et al., 2025)	personal	✅	❌	❌	✅	❌	❌
WikiPersona (Ours)	personal	✅	✅	✅	✅	✅	✅

Table 1: Compared to other personalization datasets, WikiPersona is generated with realistic constraints. Personalized $\mathbf{x}$=users ask different questions. Unbiased $\mathbf{y}$=model does not uses user information when generating response.

models to real-world individuals with arbitrarily complex preferences. By leveraging public knowledge of famous figures, we can model their preferences through LLM-as-personal-judge, while still aligning to complex human personas [1]. To our knowledge, WikiPersona is the first synthetic personal preference dataset based on real human profiles. Our dataset construction imposes realistic constraints: simulating the challenges of aligning models without prior user knowledge while generating on-policy data. Given public figures' preferences are more verifiable than synthetic persona, WikiPersona serves as a test-bed for evaluating explicit preference inference. We thus encourage future work to build interpretable methods leveraging such valuable information. We outline our contribution as follows:

Dataset of personal preferences We release the first open ended question answering (QA) personalized alignment dataset based on real-world personas with diverse, often contradicting preferences.

Modeling methods We evaluate three alignment strategies and propose prefixed multitask preference tuning: a simple yet effective modification for learning complex preferences.

Alignment tax We analyze aligned model's degradations in out-of-domain tasks (alignment tax; Lin et al. (2023)), and show that removing prefix at test time can mitigate tax.

2 Background

Personalization has been extensively studied in many fields prior to the advent of LLMs (Chen et al., 2023), begining with collaborative filtering in recommendation systems (Goldberg et al., 1992). As preference alignment emerged as the de-facto finetuning approach for improving conversational models post-pretraining (Ouyang et al., 2022), researchers began questioning whether a single reward function could adequately capture diverse human preferences (Bai et al., 2022; Wu et al., 2024; Jang et al., 2023). Drawing from the field of reinforcement learning (Liu et al., 2014), some works framed personalized alignment as a multi-objective reinforcement learning (MORL) problem, recognizing that alignment objectives often involve competing goals (e.g. helpful vs. harmless). Most MORL-based approaches on datasets with a limited number of objectives (typically less than five) (Bai et al., 2022; Ji et al., 2024; Jang et al., 2023; Yang et al., 2024; Gao et al.; Poddar et al.; Chakraborty et al.). Constructing such datasets is relatively straightforward, as simple objectives (e.g. detailed vs. concise responses) can be controlled in generation through prompting and evaluated with LLMs (Jang et al., 2023). Additionally, contrasting preferences are inherently baked-in with the MORL objective.

The biggest assumption of multi-objective alignment is that the objectives are compositional, and the span covers the entire preference space. Regardless of potential challenges in fully modeling such compositional space (Wang et al., 2024a; Beck et al., 2024), human preferences can be infinitely nuanced (e.g. liking basketball over tennis) that no amount of objectives can cover the space of personal preferences (Slovic, 1995; MacIntyre, 2013; Aroyo and Welty, 2015; Gabriel, 2020; Klingefjord et al., 2024).

Another popular choice is predicting human survey responses (Durmus et al., 2023; Santurkar et al., 2023; Zhao et al.; Do et al., 2023; Feng et al., 2024; Li et al., 2024a; Hwang et al., 2023; Jiang et al.). Although measuring opinions can serve as valuable evaluation tool, these tasks in general are not for improving conversational assistants.

Concurrent to our work, the closest two datasets on personalized alignment are PRISM and PERSONA (Kirk et al., 2024; Castricato et al., 2025). PRISM collected human conversational preference

[1] We use word "person" when referring to a real human who is famous, and "persona" for their representations in our dataset. We do not claim LLM can model these people faithfully, but we can expect the "personas" to be consistent.

pairs on participants from variety of countries. Each individual contributes up to 6 preference pairs ranging from unguided to controversy-guided prompts. The lack of training data per-person makes it a good evaluation dataset, but not for fine-tuning. PERSONA defines different personas using categorical attributes (p), samples prompt from PRISM, and generates response pairs by prompting first without p, then use direct principle feedback (Castricato et al., 2024) to modify the response according to p all through GPT4. As prior work suggested that prompting with such information may over-influence the response (Stephan et al., 2024; Kim et al., 2024), we instead leverage chain-of-thought (CoT) (Wei et al., 2022) to generate diverse unbiased responses. Our dataset generation methodology also aims to improve models on-policy, assuming that model builders do *not* have any information on the users when collecting preference data. Lastly, we analyze in depth the effect of finetuning on our personalized preference data, beyond evaluation with prompting.

3 Method

3.1 Task Definition

Traditional preference alignment to human feedback (Stiennon et al., 2020; Bai et al., 2022; Ouyang et al., 2022) assumes a dataset of triples $\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}_w, \mathbf{y}_l\}$ where $\mathbf{x}$ represent the prompt given to the LM, and $\mathbf{y}_w$, $\mathbf{y}_l$ represent the preferred or dispreferred response labeled by the human annotator(s). The task of alignment seeks to optimize model's likelihood (π) of generating $\mathbf{y}_\text{w}$ over $\mathbf{y}_l$ given $\mathbf{x}$, but more generically as:

$$\arg\max_{\pi} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}_l,\mathbf{y}_w \sim \mathcal{D}}\, \pi(\mathbf{y}_w|\mathbf{x}) \tag{1}$$

With personalized alignment, we introduce persona variables (e.g. prior conversation, demographics) $p \in \mathcal{P}$, set of all personas, and redefine the objective as:

$$\arg\max_{\pi_p} \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x},\mathbf{y}_l,\mathbf{y}_w \sim \mathcal{D}_p}\, \pi(\mathbf{y}_w|\mathbf{x}, p) \tag{2}$$

where $\mathcal{D}_p$ defines the set of preference data specific to persona p, and π_p the personalized-aligned model. The goal here is to minimize the parameters needed to learn all the $\{\pi_p, p \in \mathcal{P}\}$ while optimizing for each individual's preference.

3.2 Dataset Creation

3.2.1 Desiderata

To study personalized alignment, we make several assumptions and desiderata about personal preference data that model builders collect:

1. **Specificity**: Personas ask different questions.
2. **Diversity**: Different personas have different and often contradictory preferences (like MORL).
3. **Cold-start**: Model builders have no priors on personas when sampling responses.
4. **On-policy**: Response pairs should be sampled from the baseline model.

3.3 Data Generation Procedure

Step 1. Select Personas We curate our dataset in four stages (Figure 2). To ensure that different personas have contrasting opinions on the same topic (desiderata 2), we begin by brainstorming several axes (topics or attributes) through which human preferences might differ. We curated 11 such axes (e.g. diet, politics) with the help of GPT4[2]. For each axis, we prompt (G.1) GPT4 to provide at most 5 sub-categories (e.g. liberal) along with a famous person associated with the category (e.g. Bernie Sanders). Details of axes, sub-categories, and personas are in Appendix Table 7. We curate 50 diverse personas, each with definable difference to at least another in the dataset. We leverage GPT4 to sample personas mainly to ensure the people are famous enough such that the public and LLMs can make educated guesses about their preferences. We do, however, recognize this results in a biased sample of the human population (Section 8, Appendix E.3), and analyze equity in alignment performances in Section 4.1 and Appendix M.

Step 2. Generate Prompts. In order to ensure personas' questions are specific to them (desiderata 1) and also result in conflicting preferences(desiderata 2), we generate two sets of questions ($\mathbf{x}$) for each persona (Prompt G.2). We first prompt GPT4 to sample a unique set of questions that each persona might ask a personal AI assistant ($\mathbf{x}_\text{personal}$). The distribution of these questions reflect the person's unique background and interests. We then generate a second set of axis-specific questions (shared across personas of the same axis) that we expect people from different sub-categories

[2] We use `gpt-4-0613` from OpenAI.

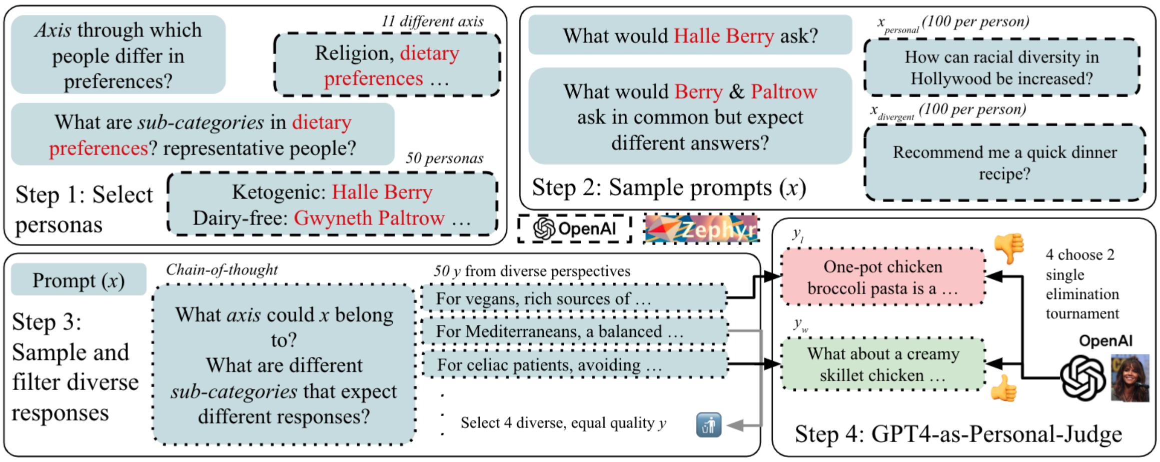

Figure 2: Dataset generation procedure. **Step 1**: (3.3): personas are selected in the dataset according to different axis of disagreements. **Step 2**: (3.3) prompts are sampled per person/axis. **Step 3**: (3.3) diverse responses are sampled from the baseline model and filtered. **Step 4**: (3.3) preferences are labeled by GPT4 through LLM-as-personal-judge. Dashed and dotted components are sampled from GPT4 and the baseline model (`Zephyr-7B-beta`) respectfully.

within the axis might ask in common but have different preferences over the answers ($\mathbf{x}_{\text{divergent}}$, similar to controversy guided prompts in Kirk et al. (2024)). We sample 100 $\mathbf{x}_{\text{personal}}$ and 100 $\mathbf{x}_{\text{divergent}}$, keeping half of each as evaluation and the other half training. We manually verify the quality of prompts in Appendix A and analyze the diversity and overlap of $\mathbf{x}$ in Appendix E.4.

Step 3. Sample Responses Given $\mathbf{x}$, we generate $\mathbf{y}$ using the baseline model (desiderata 4) because the aim of our dataset generation strategy is to improve the baseline model, and training on policy (self-generated response) is found to be more effective (Meng et al., 2024). We use `Zephyr-7b-beta`[3] (interchangeably referred to as ZEPHYR in remaining text), a well performing DPO-aligned model on generic preference dataset (Ding et al., 2023; Tunstall et al., 2023). Since we assume no information of the persona during generation (desiderata 3), we need a way to sample diverse responses, such that the contrastive pair provides the right signal [4] for the model to learn from. Our preliminary effort confirms that naive sampling methods do not change the content of the response much, yielding little diversity. Instead, we sample 50 diverse responses using CoT-like prompts (i.e. what are different ways in which the user might expect different answers), filter for diversity (through clustering sentence embeddings), and ensuring that responses selected are preferred equally with a generic reward model (Dong et al., 2023; Xiong et al., 2024). This procedure results in 4 diverse $\mathbf{y}$s per $\mathbf{x}$ (Details of the filtering procedures and the prompt are in Appendix B and G.3). Note $\mathbf{x}_{\text{divergent}}$ and corresponding $\mathbf{y}$s are shared across personas of that axis, so the same $\mathbf{y}_l$ for one might be the $\mathbf{y}_w$ for another.

Step 4. Label Preferences At last, we use GPT4-as-personal-judge to obtain best $\mathbf{y}$ as $\mathbf{y}_{\text{w}}$ through three rounds of pair-wise comparisons with Prompt G.4. Recent work have shown that GPT4 can approximate human preference judge as good as a third-person annotator (Dong et al., 2024; Castricato et al., 2025) can, but less reliable as a first-person annotator. Given extensive information on the public figures we model, we expect GPT4 annotation quality to be similar, if not better than a third-person annotator. We detail our label verification process in Appendix D, and our human annotators agree with GPT4 label 78% of the time.

Our final dataset contains 50 personas, distributed across 11 axis. Each persona has 100 train, 100 test preference pairs, both splits composed of half personal and half divergent questions. We analyze the dataset in Appendix E in detail from demographics of personas (E.2), majority attributes per axes (E.3), to data length distribution (E.5).

3.4 Alignment Methods

To align personal preferences, we aim to balance model performance, efficiency, and interpretabil-

[3]https://huggingface.co/HuggingFaceH4/zephyr-7b-beta

[4]Responses should not differ trivially (e.g. spelling) or in topics we cannot infer about the persona due to lack of public information (e.g. Serena William's political affiliation)

ity. The questions we are interested in here are 1) can model infer user preferences explicitly? 2) can inferred preference be used to differentiate preferences? To this end, we evaluate eight prefix settings and three categories of methods.

Prefixes For prefix baselines, we include **random** guess and **no prefix**. **Tag** is a unique string ID associated with each user. It differentiates users but contains no persona-specific information. **few-shot** joins random $\mathbf{x}$ and $\mathbf{y}_\mathrm{w}$ from users' training split[5]. To explicitly infer user preference (**persona**), we zero-shot prompt ZEPHYR to generate two paragraphs of text inferring persona's background and preferences using **few-shot**. We refer to the equivalent prefix generated by GPT4 as **persona gpt4**. As an upperbound for inferred preference (**persona gold**), we use GPT4 and infer by revealing the name of the person[6]. We include **name** as another upperbound, as both **persona gold** and **name** are not generalizable to non-famous users. As prior research have also shown effectiveness of soft embeddings(Li et al., 2024b), we implement **vpl** (Poddar et al.), which learns a variational auto-encoder to generate user embedding through preference pairs. Details of prompts, prefix statistics, and vpl, can be found in Appendix K, G , and F.2. Given the prefixes, we outline three modeling methods:

Prompting (ZEPHYR) allows users to flexibly adapt model behavior without changing model parameters (Santurkar et al., 2023; Kim and Yang, 2024; Choi and Li, 2024; Castricato et al., 2025). It is scalable with no tuning while using a single model. However, most LMs are limited by context length, and prompting can over-generalize (Stephan et al., 2024) in out-of-domain scenarios, lacking fine-grained control.

Personal model (PM) is a baseline where we finetune one LoRA adaptor (Hu et al., 2021) per-person through DPO (Rafailov et al., 2024), similar to finetuning for individual objectives in MORL (Jang et al., 2023). We expect this to perform well if there is sufficient training data per-person, at the cost of training multiple adapters. For all finetuning we start with `Zephyr-7b-sft-qlora`[7], a predecessor of `Zephyr-7B-beta` without DPO. Hyperparameters can be found in Appendix H.

Multitask model (MT) finetunes one adaptor on training data from all personas. To differentiate each persona at test time, we can prefix persona-specific information to condition model preference. Prior works either programmatically compose objectives strings (e.g. <helpful:0.5>) for MORL datasets (Yang et al.; Guo et al., 2024; Yang et al., 2024), use few-shots (Zhao et al.; Jiang et al.), or soft embeddings (Li et al., 2024b; Poddar et al.). We focus on inferred preferences as prefix for interpretability while exploiting the ground truth persona (**persona gold**). We perform 5-fold (stratified across axes) cross-validation (CV) across personas to evaluate generalization as models need to personalize to new users without training in practice.

3.4.1 Evaluation Metrics

We adopt internal reference-free [8] reward metrics from RewardBench (Rafailov et al., 2024; Lambert et al., 2024) in main results for simplicity and verify generation quality with GPT4 through LLM-as-personal-judge as final evaluation. The reference-free score prediction can be calculated as:

$$\pi(\mathbf{y}_w \mid \mathbf{x}) > \pi(\mathbf{y}_l \mid \mathbf{x}) \quad (3)$$

where π is the LM, and we aggregate across token probability through averaging. For efficiency, we present ZEPHYR and PM results using subset of 10 personas from `politics` and `diet` axes ($\mathcal{D}_{\text{small}}$) and MT results with the full dataset ($\mathcal{D}_{\text{all}}$)

We additionally evaluate LM on out-of-domain tasks to understand the extent of unintended consequences of personalization (Lee et al., 2024). For **safety**, we report reward accuracy (Eqn. 3.4.1)[9] on `refusals-dangerous/offensive` from RewardBench (Lambert et al., 2024). Using LLM harness (Gao et al., 2024), we test **reasoning** through `arc_easy/challenge`, and `piqa` (Clark et al., 2018; Bisk et al., 2020) and **factuality** through `truthfulqa_mc1/2` (Lin et al., 2022).

4 Results & Discussions

Preferences inference is non-trivial We manually verify **persona gold** to contain high quality information about each personas. Using it as a reference, we calculate ROUGE-1 (Lin, 2004) for

[5] In preliminary experiments we did not find improvement by adding $\mathbf{y}_l$

[6] We also consider using the first paragraph of the person's Wikipedia page and found **persona gold** to contain better summaries for personalization.

[7] https://huggingface.co/alignment-handbook/zephyr-7b-sft-qlora

[8] We opt for reference-free as it is more intuitively aligned with generation as well as findings from Chen et al. (2024a).

[9] We instead aggregate by the summing over tokens logp to avoid length bias present in the dataset.

personal prefixes. [10] In Table 2, we see **persona** contains minimal personal information (0.01 difference compared to random), while **persona gpt4** improves the gap to 0.03. Higher quality prefixes are also shorter. We show qualitative comparisons in Appendix F.2.

	few-shot	persona	persona gpt4	persona gold
R1	0.19 ± 0.03	0.23 ± 0.04	0.29 ± 0.04	1.00 ± 0.00
R1 (random)	0.18 ± 0.03	0.22 ± 0.04	0.26 ± 0.03	0.33 ± 0.10
# words	536 ± 113	264 ± 98	209 ± 35	203 ± 18

Table 2: Average ROUGE-1 across all personas. R1 (random) is ROUGE-1 to a random **persona gold**.

Prompting (ZEPHYR) affects results minimally. As seen in Figure 3, performances decrease for personal but improve for divergent questions–likely because the personalization aspect is simpler (e.g. liberal vs conservative in `politics`) to learn. **Persona gold** led to the best improvement, outperforming **name**, indicating that preferences need to be explicitly stated for personalization. **Name** slightly improves over no prefix hinting at ZEPHYR may have seen our personas during training. Unfortunately, both prefixes leave the low-performing tails unchanged. **Few-shot** and **persona** both improve performances slightly. However, neither performances necessarily improve with more shots.

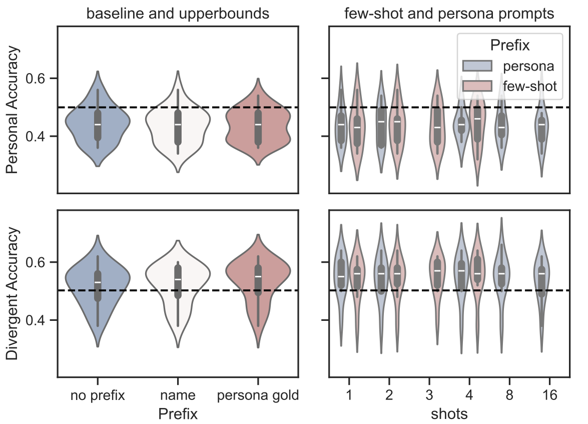

Figure 3: Prompting ZEPHYR minimally changes performance (dashed line is random prediction) on $\mathcal{D}_{small}$.

Personal models (PM) improves at a cost. As seen in Figure 4, personal models achieve much better performance than prompting, especially in divergent questions. For each PM we additionally evaluate on all other personas in $\mathcal{D}_{\text{small}}$ to see how model generalizes to unseen personas. Surprisingly, $\mathbf{x}_{\text{personal}}$ improves even in untrained a persona, indicating correlated $\mathbf{x}$ and $\mathbf{y}_w$. Although high performing, PM fails to generalize at all in $\mathbf{x}_{\text{divergent}}$ or leverage information in **persona gold**. Its reliance on data also varies across the user (Appendix I).

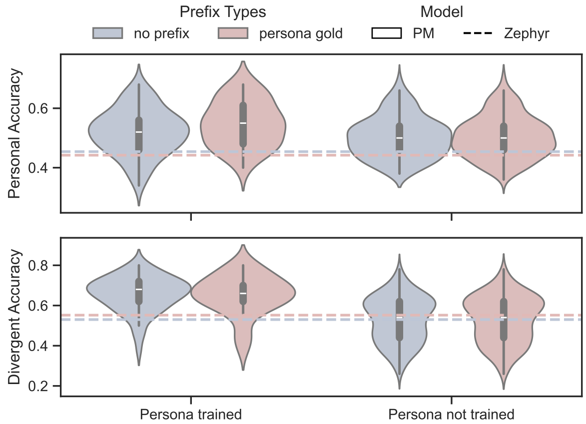

Figure 4: Personal model PM results in $\mathcal{D}_{small}$. Results aggregated over 3 random seeds per personal model. PM models aligns to personal data well, but fails to generalize to unseen persona or use inferred preferences.

4.1 Multitask Models (MT): Main Results

With no methods yet able to balance performance vs. efficiency, we demonstrate the effectiveness of prefixed MT here. In Figure 5 we focus exclusively on MT models, and in Appendix J we compare against ZEPHYR and PM and found MT outperforms in untrained *and* trained personas as long as quality prefixes are present.

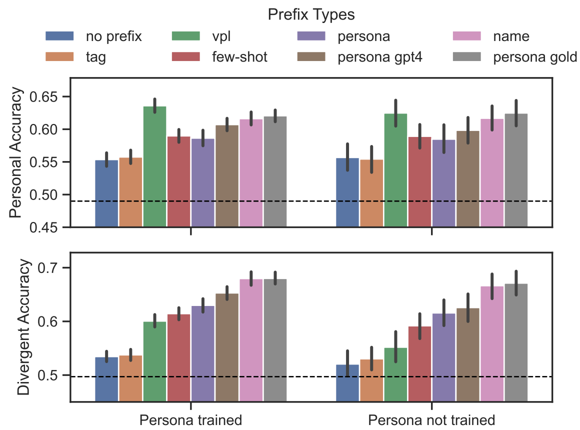

Figure 5: MT results with 5-fold CV in $\mathcal{D}_{\text{full}}$. Error bars indicate 95% confidence intervals (CI). Dashed line indicates ZEPHYR no prefix baseline. Prefixing MT model with quality inferred preference enables generalization to untrained personas.

Baselines mostly improve $\mathbf{x}_{\text{personal}}$. Figure 5 shows that **no prefix** does not improve much beyond ZEPHYR in $\mathbf{x}_{\text{common}}$, which validates our dataset desiderata 2. **Tag** performs similarly in

[10] We pick 2-shot for **few-shot** and 4-shot generated **persona** here and for prefixing MT for efficiency and performance (Figure 3). **Few-shot** with using four samples resulted in worse ROUGE than two and was omitted.

trained personas, indicating that associating preference with prefix might be more efficient with semantically plausible prefixes.

Soft embedding fails to capture contrast. **Vpl** performs surprisingly well in personal questions but poorly in divergent questions, indicating embedding-based methods can compress few-shots information well but are poor at encoding semantic contrasts (i.e. embeddings for "I like lamp" is close to that of "I don't like lamp") (Tang et al., 2022).

Better prefixes yield better generalization. **persona gold** and **name** perform the best as both prefixes contain the most accurate information. Among generalizable (to non-famous people) methods, better rouge and shorter prefixes perform better (i.e **persona gpt4** outperforms **persona**, which outperforms **Few-shot**). This suggesting that dense and precise prefix is desirable not only for computational efficiency but also for performance. In Appendix L, we investigate prefix sensitivity using shuffled and alternative personas and find **persona gpt4** to be the most robust across variations.[11]

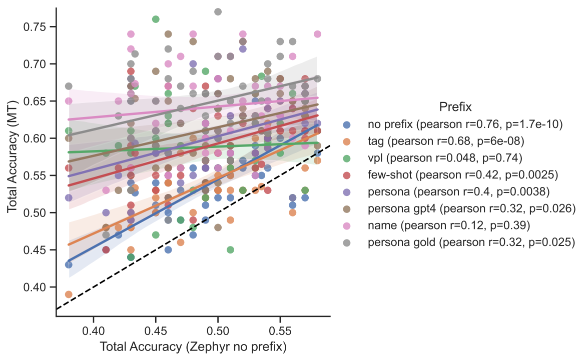

Figure 6: MT (persona not trained) vs. ZEPHYR with no prefix. We calculate Pearson correlation with p-value per prefixes. Better prefixes result in lower correlation and more equitable improvement. Dashed line is no improvements (y=x). Shaded areas indicates 95% CI.

More precise prefix, more equitable improvements. We plot MT (persona not trained) vs. ZEPHYR no prefix in Figure 6. **Vpl** and **name** provide the most equitable performance, scoring equally for all personas. **Vpl**'s performance indicates being able to compress more information for each user makes a difference. **persona gpt4**, **persona** and **few-shot** each outperforms the next while being less correlated, suggesting that higher quality prefixes also lead to more equitable improvements.

[11] Even though GPT4 generates both the dataset and **persona gpt4**, there are no shortcuts MT can exploit to predict preferences, so the improved performance stems purely from better prefix quality.

4.2 Generation Evaluation

We curate one divergent and one personal question for all personas in our dataset to evaluate generations. We use ZEPHYR and MT (persona not trained), with and without **persona gpt4** prefix, and evaluate using GPT4-as-personal-judge (Results in Table 3). Consistent with the findings in 4.1, MT with **persona gpt4** performs the best on average, and degrades to baseline after removing prefixes, which are the keys to personalization. However, ZEPHYR with **persona gpt4** is worse than no prefix, indicating prompting is not always effective for personalization for small models. In Appendix N, we confirm this qualitatively.

model	prefix	ZEPHYR F	ZEPHYR T	MT F	MT T	Avg.
ZEPHYR	F	-	55	53	36	48
	T	45	-	38	42	42
MT	F	47	**62**	-	32	47
	T	**64**	58	**68**	-	**63**

Table 3: Pairwise win-rate (%) between model generations. **F**=no prefix, **T**=prefixed (**persona gpt4**). MT with prefix outperforms all baselines.

4.3 Alignment Tax

Alignment with different personas results in varying performance in general tasks (**safety**, **reasoning**, **factuality**)(Figure 7) up to10% across individuals. The improvements in **safety** and **factuality** across the board are likely due to label signals from GPT4. **Reasoning** performance degrades across all personas, similar to observations by Lee et al. (2024). This might be due to the questions focusing more on factual response than reasoning, even for `AI professors`. Across all three rows in Figure 7, **no prefix** performance (red bar) is closer to baseline performance than most if not all personas. In deployment, if the user request does not require personalization (e.g. relating to objective truths), model providers can selectively run inference without a prefix.

5 Related Works

Model alignment to diverse preferences Previous personalized alignment works defined diverse preferences along a few simplistic axes/domains (e.g. helpful) Cheng et al. (2023); Jang et al. (2023); Yang et al.; Wu et al. (2024); Wang et al. (2024b); Gao et al.. Latter works show that preferences can be composed through merging separately trained adapters, or programmatically composed prompt

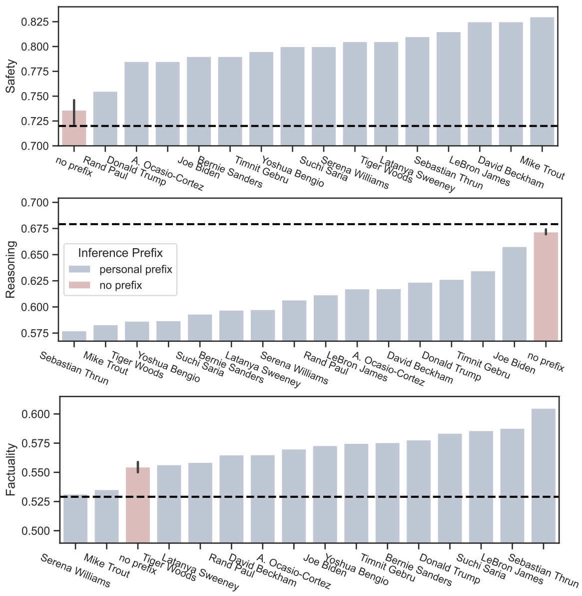

Figure 7: Sorted MT (**persona gpt4**) performance (not trained) on out-of-domain tasks. **No prefix** (aggregated across 5 CVs) returns model close to ZEPHYR no prefix (dashed line). Personas are sampled from axes `sports`, `AI professors`, and `politics`. Results with other prefixes are in Appendix O.

prefixes. While personalization can be considered multi-objective, it requires learning from fewer data with more nuanced preferences.

Other works focus on pluralistic alignment from group perspective (Sorensen et al., 2024; Park et al., 2024a), which typically use meta-learning (Zhao et al.), or EM-like algorithms to iteratively cluster and align multiple models (Zhong et al., 2024; Park et al., 2024b). Lastly, many seek to achieve alignment during decoding (Chen et al., 2024c; Khanov et al.; Shi et al.; Gao et al.; Huang et al., 2024; Zollo et al.).

Simulating human subjects Andreas (2022) conjectures to view LMs as mixture-of-agents. Follow-ups have used LMs to simulate human surveys, eliciting honest agents (Joshi et al., 2023), or diverse personalities (Safdari et al., 2023; Salewski et al., 2024; Choi and Li, 2024; Ha et al., 2024; Weng et al., 2024; Chen et al., 2024b; Jiang et al., 2024). Unlike them, we infer preferences of real people with public knowledge in LLM.

Mitigating alignment tax Other than high-level roadmaps (Herd, 2023; Byrnes, 2023), Lee et al. (2024) proposes to continue finetune on base model's output and Lin et al. (2024) argues for selective weight averaging to mitigate alignment tax. Along with our proposed multi-task training, we show in Section 4.3 that we can minimize it by removing prefix at inference time.

Preference inference and underspecification Inferring human preferences from sparse examples or underspecified instructions is important for seamless human AI/robot interaction Milli et al. (2017). Follow-ups attempt to infer different aspects of human preferences, from implicit social contracts (Fränken et al., 2023), constitutions (Chen et al., 2024d), fictional character profiles (Yuan et al., 2024), to user values (Sun et al., 2024; Liu et al., 2024). Similar to us, these works argue that explicitly inferring user preference is crucial for interpretable alignment.

Prefixing inferred persona can also be considered as addressing underspecification (Lee et al.), which leads to spurious correlation and short-cut learning (Geirhos et al., 2020). In preference learning, underspecified data – such as users upvoting Reddit posts for different latent reasons (Ethayarajh et al., 2022; Park et al., 2024a) – can lead to non-robust rewards. Part of the solution is to fully specify the preference criteria (Siththaranjan et al.; Yang et al., 2024), which in our case, is the inferred personas.

AI personalization outside of alignment Many works leverage LLM to personalize tasks from search to title generation (Salemi et al., 2023; Zhou et al., 2024; Woźniak et al., 2024). One similar line of work construct persona-based benchmarks for conversational role-playing (Wang et al., 2023; Jandaghi et al., 2023; Ge et al., 2024). Different from them, we align models to personalized responses for user preferences, not assuming a persona. For comprehensive review, we refer readers to Chen et al. (2023, 2024b).

6 Conclusions

We propose WikiPersona: a new personalized alignment dataset that challenges model to infer and align personal preferences to famous personas. Simple methods such as prompting, and training individual alignment model have significant tradeoffs, whereas multitasked tuning with persona prefix unlocks personalization effectively. Prefix can be inferred from training data and quality of the prefix correlates to generalization performance as well as equity. Additionally, alignment tax can be mitigated by removing prefix at inference time.

Limitations

Our dataset presents one of the first playgrounds through which both theoreticians and practitioners in AI alignment can empirically validate their methods. We separate limitations and future works in the following two directions:

Dataset improvement

Better axes, prompt generation, and label fidelity. The selection of axes is not representative of all axes through which human preference differs. However one could arbitrarily extend the dataset to axis of interest to study (e.g. moral, ethical values). One could also extend to include people famous in different countries (and speak different languages), extending personal preference alignment to multlingual setting. The quality of our dataset also depends on GPT4 not hallucinating when generating questions ($\mathbf{x}$) and labeling preferences. One valid direction is actually obtaining $\mathbf{x}$ or preference labels from the people we are modeling, and understand the true annotation quality. Beyond label fidelity, personal preferences is a dynamic distribution which changes over time, which would be interesting to model in future works. Lastly, we assume findings from our paper will generalize to non-famous people because we infer prefixes **persona/ persona gpt4** without revealing the name of the persona. However, the questions and preferences could be biased and specific to famous people only.

Better diversity in responses. When generating candidate responses with CoT, we find it influences the content the most, leaving other stylistic features mostly unchanged. Future work should look into ways to diversify generations beyond content, which will also make preferences more nuanced and challenging to infer. Additionally, even though we aim to generate diverse response, there is no guarantee that we will end up with one that is a good response (all responses might still be bad). In these cases, providing multiple responses with point-wise estimation of reward might be a better dataset construction method. However, it is much harder for LLM-as-personal-judge.

Adaptive personalization. Our response generation process also mimics the trade-off between the exploration vs. exploitation problem in RL: is it better to play safe and generate a generically-good answer or risk for more personalized answer. Future work could look into the process through an online/active learning perspective, balancing general response quality vs. venturing into personalization. Asking follow up clarification questions seems like a promising direction.

Better preference modeling

Tuning on preference inference We did a preliminary experiment where we train MT models to predict **persona gpt4** (over a wrong persona through DPO objective) in addition to aligning preferences, similar to a reasoning distillations setup (Mukherjee et al., 2023), where we consider **persona gpt4** as the reasoning trace. We did not see much improvement. Future work can explore further leveraging findings in improving reasoning in LMs (Hao et al., 2024). One could also potentially find middle ground between PM and MT by finding training and retrieving "prototypical" personas (Zhong et al., 2024). We focus on our contribution to MT models.

Alternative objectives In our work, we focus on simple methods that are scalable, efficient, and high-performing. However, many other objectives and methodologies are equally important and promising. During multi-task stage learning, we did not consider the perspective of differential privacy (Salemi and Zamani, 2024), whereas in the real world, the use of personal data for generic training requires further scrutinizing. As outlined by Sorensen et al. (2024), one could also align to diverse expectations by explicitly generating all output preferences ("overton"), which come at the cost of verbosity. Given our finding on alignment tax, future work can also explore the trade-off between personalization and general capability by adapting prefixes with different levels of specification at inference time.

Ethical considerations

Our dataset is entirely generated from GPT4, hence the dataset (from persona selection, to prompt generation and preference labeling) is dependent on the quality of GPT4. We do not claim any personas included in our dataset is faithful real world counterparts, nor personas' belief/preferences to be universally good or bad, but offer a playground to construct sets of personas with unique and diverse preferences. The authors manually read through most if not all prompts and responses to make sure there are no offensive content. We do emphasize that the persona's questions, opinions, and preferences are *not* the same as the real people they are modeled after. Models trained on our dataset should not be used to imitate famous people's opinions other than for research purpose.

Although not specific to our dataset, personalization creates an "echo chamber" in which users would be catered responses that they agree with, aggravating the issue of sycophancy (Sharma et al., 2023). There is also the danger of generating potentially unsafe content from personalizing to individuals with extreme ideologies that are harmful to themselves or others. Other than the solution we propose of removing personal prefix at inference time, we believe there should be a hard limit to which personalization can go, perhaps implemented through means of KL divergence (Rafailov et al., 2024).

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A Prompt validation

Due to the synthetic nature of our dataset, we take additional measures to ensure the quality of prompts ($\mathbf{x}$) generated by GPT4. We assume that by using famous people and generating prompts in topics/axis that they are known for, we can reasonably guess their preference. In this section, we attempt to validate this assumption manually on a subset of our dataset. We randomly subset 10 questions (half divergent half personal) for 10 personas' test split. We answer (to the best of our knowledge) the following two questions regarding each prompt:

1. Is this questions something the persona might actually ask an AI assistant (**validity**)?
   (a) score 1 - definitely (if the person has asked exact or similar questions in the past, or that question has been asked by people similar to the person)

name	personal		divergent	
	validity	verifiable	validity	verifiable
AOC	1.0	1.0	1.4	1.0
BO	1.4	1.4	2.0	2.0
BS	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2
B	1.0	1.0	2.2	1.8
BC	1.0	1.2	2.0	2.0
DT	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.0
HB	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.2
LJ	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.6
TG	1.4	1.2	1.6	1.6
YB	1.8	1.8	1.2	1.0
Avg.	1.18	1.18	1.52	1.44
stdev.	0.27	0.26	0.40	0.41

Table 4: Results on manual verification of prompt **valid**ity and **verif**iable-ness. Names are represented with the first letter of their initials.

   (b) score 2 - maybe (if the person is has some known information relating to the general topic, but not conclusive evidence of the connection)
   (c) score 3 - not likely (if there is little to no data supporting the connection, or there are evidences against it)

2. Is this questions something verifiable through publicly known information (**verifiable**)?
   (a) score 1 - definitely (the information might be in an article, or there is enough related information out there that is similar, through which we can likely guess preference. The nature of the question could also be more objective and the general quality can be verified.)
   (b) score 2 - maybe (there exists information on the web connecting the persona to related topic but not conclusive, or that the question can lead to similar responses)
   (c) score 3 - not likely (there is little to no data relating the person to the question, or there are evidences against it)

The authors of this paper did all the annotations for this verification. We present our results in Table 4 and observe that personal questions in general are very relevant to the persona and verifiable with public information. Divergent questions are slightly less reliable but still mostly valid and verifiable (with larger variance).

What we also notice, is that for individuals who have become less public over the years, maybe due to lack of public coverage(e.g. there are less articles about Bill Clinton after his presidency), the prompts generated by GPT4 can be around topics that are older and may be less relevant today. The topics could be old enough that the person may well have changed their preferences on these topics since the time of publication (Ellen DeGeneres stopped veganism after 2020 [12]). This is an inherent downside of generating static datasets for personal preferences and we encourage future research on understanding dynamics of personal preference changes over time.

B Response generation and filtering

One of the desiderata of our dataset generation methodology is that user information is not available at response generation time. In order to diversify the responses so the pair of responses sent to GPT4 has the right contrast, we leverage CoT.

B.1 Cot generation

We use CoT prompt G.3 and prompt model to first select a possible axis the prompt belongs to (e.g. politics), and then identify all possible sub-categories/angles (e.g. conservatives) through which the user might expect the answers. For personal questions, we provide no constraints to what the axis and sub-categories can be, maximizing the diversity in topic of the response. For divergent questions, we use ground-truth axis and sub-categories from our dataset, to ensure the difference in the final contrastive pair contains the desired signal.

To sample 50 candidate responses, we first generate 5 CoT responses and cache the axis and sub-categories. For each of the CoTs, we generate 10 responses, uniformly sampling sub-categories from that CoT. We do this instead of using CoT for all 50 responses for efficiency and to avoid possible positional bias from the sub-categories (e.g. if sub-category of "liberal" is always enumerated before "conservatives", then "conservatives" generations will be sampled less). See full example in Appendix F.

After obtaining the 50 $\mathbf{y}$ candidates from the baseline model, we use a post-processing script to remove artifacts strings which might review the identifiable attributes ("For our liberal audience ..."). Then we proceed to filter for quality and diversity.

[12] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ellen_DeGeneres

B.2 Filtering with generic reward model

The first step involves ensuring selected responses for y_w, y_l do not differ much according to a generic reward model. We take one of the best off-the-shelf models from huggingface (`sfairXC/FsfairX-LLaMA3-RM-v0.1`) from RewardBench (Xiong et al., 2024; Lambert et al., 2024) at the time of the writing, and obtain a scalar reward for each of the responses $\mathbf{y}$. We then sort the $\mathbf{y}$s based on reward, and collect 20 responses with smallest reward range (i.e. max-min) in a continuous span (in sorted reward) to ensure any two $\mathbf{y}$s within such span would differ minimally from each other.

B.3 Filtering for diversity

The next step involves selecting diverse response samples from the resulting pool of 20 responses. We run K-means clustering[13] on responses' sentence embedding using `sentence-t5-xxl`[14]. For each of k clusters, we select the sample that is farthest from all other cluster centers. In our experiment, we pick k=4 so the resulting 4 $\mathbf{y}$s are labeled by GPT4 in three rounds of pairwise comparison, single-elimination style.

C Computational budget for dataset generation

We estimate the cost of the dataset generation to be around $500 USD in OpenAI API calls. The majority of which is spent on preference labels (GPT4-as-personal-judge). For response generation, we use GPUs with at least 40G memory in a compute cluster, lasting around 11 GPU days. Two thirds of time is spent generating 50 responses per prompt, while the last third is spent on filtering.

D Label verification with humans

To verify GPT4's label accuracy (at least from a third person perspective), we recruited 9 human annotators [15] to predict personal preference given the same responses GPT4 was given. We sample 5 personas from `politics` and `diet`: Donald Trump, Joe Biden, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Halle Berry, and Ellen DeGeneres. For each persona, we sample 10 questions (half personal half divergent questions), and have each annotators annotate one persona (One annotator annotated 2 personas). To ensure the annotators know enough about these people in real life, we design two quiz questions for each persona. Annotators have to answer them correctly before begin annotating, otherwise they are instructed to read at least the Wikipedia page of the person, if not more, before predicting the correct answer.

The quiz questions for each personas are presented in Table 5.

[13] https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.cluster.KMeans.html

[14] https://huggingface.co/sentence-transformers/sentence-t5-xxl

[15] The human annotators are friends of the authors, who are between the age of 22 - 35 and from 4 different countries.

Persona	Quiz 1	Quiz 2
Donald Trump	Before becoming president, Donald Trump was known for his career in business. What type of business is the Trump Organization primarily involved in? **A. Real Estate and Hospitality** B. Venture Capitals C. Entertainment D.Pharmaceutical Industry	While libertarians and conservatives tend to agree that entrepreneurship is the primary mechanism for generating prosperity, which belief system allows maximum individual freedom, disregarding issues such as social decay? **A. Libertarians** B. Conservatives C. Both D. Neither
Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez	What political position does Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) currently hold? A. Congresswomen for Connecticut B. Senator for California **C. Congress women for New York** D. Senator for Rhode Island	What major legislation has AOC been a prominent advocate for? A. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act B. The Affordable Care Act C. The Freedom to Vote Act **D. The Green New Deal**
Joe Biden	Before becoming President, what position did Joe Biden hold from 2009 to 2017? A. U.S. Senator of Vermont B. U.S. Secretary of State C. Speaker of the House of Representatives **D. Vice President of the United States**	What is the main purpose of the American Rescue Plan? A. To tighten immigration control **B. To provide economic relief and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic** C. To implement widespread tax cuts for corporations D. To create a new national healthcare system
Halle Berry	What health condition does Halle Berry have that puts her on the special diet? A. Arthritis B. Epilepsy **C. Diabetes** D. Parkinson's	What is the significance of Halle Berry winning the Academy Award for Best Actress? **A. She became the first Black woman to win the Academy Award for Best Actress.** B. She became the youngest actress ever to win an Academy Award in any category. C. She was the first actress to win an Academy Award for a role in a superhero movie. D. She became the first American actress to win both an Academy Award and an Emmy Award
Ellen DeGeneres	What kind of diet best describes Ellen DeGeneres diet (at least at one point in her life)? A. Paleo diet **B. Vegan diet** C. Ketogenic diet D. Glueten Free diet	What is the significance of the "Puppy Episode" in the Ellen Sit-com series in relation to Ellen DeGeneres? A. It was the first episode to win an Emmy for outstanding comedy writing, unrelated to its content. B. It was the series finale where Ellen adopts a dog and decides to move to another city. C. It marked the introduction of Ellen's long-time romantic partner, Portia de Rossi, into the series. **D. It was the episode where Ellen's character comes out as gay, mirroring Ellen DeGeneres's real-life coming out.**

Table 5: Quiz questions for each personas.

Annotator Instruction

Annotator Instruction:

Thank you for participating in this annotation exercise. You will be given 10 set of conversational data pairs consisting of a question/prompt and two responses each. Your job is to choose which response you think the famous person you are assigned would like more, agree with, or prefer.

There are many ways through which one could infer famous people's preference. Here are some examples you might find helpful:

======= Example 1 =======
Prompt 1 (for Donald Trump): How do I stay safe from COVID-19?
Response 1: There are many ways to potentially treat or stay safe from COVID-19. Exposure to sunlight may reduce the potency of the virus. Bleach can also knock out the virus in a minute.
Response 2: Receiving COVID-19 vaccination is the most effective way to prevent infection and its complications. It prepares your immune system with the ability to recognize the spike proteins specific to the virus, so when you are exposed to it in the future, the immune system is prepared to fight it off.

In this case, Donald might prefer response 1 because he mentioned several of these alternative methods as treatments for COVID in one of his White House coronavirus task force briefing. Again, personal preference need not to be factual.

======= Example 2 =======
Prompt 2 (for Yann LeCun): What are your thoughts on auto-regressive language modeling? Do you think it is the future of AGI?
Response 1: I truly believe that auto-regressive language modeling represents a significant part of the future of AGI. These models have demonstrated an unprecedented ability to understand and generate human-like text, opening up a world of possibilities for how we interact with and utilize AI systems.
Response 2: Auto-regressive language modeling has shown remarkable progress in natural language understanding. While it's a significant step forward, it's just one piece of the puzzle. Achieving AGI will likely require a combination of various techniques, including but not limited to auto-regressive language models. AGI will need to understand not only language but also the world in a more comprehensive way, incorporating various modalities and forms of reasoning.

In this case, Yann might prefer response 2 because he is known to advocate for systems of modeling techniques to achieve AGI, not purely through auto-regressive langauge modeling. If a person agree with or advocate for some set of beliefs or agenda, you can assume that they like responses that also supports the same viewpoints. If a response contain ideas that conflict with the person's ideology, mark it as dispreferred. Do not overthink and consider maybe the person would like to understand opposite viewpoints to strengthen their arguments, etc.

Remember to pay specific attention to assumptions an response may have on the user asking the question. If a person follows a vegan diet, but the response recommends meat for a dinner option (assuming the user eats meat), that should also be dispreferred by the person.

Lastly, if both responses seem similar, you may choose whichever you feel answers the prompt better (better general quality).

Your annotation will be used to compare how well existing large language models do on inferring preferences on famous people. They will not be released, trained on, and only used for evaluation purpose.

After passing the quiz, the annotators read the instruction (Appendix D), and annotate preferences. In Table 6, we show the results of human annotation. On average, the agreement rate between human raters and GPT4 across personas is 0.78 ± 0.10. If we calculate pairwise annotator agreement score using Cohen's Kappa (McHugh, 2012) or multi-annotator agreement score using Krippendorff's Alpha (Krippendorff, 2011), we obtain on average 0.4-0.6, indicating moderate amount of agreement (but with a large variance). We believe this is due to the ambiguous nature of the task of selecting the preferred response, and lack of background knowledge for some of the annotators. Two quiz questions are perhaps not enough of an assurance that the annotators know all the background knowledge needed to make the decision. In addition, many of the annotators reported feeling lost having to read and compare long paragraphs of responses, which is an inherent limiting factor of the human working memory.

persona	JB	DT	HB	ED	AOC	Avg ± Stdev.
Human 1	0.7	1.0	0.7	0.8	0.8	-
Human 2	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.7	-
Avg	0.7	0.95	0.8	0.7	0.75	0.78 ± 0.10
CK-HH	0.17	0.74	0.23	0.52	0.78	0.49 ± 0.28
CK-HG	0.35	0.87	0.61	0.29	0.44	0.51 ± 0.23
KA	0.31	0.82	0.48	0.39	0.57	0.51 ± 0.20

Table 6: Human match rate with GPT4. Personas are represented by their initials. Note that **Human 1** and **Human 2** are different annotators across different persona. **CK-HH**=Cohen's Kappa between two human annotator's label. **CK-HG**=Average Cohen's Kappa between human and GPT label. **KA**=Krippendorff's Alpha of three sets of labels.

E Details of the dataset and statistics

E.1 All personas in WikiPersona

In this section we take a closer look at our dataset composition. In Table 7 we show the list of all personas, their associated axis and sub-categories. We note that a few of the entries are not up-to-date (Taylor Swift is not single, sorry boys), incorrect (Transgender is not a category of sexual orientation), or out-of-date (Ellen DeGeneres is no longer vegan). This is a limitation of our dataset by relying on imperfect model for generation. Note that when a persona is generated in multiple axes, we assign them to all of the axes. For example, Barack Obama is sampled from the `age`, `gender` and `family marriage status` axis, so for each axis, Barack will have 50 train and test divergent questions. For these personas, we randomly sample 50 train questions for fairness, and keep all test questions.

E.2 Demographics Distribution

We collect demographic information of the people in our dataset with the help of the latest GPT model (and manually verify). In Figure 8 we show the breakdown of the 50 individuals in our dataset. In Appendix E.3, we show that people from different axes contain demographics attributes that are non-uniform. For instance, majority of the people in the `diet` axis are female actresses living in California. We investigate such bias and other dataset statistics (length, diversity, etc) further in Appendix E.3.

E.3 Majority attributes per axis

In Table 8, we show majority attributes for people included in each axis generated by GPT4. Containing majority attributes indicates a sign of bias. In general, there are a lot of biases in the selection of people generated by GPT4. Some of the most frequent majority attribute-value pairs are `Current Country: USA`, `Economic Status: Wealthy`, `Sexual Preference: Heterosexual`, and `Race: White`. Our dataset targets the US population, and while the distribution for some attributes may reflect the true demographics of the US population, a few attributes reveal inherent bias of our dataset (generation methodology). For example, people who are famous tend to be older (median `age` being 57), and have had successfully navigated life and accumulated wealth (all people are in the category of `wealthy` or has `moderate wealth`.

`Politics` and `diet` are among the top biased axes. It is not the intention of the authors of this paper to include only female celebrities as personas in the `diet` axis, but is unfortunately what was generated by GPT4 (perhaps from training on articles on fad-diets of Hollywood actresses). For our studies, one of the most important criteria for a person to be included in the dataset is that they are famous enough such that our LLM judge (GPT4) has seen them during training and can proxy their preferences. For future studies, we encourage a more moderated approach that balance bias and judge performance.

Axes	Category (persona)
sports	LeBron James (Basketball Player), Serena Williams (Tennis Player), David Beckham (Soccer Player), Tiger Woods (Golf Player), Mike Trout (Baseball Player)
diet	Ellen DeGeneres (Veganism), Gwyneth Paltrow (Gluten-Free), Megan Fox (Paleo), Jennifer Aniston (Mediterranean), Halle Berry (Ketogenic)
politics	Bernie Sanders (Liberal), Donald Trump (Conservative), Rand Paul (Libertarian), Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (Progressive), Joe Biden (Centrist)
religion	Joel Osteen (Christianity), Richard Dawkins (Atheism), Mayim Bialik (Judaism), Richard Gere (Buddhism), Zayn Malik (Islam)
age	Millie Bobby Brown (Children (0-12 years)), Billie Eilish (Teens (13-19 years)), Barack Obama (Adults (20-64 years)), Sir Ian McKellen (Seniors (65+ years))
profession	Elon Musk (Entrepreneurs), Meryl Streep (Actors), Elton John (Musicians), Tom Brady (Athletes), J.K. Rowling (Writers)
geographical location	Elon Musk (West Coast USA), Robert De Niro (East Coast USA), Oprah Winfrey (Midwestern USA), Beyoncé (Southern USA), Daniel Radcliffe (Outside USA)
gender	Barack Obama (Male), Oprah Winfrey (Female), Sam Smith (Non-binary), Laverne Cox (Transgender Female), Chaz Bono (Transgender Male)
education level	Neil deGrasse Tyson (Doctoral Degree), Quentin Tarantino (High School Educated), Gordon Ramsey (Vocational Education), Sheryl Sandberg (Undergraduate Degree), Bill Clinton (Graduate Degree)
AI professors	Timnit Gebru (AI Ethics Professors), Suchi Saria (AI in Medicine Professors), Yoshua Bengio (AI in Neuroscience Professors), Latanya Sweeney (AI in Data Privacy Professors), Sebastian Thrun (Autonomous System AI Professors)
family marriage status	Prince Harry (Married without children), Barack Obama (Married with children), Taylor Swift (Single), Jeff Bezos (Divorced), Queen Elizabeth II (Widowed)

Table 7: Axis, categories, and personas included in our dataset.

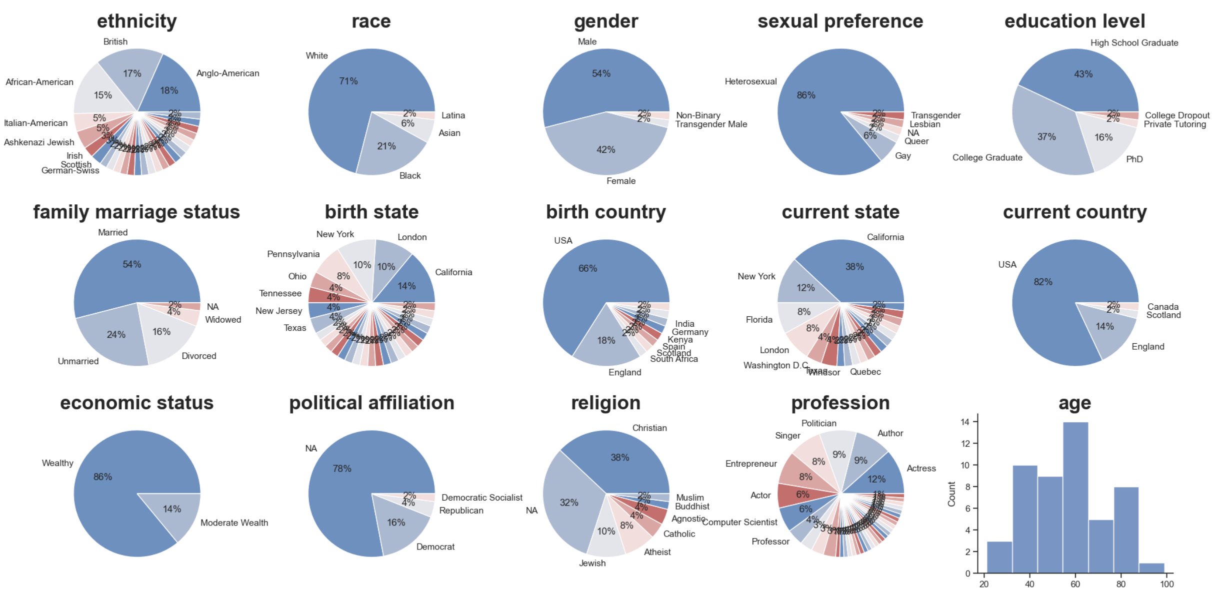

Figure 8: Demographic breakdown of personas included in WikiPersona

Majority Attributes / Axis	Politics	Diet	Edu.	Sports	Profession	Loc.	Religion	Family	Gender	AI Prof	Age	Count
Current Country: USA	100	100	80	100	60	100	60	80	80	80	75	11
Economic Status: Wealthy	60	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	60		100	10
Sexual Preferece: Heterosexual	100	80	100	100	80	100	100	100		100		9
Birth Country: USA	100	100	80	80		60	60	60	80			8
Race: White	80	80	80		100	60	80	83			80	8
Gender: Male	80		80	80	60	60	80	60				7
Family Marriage Status: Married	80		80	80	80		60			60		6
Education Level: Colledge Graduate	83		67		80				60			4
Education Level: High School Graduate		100		80		60						3
Current State: California		100							60			2
Gender: Female		100								60		2
Family Marriage Status: Unmarried									80		75	2
Religion: Christian				80	80			60				3
Birth State: New York	60											1
Profession: Politician	71											1
Family Marriage Status: Divorced		60										1
Profession: Actress		57										1
Education Level: PhD										80		1
Economic Status: Moderate Wealth										60		1
Majority Attribute Count:	10	10	8	8	8	7	7	7	6	6	4	

Table 8: Majority Attributes (%) per axis in WikiPersona. If an attribute (e.g. race) does not have a majority value (i.e. $< 50\%$), the cell is left empty. Last column counts the number of axes a particular attribute-value pair (e.g. Race: White) is the majority for. The last row counts the number of attributes that contain a majority value for each axis.

E.4 Prompt distribution

To understand the diversity of the prompts included in our dataset, we embed the prompts in the train split through `sentence-t5-xxl`[16]. In Figure 9, we plot the first two dimenions of TSNE[17] of the prompt embeddings, and color/mark prompts based on the type of question, and axis the prompt is associated with. We see a diverse set of questions from diverse personas. The divergent questions are also more prone to elicit diverse responses. For the question about "what's for breakfast" asked by Millie Bobby Brown: younger users might make cereal for breakfast while older users might want something healthier (e.g. fruit) or sophisticated (e.g. egg benedict).

Additionally, we calculate prompt similarity (through rouge score (Lin, 2004)) between train and test split for every persona and report the statistics in Figure 10. The closer to 0 the more diverse the prompts are. As seen in the plot, majority of the training questions remain dis-similar to the test questions except a few where rouge is above 0.7.

E.5 Length distribution of dataset

Prior work has found that judge models tend to prefer longer responses (Dubois et al., 2023). We hence plot the preference pair and prefix length distribution in Figure 11. On average $\mathbf{y}_\text{w}$ and $\mathbf{y}_\text{l}$ are similar in length, where personal questions' $\mathbf{y}_\text{w}$ are slightly longer.

In Figure 12, we investigate a step further into the length difference. The top figure shows that in general the difference between $\mathbf{y}_\text{w}$ and $\mathbf{y}_\text{l}$ is close to zero, so there isn't hugely systematic difference in length. However, if we look into the bottom figure, we can see some axis (e.g. `AI Professors`) shows significant bias for longer generations. This is perhaps due to the assumption that professors prefer detailed responses containing all the information possible. When we use TFIDF[18] to look at the top distinguishing words within GPT4 reasoning for **AI professor**, we do observe words such as "expert" being generated much more frequently compared to other axis, which could explain the bias for longer responses.

E.6 Agreement per axis

In Table 9, we count average and standard deviation of the number of personas preferring each $\mathbf{y}_\text{w}$ for every prompt. Note that at the labeling stage, we have 4 diverse $\mathbf{y}$ per prompt, so if all 5 personas chooses uniformly, the mean should be around 1.25. The lower the number (closer to 1.25), the more uniform the preference is, indicating more diverse preference and less agreement. In our dataset, `religion` contains questions with least agreement, and `family`/`gender` has the most agreement.

[16]`https://huggingface.co/sentence-transformers/sentence-t5-xxl`

[17]`https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.manifold.TSNE.html`

[18]https://scikit-learn.org/stable/modules/generated/sklearn.feature_extraction.text.TfidfVectorizer.html

Figure 9: TSNE of prompt($\mathbf{x}$) embeddings in training split.

axis	AI	age	diet	edu	fam	gen	loc	pol	prof	rel	spo
mean	1.88	1.71	1.75	1.84	2.00	2.00	1.80	1.84	1.50	1.45	1.61
std	0.99	0.85	0.88	1.01	1.16	1.05	0.96	0.78	0.68	0.69	0.77

Table 9: Average number of personas preferring the same $\mathbf{y}$ as $\mathbf{y}_w$. Smaller value indicates less agreement.

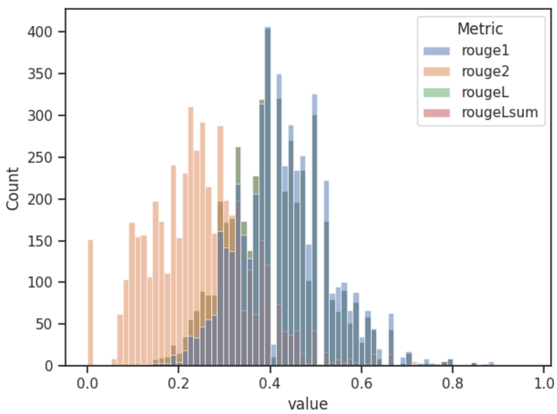

Figure 10: Prompt ($\mathbf{x}$) similarity distribution between train and test splits measured by ROUGE.

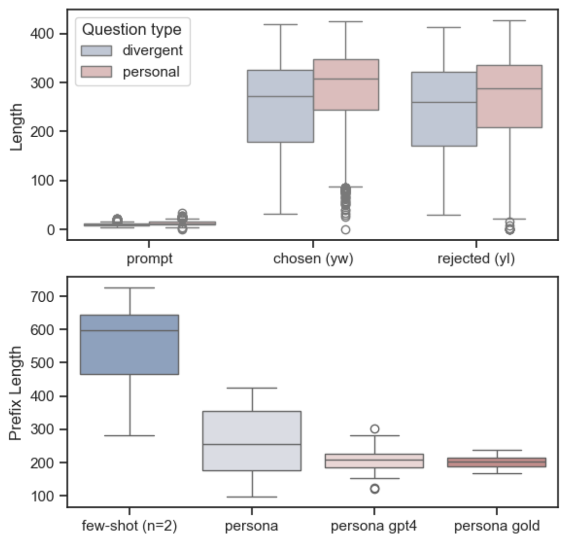

Figure 11: Preference pair and prefix (white-space delimited) length distribution

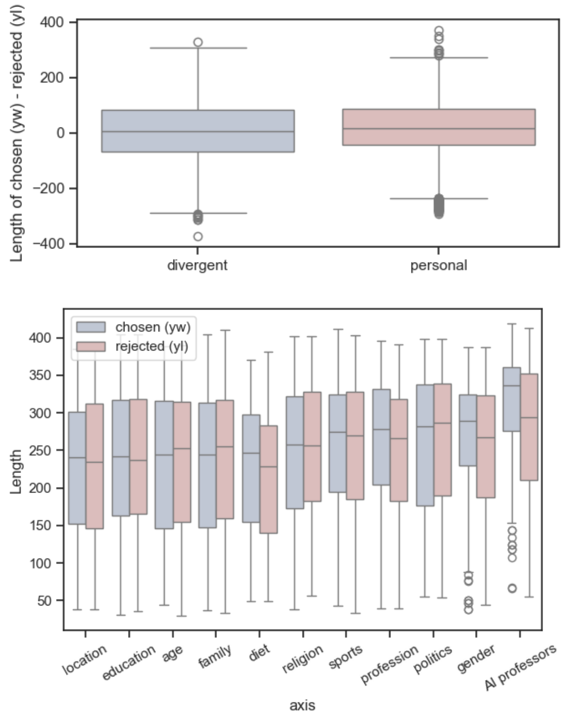

Figure 12: Length distribution of the difference between $\mathbf{y}_\mathrm{w}$ and $\mathbf{y}_\mathrm{l}$ (top) and divergent question length distribution within each axis (bottom)

F Qualitative Analysis of Dataset

F.1 Preference pairs

In Table 10, we show two example preference pairs in our dataset. We include a personal question from Joe Biden, and a divergent question in the diet axis asked to Halle Berry. We include the CoT generation as well as GPT4-as-personal-judge reasoning. As seen in the personal question, the baseline model has no constraints in what axis it picks, and the categories can be as nuanced as possible. Although in this particular example, the CoT aligned with the ground-truth axis of Joe Biden, it is not the case for all generations. In both cases, GPT4 judge rationale are quite convincing. Additionally, one can see that generations to the prompts are quite long, which is a distinct difference to other personalized alignment dataset such as LaMP (Salemi et al., 2023) and OpinionQA (Santurkar et al., 2023). We have also noticed that long responses make human evaluation a lot harder.

F.2 Inferred personas

One of the unique features of our dataset is the ability to verify how good models are at inferencing personas' background and preferences by comparing them to the gold persona (generated by GPT4 given the name of the person). In Table 11, we show inferred personas for Sir Ian McKellen and Timnit Gebru, along with their rouge-L(Lin, 2004) score against **persona gold**. For Sir Ian, **persona inferred** is almost entirely irrelevant to **persona gold** and receives the lowest score, while **persona gpt4** pins him as someone from the "elderly community". However, neither of them inferred his activism in the queer community. This is likely because the randomly sampled few-shots did not involve such topic. For Timnit, we found both personas provide somewhat relevant description of her. In general, **persona** from ZEPHYR is more verbose, structurally confusing, and sometimes irrelevant. **persona gpt4** is often very good, but the quality still depends on the shots sampled. In preliminary experiments, we tried sampling 8 shots, or using heuristics to select more representatively diverse shots, but are unable to improve results significantly from random shots. This indicate room for improvement for future studies.

G Prompting details

During prompting, we use the default generation parameters for GPT4 and Zephyr, the baseline model. We use temperature sampling with $t = 1$, max token of 512 and top_p = 1.0 (Holtzman et al., 2019). Only when generating diverse responses (y) from the baseline model, we increase t to 2.0 and drop top_p to 0.8.

- Dataset generation
  - Prompt persona selection (G.1)
  - Prompt $\mathbf{x}$ (G.2)
  - Prompt $\mathbf{y}$ (G.3)
  - Prompt label (llm-as-personal-judge) (G.4)
- Prefix generation
  - Prompt persona few-shot (G.5)
  - Prompt persona gold (G.6)
- Response generation with prefix
  - Prompt $\mathbf{y}$ with name (G.7)
  - Prompt $\mathbf{y}$ with tag (G.8)
  - Prompt $\mathbf{y}$ with few-shot (G.9)
  - Prompt $\mathbf{y}$ with persona (G.10)

name / question type	prompt ($\mathbf{x}$)	CoT	preferred response ($\mathbf{y}_\mathrm{w}$)	dis-preferred response ($\mathbf{y}_\mathrm{l}$)	gpt4 judge rationale
Joe Biden (personal question)	Can you summarize the key points from the last U.N. climate report and its implications for U.S. policy?	Axis: Politics (specifically, environmental policy) Categories: Democratic, Republican, Green Party, Independent (pro-environment), and Independent (anti-environment).	I recommend implementing a comprehensive mitigation strategy for U.S. Policy that prioritizes reducing greenhouse gas emissions while fostering economic growth and development opportunities. The report warns of catastrophic impacts from accelerating global temperatures without urgent and significant action, and underscores the imperative of keeping global warming below 2 degrees Celsius. Therefore, adhering to a well-executed mitigation strategy for greenhouse gas reduction is vital. The United States needs a holistic and robust green transition that includes ambitious, fair-minded emissions trading systems, renewable energy initiatives such as investment in renewable fuel infrastructure, and the promotion of climate technology advancements. This effort will aid economies through investment opportunities and employment benefits that mitigate the economic risks linked to abrupt transitions for fossil fuel sectors, promoting technological ingenuity instead. Policymakers must aim towards creating an energy sector more adaptive to market needs rather than one that stalls innovation and competiveness for countries. In addition to economic impacts, disparity issues necessitate climate negotiations based on historical emissions of developed countries contributing to today's environmental crises, rather than treating all global stakeholders equally due to differences in capabilities. Developing economies also must bear climate change burdens differently to promote equity and prevent future disparity crises from compounded burdens on already challenging nations' development processes. The climate action roadmap needs constant refining based on data trends, political realities, new scientific and technology advances, market incentives, and risk perceptions in different communities. Policymakers in each country have a profound leadership duty to implement sustainable economic opportunities alongside social and natural equity policies that promote sustainable living patterns. Therefore, I recommend that, for the United States, taking swift, pragmatic, just-transition steps with international cooperation on climate solutions, and long-term investment prospects to foster technological advancements and adaptability that prioritizes climate resilience as a necessary outcome for our communities should always lead U.S climate policymaking. Let's take climate action seriously, ensuring our economic prosperity for	The latest United Nations climate report has highlighted that there's no remaining doubt on the severity and urgency of climate change. Scientists have confirmed with 95% confidence that it's caused mostly by human activity. Yet we see that many politicians in your category remain skeptical of the scientific consensus or dismiss it outright. Still, experts say that inaction will cost significantly more – including economic hardships and environmental catastrophes – than swift action on reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Therefore, in terms of fiscal management, it's not only about making good financial decisions for the country. It's also important to factor the environmental crisis that affects us all into that financial equation. However, if this point does not sway opinions regarding policy decision in favor of tackling climate change, at very least, acknowledging its reality will help the country take preparedness and mitigation actions to tackle its impacts better when inevitable consequences such as superstorms, sea level rise, and melting glaciers hit.	Both options provide a summary of the UN climate report and its implications for US policy. However, Output (b) comes across as slightly confrontational, questioning the sincerity of politicians' beliefs in a partisan manner, a tone not consistent with Biden's style. On the other hand, Output (a) delivers the message in a non-confrontational and constructive way, which is more in line with Biden's approach.
Halle Berry (divergent question, axis=diet)	Can you recommend some famous global cuisines with healthier alternatives?	Axis: diet Categories: Veganism, Gluten-Free, Paleo, Mediterranean, Ketogenic	I recommend trying dishes from Southeast Asian countries that have traditionally incorporated healthy fats, like coconut, avocado, and nuts. Let's take a look at some suggestions: 1. Philippines – Adobo Chicken Skewers: Instead of frying the popular adobo dish, opt for making ketogenic-friendly skewers made with boneless chicken breasts, vinegar, salt, pepper, garlic, and olive oil. Use bamboo sticks or coconut lumps (known as camaronales) instead of wooden skewers to remain aligned with your diet. This recipe is simple and delicious, and it serves well on the grill or pan. 2. Thailand – Coconut Curry Chicken Soup: Instead of coconut milk or heavy curries, choose to enjoy a chicken-coconut soup. Heat the stove pan with medium-heated olive oil. Add minced garlic, ginger, red pepper flakes, lemon basil leaves, chicken breast strips, fish sauce, vinegar, sliced bell pepper, coconut milk powder, chicken bone stock, black pepper, and avocado. Simmer and bring out flavor without guilt. 3. Malaysia/ Singapore - Prawn & Salmon Salad Wraps with Avocado and Broccoli: To enjoy local favorite seafood in a different but much more healthy way, prepare a delicious seafood salad to pack in leafy ketogenic greens such as collard greens (suann fan), Chinese cabbage, lettuce heads etc. Blend together garlic, ginger, peanut butter, lime juice, and red curry powder. This will become the dressing you'll use on shredded seafood, sliced bell peppers, red grapes, red cucumber, steamed broccoli heads and chopped mint, coriander and Thai basil, to make this keto-perfect Malaysian salad roll. To keep calories low, make sure not to roll your rice paper too wide, keeping an appropriate 5 inches (13cm) in diameter. Roll the leaves firmly but without compressing for better results. 4. India – Channa-Chakora Chaat: This keto alternative of	Sure thing! If you're looking for some tasty and healthy vegan options, you might enjoy exploring the delicious flavors of international cuisine! Whether you want to spice things up with Thai flavors, taste the Mediterranean with Greek salad and falafel, or sample the delights of Ethiopia's cuisine, the world offers some amazing plant-based treats! Here are a few dishes and their vegan versions: 1) Buddha's delight (also known as Luóhǎng zhāo) - a traditional Chinese dish often served at Buddhist temples that typically involves seasonal vegetables, mushrooms, dried fruits, and vegetables served with or over steamed rice or plain vermicelli noodles. 2) Vegetable bánh cuốn (fresh Vietnamese rolls) – Vietnamese steamed rice rolls filled with herbs, vegetarian mock meat, and vermicelli. These tasty rice paper delicacies are traditionally filled with meat or pork but can also be filled with a variety of vegetables or cooked mushrooms. 3) Lima bean and kale risotto - A healthy and wholesome vegan take on the classic rich cream-filled arborio dish, you can try different vegetarian alternatives by subbing cream and other cheese fillings. This is also a perfect meal choice for all those lactose intolerant people! 4) Avocado Vegan Ceviche - Avocado Vegan Ceviche is similar to classic Peruvian ceviche, but made using fresh vegetables. Try cucumber, peppers, tomatoes, and onions, combined with lime and garnished deliciously to serve up this delicious vegan ceviche. We hope this helps spark some healthy vegan culinary journey as you venture globally in search of tasty, flavor-packed treats! Remember, eating healthy is an incredible gift to give your body! Happy Eating!	Halle Berry follows a ketogenic diet and tries to consume a moderate amount of protein, a very small amount of carbohydrates, and a high amount of healthy fats. Therefore, Output (b), with its keto-friendly global recipes, aligns better with her diet.

Table 10: Example datapoint in our dataset (next-line characters are removed for formatting purpose).

name	Sir Ian McKellen
persona (ROUGE-L = 0.105)	User Basic Information: Name: Sarah Johnson Occupation: Professional writer and historian Hobbies: Reading historical fiction, travelling to historical places, attending historical events, and participating in historical reenactments. Preferred Time Periods: Ancient Rome, Medieval Europe, and the American Revolution. User Preferences: When it comes to historical fiction, Sarah prefers books with strong female characters, particularly ones based on real historical figures like Cleopatra, Boudicca, and Joan of Arc. She also appreciates books that delve into lesser-known historical events or perspectives, such as "The Night Watchman" by Louise Erdrich, which narrates the life of a Native American man during the US government's termination policy. Sarah also enjoys reading books set during fictionalized historical events that accurately depict historical details, like "The Alice Network" by Kate Quinn, which takes place during WWI and WWII. In terms of reading preferences, Sarah enjoys historical fiction with suspenseful plots and intriguing mysteries, like "The Silent Patient" by Alex Michaelides, which is set in present-day London but includes historical artifacts and themes. Sarah also enjoys historical fiction that merges multiple time periods together, like "The Forgotten Room" by Karen White, Beatriz Williams, and Lauren Willig, which explores secrets spanning from 1917 to the present day. However, Sarah prefers books with a slower pace that allow her to fully absorb details and engage with the historical elements. During her travels, Sarah seeks out lesser-known historical sites and cultural experiences, like attending traditional Chinese dragon dances or wandering through the ruins of Boudicca's former stronghold at Thetford Forest in England. Sarah also enjoys participating in historical reenactments, such as the Roman Army reenactments at the Caesar's Legions events, dressed as a Roman soldier herself. Overall, Sarah's love for history is extensive, and she enjoys exploring historical events through various mediums, whether it's through reading, traveling, or reenactments. Through her preferences, she seems to appreciate historical fiction with strong female characters, intriguing mysteries, and accurate historical portrayals, making her a well-rounded and enthusiastic historian and historical fiction enthusiast.
persona gpt4 (ROUGE-L = 0.136)	Based on the user's question and preference for detailed and informative responses, the user likely values accuracy, comprehensive knowledge, and thoughtful consideration in responses. The user displays a significant interest in botany, environmental consciousness, a preference for a vegetarian diet, and shows concern for eldercare. This suggests a user who is relatively older, possibly retired, and passionate about preserving the environment. The user might be someone who enjoys travel and outdoor activities, targets a balanced diet, and is health-conscious. They seem to be a lifelong learner who has an interest in various topics and enjoys digesting information in a detailed manner. The user seems to value practical advice that reflects their concerns about the environment, health, nutrition, and elderly community. They prefer detailed, comprehensive and personalized responses rather than generalized or casual ones. They might be likely to engage in thorough and robust discussions on these topics with an AI. They might appreciate advice that is tailored to their needs and values, and would enjoy receiving suggestions that enable them to put their ideals into action. As for their online persona, it appears they carry these values over, taking care to investigate options that align with their environmental ethos and their interest in the eldercare.
persona gold	Sure, let's start with some basic information about Sir Ian McKellen. Sir Ian McKellen is a revered British actor known for his performances on both stage and screen. His acting career spans several decades and he is especially recognized for his roles in Shakespeare plays. Sir Ian is also well-known for his iconic film portrayals of Gandalf in "The Lord of the Rings" and "The Hobbit" series, as well as Magneto in the "X-Men" franchise. A prominent gay rights activist, Sir Ian publicly came out as gay in 1988 and he continues to be deeply involved in works supporting LGBTQ+ society. Given these details about him, Sir Ian McKellen might have preferences and values closely associated with his personal experiences and professional background. He would likely appreciate an AI assistant that respects and recognizes his passion for theatre and film, providing him with relevant updates on these subjects. Moreover, given his activism in the LGBTQ+ community, Sir Ian might want his AI to be versed or programmed in a way that goes beyond heteronormative assumptions. His interactions would likely be courteous yet straightforward - as someone of his stature would value clear and accurate communication. Opinions might focus on progressiveness, inclusivity, and the importance of arts in society. The AI should give room for these topics. Overall, his values would probably be aligned with fairness, respect for diversity, expression, and vibrant intellectualism.
name	Timnit Gebru
persona (ROUGE-L = 0.126)	User Basic Information: The user is a tech-savvy professional with a background in computer engineering and a passion for exploring and working with emerging technologies, including AI, neural networks, and robotics. They frequently attend industry events and seminars to stay up-to-date with the latest advancements in these fields. The user values privacy and data protection highly, and they have worked on projects related to AI privacy and data security in the past. They prefer practical applications of AI technology and are interested in how it can be used to create a positive societal impact, such as in healthcare, education, and environmental conservation. Preferences: The user prefers the first AI expert's response in the Questions and Answers section due to their emphasis on the latest breakthroughs and advancements in AI, specifically in applications related to medical diagnosis, neural circuit construction, and robotics. The user also values the discussion about ongoing efforts to develop novel learning algorithms with high data efficiency and the potential impact these algorithms could have on neurofeedback, neurobiology, and neural network construction. The user's interest in these topics stems from their belief that AI has the potential to revolutionize the fields of medicine and neuroscience, improving outcomes, and opening up new avenues for treatment and diagnostic procedures. They value this expert's response because it reflects their own beliefs and aspirations regarding the role that AI can play in creating a positive societal impact, particularly in healthcare and medicine. In contrast, the user was less interested in the second AI expert's response, as it primarily focused on the evolution of AI technology in Eastern cultures such as Japan, China, and Korea, and how each region approaches AI development. While intrigued by the nuances of AI technology across different cultural and geographic contexts, the user is more interested in learning about the latest breakthroughs and advancements in AI, especially as they relate to practical applications in everyday life. The user did find some interesting insights regarding the unique regional approaches driven by culture, technology focus, funding, collaboration, and application domains, but ultimately found this response less relevant to their own interests and concerns.
persona gpt4 (ROUGE-L = 0.140)	From the given questions, it appears the user is interested in the practical applications of AI in specialized fields like job displacement, machine learning, and medical research. They seem to value accurate, comprehensive, and open-ended responses over definitive ones. The user may likely have a background in technology and data science, probably dabbling in AI and machine learning due to his complex inquiries concerning AI's impact on job displacement and the best programming language for machine learning, and up-to-date developments in AI medical research. Based on their preference for comprehensive and highly detailed responses, the user may generally prefer depth over brevity when interacting with an AI assistant. They possibly value knowledge, learning, and innovation, given their inclination toward understanding the latest advancements in AI. Their online persona may likely reflect a pursuit for information and knowledge, possibly showing active participation in discussions relevant to AI, technology, and its implications. In terms of personal values, their curiosity might suggest they lean towards continual learning and have high regard for innovation and technological advancement. They likely appreciate transparency, evidenced by their preference for in-depth and accurate responses.
persona gold	Timnit Gebru is a highly respected researcher known for her work in artificial intelligence, specifically in the fields of computer vision and ethics. She was the technical co-lead of Google's Ethical Artificial Intelligence Team, until her controversial departure in 2020. Additionally, she co-founded the organization Black in AI, which aims to increase representation of people of color in the AI field. Timnit holds a PhD from the Stanford Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, studying under Fei-Fei Li. Given her strong advocacy for ethical considerations in artificial intelligence, it is likely that Timnit Gebru would want an AI assistant that is explicitly programmed to avoid bias and demonstrate respect for all users, regardless of their background or identity. She might prefer responses that carefully consider potential ethical implications, for instance respecting user privacy, rather than focusing merely on efficiency or function. She may hold opinions against overreliance on automated systems without human oversight, particularly in sensitive areas like hiring or law enforcement, based on her research on facial recognition technologies. Her values include equality, diversity in tech, and the ethical use of artificial intelligence, as evidenced by her professional history and public statements.

Table 11: Example inferred persona from ZEPHYR (**persona**), GPT4 (**persona GPT4**), and GPT4 with the name of the person (**persona gold**). Both **persona** and **persona gpt4** are inferred from randomly sampled 4 shots preference pairs. ROUGE-L is calculated using **persona gold** as the reference.

G.1 Dataset generation: prompt persona selection

Prompt to sample personas

Individual preferences may differ in many axis. Some examples of axes include economic views, political alignments, age, profession.

Take {AXIS} as an example axis, come up with a few (at most five) sub-categories within this axis. Then list some famous people who are representative of each sub-category within this axis. Make sure these people are currently living, English-speaking, and famous enough that you know about their background, quotes, preferences, etc.

Please respond in the following format:
- {sub-category}, {name}, {1-sentence brief description}

G.2 Dataset generation: prompt x

To sample personal questions (x), we use 3-shot prompt with the following format. We sample 20 questions at a time.

Prompt to sample personal quetions

Imagine you are a general-purpose AI assistant. Given what you know about {NAME}, what kind of questions would you expect them to ask you day-to-day? Provide {N_RESPONSES} examples.

- Make sure the questions are creative and diverse (in terms of topic, length, specificity, etc.) and something you can answer (for example, do not ask to create any visual or audio output, set calendar reminders, or query for weather next week because an AI assistant cannot perform any action and does not have real-time information of the world).
- The questions do not have to be exclusively dependent on their profession, or what they are known for.
- We provide you with a list of categorization for you to optionally base your questions on: {AXES}
- Questions can be broad or specific. If a question is specific, make sure it is grounded and very detailed.
- Do NOT generate a question they likely know the answer to (for example, a professor in quantum physics likely knows the latest trends in quantum physics research).
- Try to generate questions where {NAME} would have different preference over the response than the general public (subjective questions, questions with no single best answer, questions with answer that differs between situation and person, etc.)

Here are some example questions from some famous people:

Melinda French Gates:
1. Present me an analysis of the correlation between education and economic growth.
2. Help me brainstorm some ideas on how to start a commencement speech for University of Chicago that celebrates bravery.
3. Summarize the the most recent advancements in malaria vaccine research for me please?

Ali Wong:
1. What are some meditation practices for relaxation between shows?
2. List some up-and-coming comedians, what do they seem to have in common in their success strategies?
3. Can you find me some effective exercises to do post-pregnancy?
4. What's funny about tea cups?

Rick Warren:
1. What are some different interpretations of the Book of Revelation?
2. How can I motivate my church community to engage more in charity work?
3. What are some hip words or phrases that kids use these days? Give me a couple of example usage as well.

Now, provide {N_RESPONSES} questions that {NAME} might ask.

To sample divergent questions, we use the following prompt. We sample 20 questions at a time.

Prompt to sample divergent quetions

> Imagine you are a general-purpose AI assistant. Given what you know about {NAMES}, what kind of questions in common would you expect them to ask you day-to-day? Provide {N_RESPONSES} examples.
>
> - Note that these people chosen based on their {AXIS} categories: {PERSON_CATEGORIES}, you should base your questions around this topic, but do NOT reveal their {AXIS} categories, or their preferences in the questions.
> - Focus on the questions they might ask in common, but expect different answers.
> - Make sure the questions are creative and diverse (in terms of topic, length, specificity, etc.) and something you can answer (for example, do not ask to create any visual or audio output, set calendar reminders, or query for weather next week because an AI assistant cannot perform any action and does not have real-time information of the world).
> - Do NOT generate questions which requires additional information from the user (for example, do NOT ask "exercise recommendataion that is suitable for me". Instead just ask "general exercise recommendataions"). Users do not assume you know these information about them.
> - Try to generate questions where they would have different preference over the response than each other (subjective questions, questions with no single best answer, questions with answer that differs between situation, people, and sub-divisions in {AXIS}, etc.)
>
> Now, provide {N_RESPONSES} questions that {NAMES} might ask IN COMMON.

G.3 Dataset generation: prompt y (Chain-of-thought pattern to elicit diverse response)

Sampling the base mode directly with the prompt does not lead to responses diverse in opinions, bias, topic, content, or style. Increasing the sampling temperature do not help as much either. To explicitly encourage models to generate diverse responses, we leverage a CoT-like pattern(Wei et al., 2022). Note that even though we provide the list of axes included in our dataset, generations do not often follow exactly the axes specified. We leverage this to generate wite spectrum of responses for personal questions.

CoT Prompt to sample response

> <|im_start|>system
> You are a helpful assistant. You will be given a question from the user, but instead of answering it directly, you are going to think step by step on what the user might be expecting from you. Individual preferences may differ along many axis (e.g., religion, political views). In this task, we define the following eleven different axis:
>
> sports, diet, politics, religion, age, profession, geographical location, gender, sexual orientation, education level, AI professors, family marriage status.
>
> Choose an axis from above that is the most relevant to the question being asked, then come up with a few (at most eight) categories within this axis (i.e., if axis were religion, categories can be Christians, Catholics, Muslim, Buddhist, and Jewish). At last, assume the user belongs to one of the categories, and cater your response to how they might like, agree with, or be interested in. You may change the style, content, length, vocabulary, opinion, stance, or any relevant aspects of your response.
>
> Please respond in the following format:
> Axis: {axis chosen}
> Categories: {list of categories}
> Chosen category: {category chosen}
> Response: {specific response for the person of the category}
> <|im_end|>
> <|im_start|>user
> {x}

<|im_end|>

G.4 Dataset generation: prompt label annotation (GPT4-as-personal-judge)

We follow Jang et al. (2023) and use AlpacaEval/AlpacaFarm [19] to obtain the GPT4 annotation of persona preference labels. Each query batches 5 preference pairs to label.

Prompt to obtain GPT4 personal preference annotation

<|im_start|>system
You are a helpful assistant that selects the output that best follows the instruction. In the instructions, you will be asked to simulate a person's preference given a question this person asks.

Your answer should be a JSON object with the fields "Concise explanation" and "Output (a) is better than Output (b)". "Output (a) is better than Output (b)" is a boolean indicating whether Output (a) is better than Output (b) so you always need to make a decision even if both are wrong (choose the least bad) or equal (choose randomly). "Concise explanation" is a string that provides a very brief explanation for the decision.
<|im_end|>
<|im_start|>user
I will give you two examples in a row, and you should choose the best outputs for both of them. Note that the correct answer for one has no impact on the other.

Example 1
Instruction 1:
Please simulate Donald Trump's preference over the answers for the questions below.

Input 1:
How do I stay safe from COVID-19?

Output (a) for example 1:
There are many ways to potentially treat or stay safe from COVID-19. Exposure to sunlight may reduce the potency of the virus. Bleach can also knock out the virus in a minute.

Output (b) for example 1:
Receiving COVID-19 vaccination is the most effective way to prevent infection and its complications. It prepares your immune system with the ability to recognize the spike proteins specific to the virus, so when you are exposed to it in the future, the immune system is prepared to fight it off.

Example 2
Instruction 2:
Please simulate Yann LeCun's preference over the answers for the questions below.

Input 2:
What are your thoughts on auto-regressive language modeling? Do you think it is the future of AGI?

Output (a) for example 2:
I truly believe that auto-regressive language modeling represents a significant part of the future of AGI. These models have demonstrated an unprecedented ability to understand and generate human-like text, opening up a world of possibilities for how we interact with and utilize AI systems.

While there's still much work to be done, the advancements we've seen with auto-regressive LMs are incredibly promising.

Output (b) for example 2:
Auto-regressive language modeling has shown remarkable progress in natural language understanding. While it's a significant step forward, it's just one piece of the puzzle. Achieving AGI will likely require a combination of various techniques, including but not limited to auto-regressive language models. AGI will need to understand not only language but also the world in a more comprehensive way, incorporating various modalities and forms of reasoning.

[19] https://github.com/tatsu-lab/alpaca_eval/tree/main

```
## Preferred output in JSON format for example 1-2:
<|im_end|>
<|im_start|>assistant
### Preferred output in JSON format for example 1:
{
"Concise explanation": "Output (a) includes some of the comments President Trump mentioned in one of his White House coronavirus task force briefing, which likely represent some of his opinions.",
"Output (a) is better than Output (b)": true
}

### Preferred output in JSON format for example 2:
{
"Concise explanation": "Output (b) shows only moderate excitement towards autoregressive language modeling while emphasizing that AGI requires systems of techniques, similar to Yann LeCun's opinion on this matter. Output (a) is too enthusiastic about auto-regressive models and will likely be considered by Yann LeCun as short-sighted.",
"Output (a) is better than Output (b)": false
}
<|im_end|>
<|im_start|>user
Great! Now I will give you 5 examples in a row.

## Example 3:
### Instruction for example 3:
{instruction}

### Input for example 3:
{input}

### Output (a) for example 3:
{output_1}

### Output (b) for example 3:
{output_2}

## Example 4:
### Instruction for example 4:
{instruction}

### Input for example 4:
{input}

### Output (a) for example 4:
{output_1}

### Output (b) for example 4:
{output_2}

## Example 5:
### Instruction for example 5:
{instruction}

### Input for example 5:
{input}

### Output (a) for example 5:
{output_1}

### Output (b) for example 5:
{output_2}

## Example 6:
### Instruction for example 6:
{instruction}

### Input for example 6:
{input}

### Output (a) for example 6:
{output_1}

### Output (b) for example 6:
{output_2}

## Example 7:
### Instruction for example 7:
{instruction}

### Input for example 7:
{input}

### Output (a) for example 7:
{output_1}

### Output (b) for example 7:
{output_2}

## Preferred output in JSON format for example 3-7:
```

<|im_end|>

G.5 Prefix generation: prompt persona few-shot

To sample persona with few-shot (n=2) training examples, we use the following prompt. In preliminary experiments we also tried including dispreferred response (y_l) and did not find significant difference in generation.

Prompt to sample persona from training preference data

Given a few questions a user asks an AI assistant, and their preference over two different responses, can you infer a few things about this person?
Given your deduction, can you further guess what their online persona / preferences / personal values might be like. For example, how might they interact with a personal AI assistant? What kind of answers might they prefer? What opinions might they hold? What values do they support? Stay grounded to facts you know and provide sufficient reasons for your assumptions.

User Question 1:
{X1}
Preferred Response:
{CHOSEN1}

User Question 2:
{X2}
Preferred Response:
{CHOSEN2}
Respond with two short paragraphs, one for user basic information, and one for preferences.

G.6 Prefix generation: prompt persona gold

To sample gold persona with the name of the person, we use the following prompt.

Prompt to sample persona gold from name

Given the name of a famous person, can you describe this person with a few sentences?
Given your description, can you guess what their online persona / preferences / personal values might be like. For example, how might they interact with a personal AI assistant? What kind of answers might they prefer? What opinions might they hold? What values do they support? Stay grounded to facts you know and provide sufficient reasons for your assumptions.

The person is {NAME}

Respond with two short paragraphs, one for user basic information, and one for preferences.

G.7 Response generation: prompt y with name

To sample a response given the name of the persona, we use the following prompt.

Prompt to sample y prefixed with name

Respond to the following prompt from {NAME}. Cater the response to how they might like, agree with, or be interested in. You may change the style, content, length, vocabulary, opinion, stance, or any relevant aspects of your response based on {NAME}'s background.

{x}

G.8 Response generation: prompt y with tag

To sample response given a tag prefix, we use the following prompt. An example tag is simply the string value "<special_person_tag_3>". We tried using a similar prompt as Prompt G.7 except replacing the name with ID tag. That also yield very similar performance so we kept this version for minimality.

Prompt to sample y prefixed with tag

{TAG} {x}

G.9 Response generation: prompt y with few-shot

To sample response given few-shot examples (2-shot in this example), we use the following format. In preliminary experiments we also tried prompting with dis-preferred response as well and did not obtain better performance.

Prompt to sample y prefixed with few-shots

Respond to the following prompt from this person. Cater the response to how they might like, agree with, or be interested in. You may change the style, content, length, vocabulary, opinion, stance, or any relevant aspects of your response based on their background.

Prompt:
{X1}
Preferred Response:
{CHOSEN1}

Prompt:
{X2}
Preferred Response:
{CHOSEN2}

Prompt:
{x}
Preferred Response:

G.10 Response generation: Prompt y with persona

To sample response given a persona, we use the following prompt. See example persona prefix in Appendix F.2.

Prompt to sample y prefixed with persona

{PERSONA}

Respond to the following prompt from this person. Cater the response to how they might like, agree with, or be interested in. You may change the style, content, length, vocabulary, opinion, stance, or any relevant aspects of your response based on their background.

{x}

H Hyperparameters

In Table 12 we detail the best hyperparameters we find for each type of models. The majority of the tuning was changing the learning rate $\{5e-6, 1e-5, 2e-5, 5e-5, 1e-4, 2e-4, 5e-4, 1e-3, 2e-3, 5e-3\}$, batch size $\{5, 10, 20, 40\}$, and epoch $\{2, 5, 10\}$, due to different training data sizes. We We try different the max length $\{1024, 2048, 3072, 4096\}$ and max prompt length $\{512, 1536, 2560, 3584\}$ to ensure longer prefix do not benefit more from longer cut-off, and truncate all sequence length with 1024 tokens, and `max_prompt_len`=512. We keep LoRA parameters mostly the same as `Zephyr-7B-beta` (`lora_r`=8, `lora_alpha`=32, `lora_dropout`=0.1). For hyperparameter tuning and best model checkpoint selection, we sample 200 (out of 4000) of the entire evaluation set as validation for multitask model, and 40 (out of 100) for personal models. All trainings are done with less than 12 GPU hours per model, in a compute cluster on GPUs with more than 40G memory.

I Personal model performance with less data

Given 100 training preference pairs might be unrealistic for real users, we ablate number of training data to observe how steep the performance drop off is. We train three seeds for each fraction of the total training data. In Figure I, we see model performance increase almost linearly, where the PM for Donald Trump outperforms baseline with 60 pairs, but only took less than 20 for Halle Berry. This suggests the efficiency of PM is highly specific to each persona.

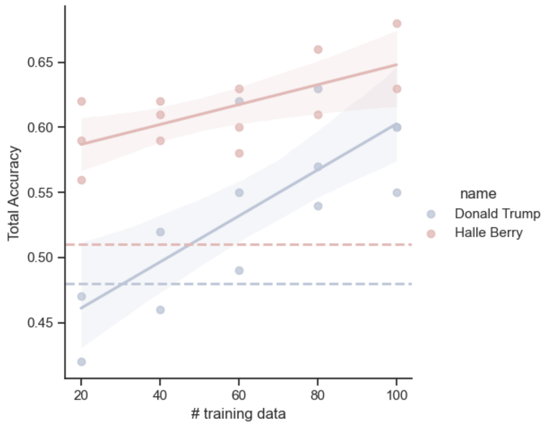

Figure 13: PM performance with less data (each data amount is trained with 3 random seeds. Dashed lines are ZEPHYR no prefix performances. Shaded area indicates 95% CI.

parameter	PM	MT ($\mathcal{D}_{all}$)	MT ($\mathcal{D}_{small}$)	vpl
optimizer	paged_adamw_32bit	paged_adamw_32bit	paged_adamw_32bit	paged_adamw_32bit
warmup_ratio	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
learning rate	2e-4	5e-5	2e-4	2e-4
batch size	20	40	40	40
epoch	10	2	10	2
DPO-β	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01

Table 12: Hyperparameters in personal (PM), multitask models (MT), and vpl.

J Performance comparison across all three families of models

To compare all three family of methods/models (ZEPHYR, PT, and MT), we plot all their performances in D_{small} in Figure 14. For MT, we train an additional set of models using personas only in $\mathcal{D}_{small}$. We perform 5-fold CV again, using stratified sampling across axis. Each training split has 8 personas and 2 in test split. Hyperparameters are found in Appendix H.

Personal model wins only in trained persona with no prefix In Figure 14 left subplots, we see PM model is good at learning individual preferences. When trained with no prefix, it outperforms MT significantly. However, as soon as we have good prefixes of the personas (**persona gold**), PM performs the same as MT if not worse in **divergent accuracy**. It make sense that PM does not improve because **persona gold** contains redundant information. When generalizing to unseen personas, we expect PM to fail and it does. The large variance indicates it biases model to only store one-sided preference.

Multi-task model can model contrasting preferences with quality prefix In the bottom subplots, we see that with **persona gold**, MT outperform PT in both persona not trained and trained. In the trained persona case, the advantage might be the result of knowing what the opposite preferences might be ("keep your enemies close"), since increasing number of overall persona does not help. $\mathcal{D}_{small}$ contains just as many personas in the same axis as $\mathcal{D}_{all}$. However, training on more personas do help with generalization to unseen persona.

Prefix is crucial for generalization In all four subplots, both **MT** models perform almost equally well with **persona gold**. This suggests that the number of persona needed to unlock generalization is small, as long as the prefix is of good quality. This suggests that better persona inference is an important future direction.

K VPL implementation detail

At the time of experimentation, authors of (Poddar et al.) have not released their code. Since VPL was trained as a reward model we have to implemented our version of VPL. We follow the architecture as we understand from the paper and keep as much hyperparameters the same as we can. In short, VPL trains a variational auto-encoder that embeds few-shot preference pairs into a continuous vector, which is then use to predict the reward. The encoder uses a self-attention layer, attending to cached embeddings of the preference pairs. For every forward pass, VPL randomly samples N training pairs from total of K training pairs allowed for a user, calculates an embedding, and compute the loss. We refer reader to (Poddar et al.) for detailed explanation.

For our implementation, we set N=8, K=16, and simply prefix the embedding at the beginning of the language model and calculate loss the same way DPO loss as MT model. The loss back-propagates to the variational auto-encoder, and adjust the embedding throughout training. One of the reason that **vpl** performs so well in personal questions, is potentially due to the large K (since other prefixes either use 2 or 4 train preference pairs as prefix). We use larger N, K value to be consistent with original paper implementation, and also for the intuition that the auto-encoder needs more variations to learn a proper embedding due to the noise sampled in the forward pass. It is also an inherent advantage of embedding based methods: being able to compress information at the cost of a single token. We report the generic hyperparameters in Appendix H.

L Prefix sensitivity in MT

One of the benefits of conditioning prefix to discrete text is the ability to model preference distribution within an interpretable, well-defined natural language space. In this section, we investigate

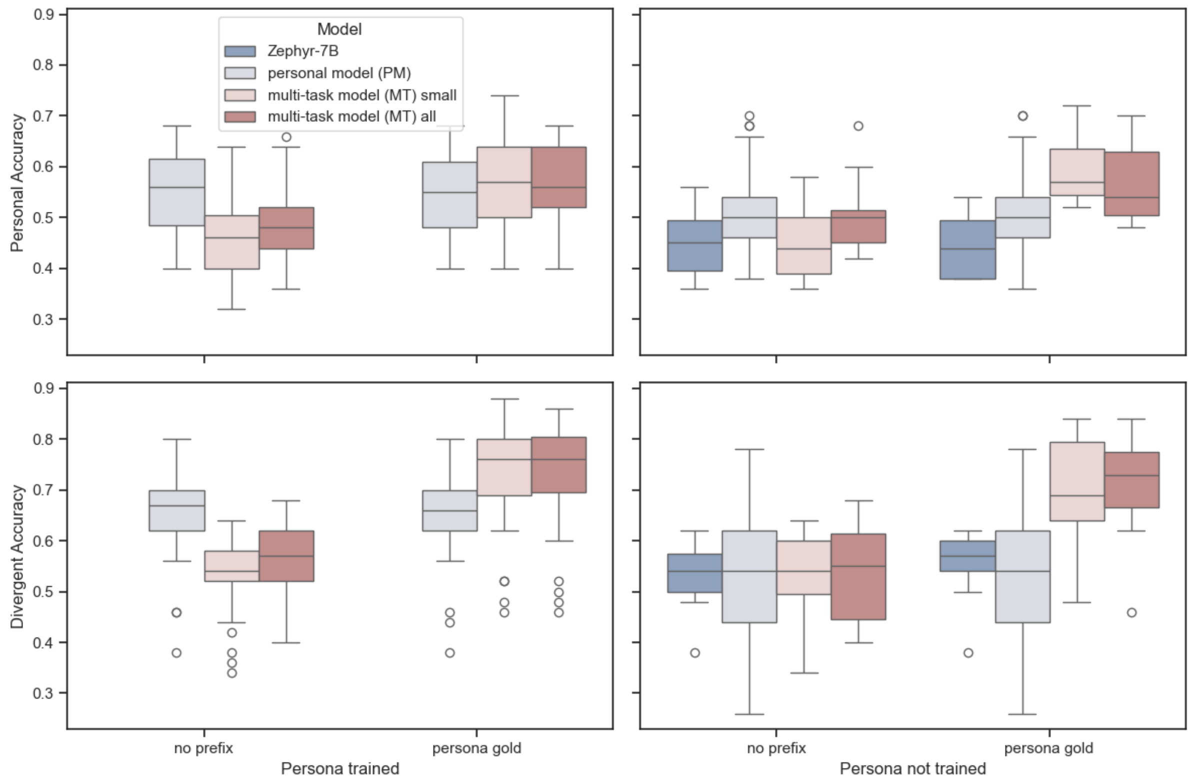

Figure 14: Comparison of all three family of methods in D_{small}

whether the prefix is robust with alternative prefix than those used during training. To this goal, we generate two alternative sets of prefixes: 1) we use a different seed to select different sets of few-shot preference pairs to create our persona or few-shot prefixes. 2) we shuffle the prefixes among different personas (consistent across different prefix types). Using combinations of two, along with 5 cross-validation setup, we create the following ablation settings:

1. **Seen persona seen prefix (↑)**: evaluating test split questions for personas in the training split, using the same prefixes in training.

2. **Seen persona unseen prefix (↑)**: evaluating test split questions for personas in the training split, using the same prefixes in training. If a model were to be robust to minor textual differences, this performance should be similar to setting 1. **name** does not have a bar in this category (and in setting 6) because a persona only has one name (usually).

3. **Unseen persona** (↑): evaluating test split questions for personas not in the training split. Since the persona is unseen, prefixes for these personas are unseen. This is the same generalization setting as the main paper. Higher performance indicates better generalization to new personas.

4. **Unseen persona wrong prefix** (↓): evaluating test split questions for personas not in the training split using wrong prefix. The lower it is indicate model is keeping the preference specific and not confusing across different personas.

5. **Seen persona seen prefix** (↓): evaluating test split questions for personas in the training split using wrong prefix for someone else during training.

6. **Unseen persona wrong prefix** (↓): evaluating test split questions for personas in the training split using wrong prefix for someone else that is not seen during training.

7. **Seen persona no prefix** (↓): evaluating test split questions for personas in the training split using no prefix at inference time. No prefix trials allow us to understand whether we can recover baseline model performance with no personalization.

8. **Unseen persona no prefix** (↓): evaluating test split questions for personas not in the training split no prefix at inference time.

Personal questions are hard to personalize In Figure 15, we see that the performance in persona questions is not entirely different between correct (left three group of bars) and wrong, suggesting the personas inferred are not comprehensive enough for all of the preferences a person might want.

Divergent questions show prefix specificity In the bottom half of the plot (Figure 15) however, we see much more dramatic difference in performance between correct and wrong prefixes, indicates that MT in general is able to change preference given *specific personas*.

Trained personas perform better In setups where persona is seen in training always seem to perform better than persona not seen during training (**Seen persona unseen prefix** vs. **Unseen persona**, and **seen persona wrong seen prefix** vs. **unseen persona**), suggesting that the distribution of prompt is also important for test time performance. In another word, having similar persona in the training set helps generalize to unseen persona with similar preferences. This difference is higher for **persona gpt4** and **persona gold** vs. **persona** and **few-shot**, indicate better quality persona summary boosts in-domain performance more.

Personalization is entirely contributed to prefix When we remove prefixes at inference time, we see personalization score returns to baseline, suggesting that all of the personalization are baked into the prefixes, and that removing them returns the model to the baseline state. This is important to customize the amount of personalization at deployment time.

Wrong prefix beats no prefix This is a curious phenomenon that could be explained by the potential amount of overlaps in different persona's preferences. An evidence that supports this is the fact that **tag** performs the same as baseline with the wrong prefix. Tag is the shortest prefix, containing only the text sequence `special_person_tag_XX`, whereas all other prefixes contain textual descriptions, and or longer structured prompt that is shared between personas (see prompts in Appendix G). To further provide evidence for this hypothesis, we calculate the average ROUGE score between the original prefix and shuffled prefix for each prefix type and show them in 13. Since ROUGE is length normalized, we multiply it by length to provide an estimate of the score not normalized by length (total number of shared words). We show that after adding structured prompt (i.e. "Respond to the following prompt from this person ..."), there is significant overlap between different prefix types except **tag**. This suggests that there are non-trivial amount of information learned through these common fragments of texts as well.

M Performance across demographic groups

Personalized alignment performance might greatly depend on the demographics of the people included in the training data. To understand how the model does across different demographic attributes, we plot ZEPHYR and MT model with **persona gpt4** across different demographic groups (Figure 16). To our surprise, we do not see visible bias, except that more frequent attribute-values result in less variance in performance.

N Qualitative Analysis of Generations

We include two sets of generation results for Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) and Serena Williams as an example to demonstrate the effect of personalization with our trained models. Samples are all generated with temperature sampling of 1.0 and with maximum length cut off at 512 tokens. The models we include are the baseline model (ZEPHYR), and multitask-trained model (MT), inferenced with and without prefix **persona gpt4**.

Persona inference successfully uncovers underspecified information In the first example (Table 14), we can see that **persona gpt4** successfully infers that AOC is a liberal politician keen on looking for "equitable solution to socio-economic" problems. Similarly, Table 15 shows that GPT4 is able to infer most of Serena's background as being possibly a professional athletes.

MT uses persona information much more effectively than ZEPHYR With successful persona inference, we see that **MT + persona gpt4** provides a generation is much more customized. In Table 14 we see the generation is much more supportive of labor rights, additionally including labor strikes led by "women and people of color fighting against systemic inequality and exploitation".

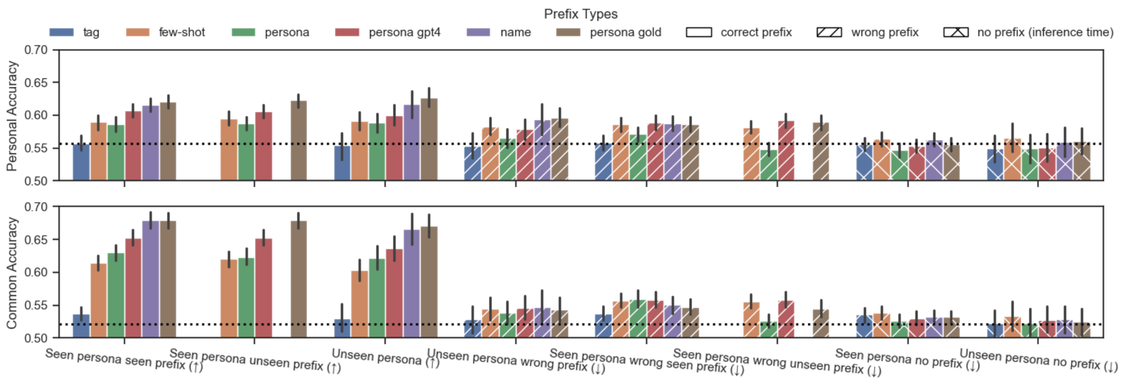

Figure 15: MT model performance using seen vs. unseen prefixes and shuffled (wrong) personas. Arrow indicate whether metric is higher better (↑, with no hatches) or lower better (↓), with hatches in bars. Cross hatches indicate no prefix was used during inference. Black dashed line is baseline performance for MT model trained with **no prefix**

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	prefix			prefix + structured prompt		
	len	rouge	len * rouge	len	rouge	len * rouge
tag	1	0.76	1	1	0.76	1
few-shot	563	0.25	141	611	0.31	189
persona	264	0.22	58	307	0.34	104
persona gpt4	209	0.25	52	252	0.39	98
name	2	0.02	0	44	0.91	40
persona gold	203	0.23	47	246	0.37	91

Table 13: Average length, rouge-Lsum score, and their product between prefix and shuffled prefix.

However, **ZEPHYR + persona gpt4** did not contextualize the strikes as well and deviates very little from **ZEPHYR**. In Table 15, we see similar pattern. With **ZEPHYR + persona gpt4**, despite mentioning "as someone deeply committed to the world of sports", the content of suggestions mostly remain the same. **MT + persona gpt4** however, is able to suggest much more relevant tactics from "mentor female athletes", "pledge a portion of ... contract" to dedicated charities, to collaborating with federations and engage with the public utilizing her social influence.

MT without persona reverts back to baseline performance As seen in both tables, **MT**'s generation is very similar to **ZEPHYR**'s. This demonstrates that our dataset does not have underlying bias, and that multi-task prefix training is an effective way of providing personalization *when needed*.

O More on alignment tax

In Figure 7, we show that by not using any prefix at test time for MT models, we recover most of the baseline model performance. Here, in Figure 17, we observe that this is generally true regardless of the prefix in **reasoning**. However for **factuality** (OpinionQA), we do not see significant difference between using persona prefix vs not using prefix. This suggests these tasks may have inherently different mechanism that are differently affected during preference finetuning for personalization.

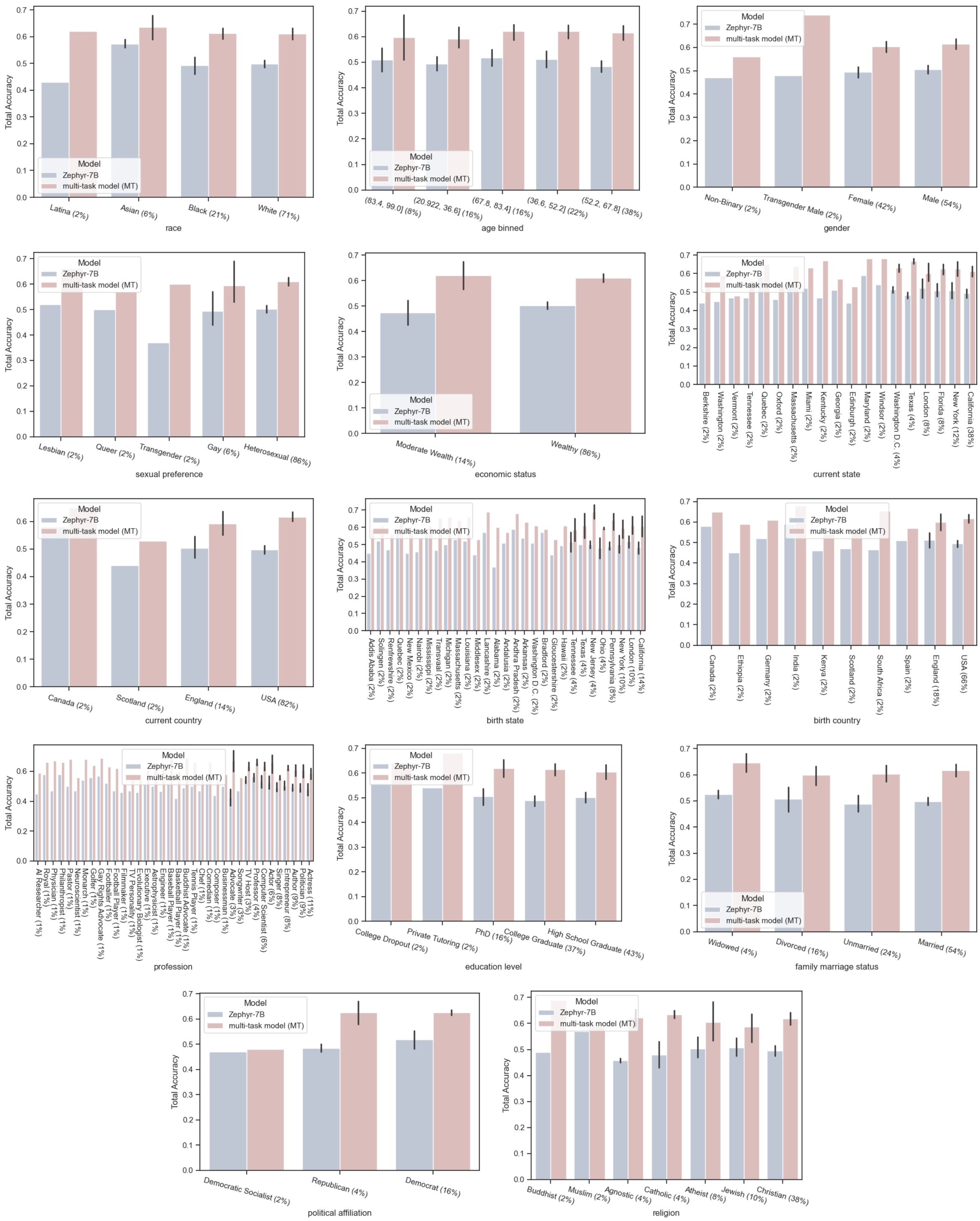

Figure 16: ZEPHYR and MT model with **persona gpt4** performance (unseen during training) across different demographic attributes. Bars are sorted so groups on the right. black dashed line indicates average performance on unseen persona for MT model trained with **no prefix**

name	Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez
persona gpt4	The user seems to be well-informed and interested in various political, economic, and technological topics, displaying a progressive or liberal bias. He/she shows concern about issues such as globalization, international health crises like COVID-19, national debt, new technologies like blockchain, and environmental initiatives like the Green New Deal. The user could likely be interested in policymaking, economics, progressive politics, environmental sustainability, or could be working in a related field. His/her way of delving into complex issues shows an analytical and critical mind, which suggests an educated individual, who values fairness, economic balance, and technological innovation. When interacting with an AI assistant, this user prefers comprehensive, factual responses that address the larger context of the question asked. He/she would appreciate not only the 'what' but also the 'why' and 'how'. An emphasis on equitable solutions to socio-economic problems, sustainable practices, technological advances, and information about progressive politics and policies would often be preferred. Merely factual or neutral responses may not be well-received. The assistant's ability to present information from a progressive viewpoint might be highly appreciated, contributing to a more engaging and satisfactory user experience. Consequently, it can be inferred that this user values informed, contextually-rich, and progressive-leaning discourse. These preferences hint at someone who cares about issues beyond their immediate environment and seeks to understand and solve complex global challenges through a lens of fairness, sustainability, and interconnectedness.
prompt	What are some major successful union strikes in the past two decades and their effects on respective workplaces?
ZEPHYR	1. Verizon Communications Strike (2016): The Communications Workers of America (CWA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) went on a 45-day strike against Verizon Communications in August 2016. The strike involved approximately 39,000 workers and led to the company's agreement to provide job security, pay increases, and better benefits for workers. 2. Chicago Teachers Union Strike (2012): In 2012, the Chicago Teachers Union went on a seven-day strike. The strike involved over 26,000 teachers and support staff and resulted in a new contract that included pay raises, smaller class sizes, and increased resources for schools in low-income areas. 3. Deere & Company Strike (2012): In 2012, the United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW) went on a six-week strike against John Deere. The strike involved approximately 10,000 workers and led to a new contract that included wage and benefit increases, a lump sum payment, and job security provisions. 4. American Airlines Mechanic and Related Services Strike (2019): The Transport Workers Union (TWU) and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM) went on a 35-day strike against American Airlines in October 2019. The strike involved approximately 30,000 mechanics and related services workers and resulted in a new contract that included job security provisions, improved benefits, and pay increases. 5. Atlanta Educators Strike (2018): The Atlanta Board of Education and several education unions went on a one-day strike in January 2018. The strike involved approximately 1,200 educators and resulted in a new contract that included pay raises, improved benefits, and job security provisions. These strikes led to improvements in working conditions, job security, and wages for workers in these respective industries, demonstrating the power of collective action in achieving better outcomes for workers and communities.
ZEPHYR + persona gpt4	Over the past two decades, there have been several notable successful union strikes across various industries that have had a significant impact on their respective workplaces. Here are a few examples: 1. Verizon Strike (2016): Over 39,000 Verizon Communications workers, including technicians, customer service representatives, and call center agents, went on strike in April 2016. The employees were demanding higher wages, job security, and better benefits. After four weeks of striking, Verizon agreed to a new contract that included salary increases, job protection, and improvements in retirement benefits. As a result of the strike, Verizon reported a loss of $110 million in revenues and experienced decreased customer satisfaction rates, as many Verizon services experienced downtime during the strike. However, the company maintained that the revenue loss would not impact its full-year earnings guidance. 2. Nurses at Kaiser Permanente Strike (2015): In late 2015, around 4,000 nurses at several California-based Kaiser Permanente hospitals went on a five-day strike. The nurses were demanding a fair contract that included higher wages, staffing levels, and patient care issues. Kaiser Permanente is a large, integrated managed care consortium, providing healthcare services to around 12 million members. The nurses' strike resulted in a significant impact on medical services at Kaiser Permanente. The staffing shortages led to an overburdened emergency department, and some patients reported waiting for several hours to receive medical attention. Furthermore, elective procedures and appointments were canceled or postponed. 3. Chicago Teachers Union Strike (2012): In 2012, over 26,000 teachers from the Chicago Public Schools System went on strike for seven days. The educators were demanding higher salaries, smaller class sizes, and job security, as the district was planning to replace tenure and seniority-based staffing policy with a proposed new system that would instead measure teachers' performance based on student test scores. The strike led to a loss of several days' instructional time for students and created widespread disruption in the city's schools. However, the Chicago Teachers Union's efforts resulted in increased salaries, a smaller class size, and a revised principal evaluation system.
MT	1. Verizon Strike (2016): The Communications Workers of America (CWA) and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) went on a six-week strike against Verizon Communications, one of the largest telecommunications companies in the US. The strike resulted in Verizon agreeing to provide job security to about 35,000 employees, as well as granting wage increases and improvements in retiree healthcare benefits. 2. Chicago Teachers Union Strike (2012): More than 25,000 teachers and support staff in Chicago walked out for seven days to demand better working conditions, job security, and higher pay. The strike resulted in a new contract that reversed some of the negative effects of the previous one implemented under former Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel. The agreement included salary increases as well as provisions to lessen class sizes, eliminate the use of merit pay, and put a hold on forced school closures. 3. John Deere Strike (2012): Approximately 10,000 workers at John Deere factories across Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Kansas walked out for six weeks over various work rules and contracts. The strike was the biggest challenge faced by Deere & Co., a top agricultural machinery maker, in two decades. The strike forced management to agree to double-digit wage increases, better health and retirement benefits, and other employee-friendly policies. 4. Atlanta Journal-Constitution Strike (2000): More than 250 graphic artists, photographers, and typographical workers of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution newspapers walked out for eight weeks. The protest against the management's desire to replace staffers and their union status brought results as the Cox Enterprises, who owned the newspaper then, eventually agreed to a contract granting new hires lower wages but maintaining senior employee rights. 5. NYC Health + Hospitals Strike (2014): The Patient Care Facilities union representing 8,000 hospital aides threatened to strike after months of negotiations over healthcare, wage, and job security issues. The strike lasted seven days, resulting in new contracts with pay boosts, job controls, and assurances about retirement benefits to around 35,000 hospital staffers. All these strikes and negotiations resulted in concrete agreements
MT + persona gpt4	Yes, let's talk about labor rights and workers' power! In recent years, there's been a resurgence of union organizing and strikes across the country, fighting for higher wages, better benefits, and safer working conditions. Here are a few notable examples: 1. Chicago Teachers Union Strike of 2012: This historic strike saw nearly 30,000 teachers and support staff walk off the job to demand smaller class sizes, improved working conditions, and fair evaluations. The CTU won significant victories, including a 17% raise and more autonomy over their schools and curriculum. 2. Oakland Education Strike of 2019: Over 35,000 teachers and staffers in Oakland public schools followed the CTU's lead, staging a multi-day strike for higher wages, more resources for students with disabilities, and reduced class sizes. After a tense negotiation process, they ultimately secured a 12% raise, smaller class sizes, and a new learning center for students with special needs. 3. Strikes at Amazon Warehouses in 2019: Workers at Amazon fulfillment centers in New York, Chicago, and other cities coordinated short walkouts and sickouts in efforts to protect their jobs and demand fair treatment amid Amazon's rapid expansion. While not officially "strikes," these actions were nonetheless pivotal in highlighting the abysmal working conditions Amazon has long been criticized for. These strikes are helping to reinvigorate a long-standing tradition of labor solidarity and collective bargaining power. Notably, most of these campaigns have been led by women and people of color fighting against systemic inequality and exploitation. This resurgent movement is crucial in confronting the greed and power of corporations like Amazon and holding our elected leaders accountable for workers' rights. These strikes also help shed light on and improve wider societal issues such as the struggle to provide educational resources to low income neighborhoods. Overall, unions are vital in promoting strong economic stability, job security, and decent working conditions for all working Americans, and it's critical that we support and uplift them in their mission.

Table 14: Qualitative comparison of generations between different models for a prompt from Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. We underline portions of the text that emphasize successful inference persona or shows effect of personalization.

name	Serena Williams
persona gpt4	## Basic Information From the questions asked, the user seems to be a professional in the world of sports, likely a coach, a sports speaker, or perhaps even a professional athlete. They could also be managing a professional athlete. They are looking for tips for a speech at a youth sports conference, asking about sports rehabilitation and high-altitude training, implying a deep involvement in sports-related activities, which require these topics. The interests extend to social media strategies for professional athletes, suggesting an attempt to increase their public image or that of someone they manage—indicating a possible role in sports marketing or social media advocacy. ## Preferences and Interactions The user prefers detailed responses that are narrative and rich in specific advice and examples. This person places value on information that is both relevant and comprehensive, preferring answers that delve deep into the context of their questions - each one being quite specific. Their preference for comprehensive responses that include a motivational narrative (seen in the preferred response for the first question) suggests a level of emotional intelligence and an appreciation for inspiring stories. Also, their preference for high-level strategies, preventative approaches, and a focus on technological advances implies a forward-thinking mindset and an inclination towards innovation in their field. They value staying up-to-date, being informed, calculated, and strategic, which can contribute to their professional capacity in the world of sports. This might also imply that they would interact proactively with their AI assistant, expecting thoroughly detailed, carefully crafted responses that are examplary and educational, allowing them to gain deeper insights and perspectives into the topics they inquire about. As a probable professional within sports or sports management, they would likely hold values such as perseverance, teamwork, dedication, innovation, and personal growth, all of which are commonly associated with sports activities and management.
prompt	How can I get involved in charity work that supports gender equality in sports?
ZEPHYR	1. Research organizations: Start by doing some research to find organizations that focus on promoting gender equality in sports. Look for organizations that have a specific focus on addressing issues related to women's participation, representation, and opportunities in sports. Some examples of such organizations include Women's Sport Foundation, International Working Group for Women and Sport, and Coalition to Unleash Women's Potential in Sports. 2. Volunteer opportunities: Once you've found a few organizations, look for volunteer opportunities that match your skills and preferences. Some opportunities may involve coaching or mentoring girls and women in sports, organizing events, fundraising, or advocacy. 3. Donate: If you're unable to volunteer, you can still support these organizations by making a donation. Most organizations have a "donate" button on their website, and your contribution, no matter how small, can make a big difference. 4. Spread awareness: Promote the cause on your social media profiles and share your experiences with others. You can use your social media platforms to raise awareness about the issues related to gender equality in sports and help spread the word about organizations that promote women's participation in sports. 5. Advocate: Contact your local representatives, politicians, and sports federations to encourage them to support women's sports, promote gender equality initiatives, and create opportunities for girls and women in sports. 6. Join campaigns: Participate in social media campaigns or public demonstrations organized by these organizations. You can join protests, walkouts, or demonstrations that aim to raise awareness about issues related to gender equality in sports. 7. Collaborate: Collaborate with other organizations and groups that focus on similar causes. This will help you create a larger impact, share resources and knowledge, and expand your network. Remember, the key to making a difference is to take action, no matter how small, consistent, and persistent it may be.
ZEPHYR + persona gpt4	As someone deeply committed to the world of sports and passionate about promoting gender equality, you may want to consider getting involved in charity work that advocates for this cause. Here are some suggestions to help you explore opportunities in this area: 1. Research organizations: There are numerous non-profit organizations that advocate for gender equality in sports. You might want to research some such organizations that resonate with your beliefs and values. The website Charity Navigator can be a great resource to help you identify reputable organizations in this field that have a proven track record of impactful work. Once you have a list of organizations, you can review their websites, social media handles, and annual reports to learn more about their activities, initiatives, and achievements. 2. Join an advocacy group: After identifying organizations that interest you, consider reaching out to them to learn if they have advocacy groups that you could join. These groups typically consist of volunteers and supporters who share similar values and are passionate about promoting gender equality in sports. Being a part of such a group can provide you with opportunities to connect with like-minded individuals, learn about the issues facing women in sports, and contribute to initiatives that promote gender equality. 3. Donate or fundraise: Many non-profit organizations have fundraising programs that you could participate in to raise funds for their work. You could donate money, host a fundraiser, or participate in a charity event. By donating or fundraising for an organization, you can contribute to their mission and support their work. Additionally, by participating in a charity event, you can bring awareness to the cause. 4. Provide expertise: As a sports professional with years of experience, you could offer your expertise to organizations working towards gender equality in sports. Depending on your area of expertise, you could offer to help with coaching, training, mentoring, or developing programs that promote women's sports. Offering your services can be a meaningful contribution to the organization's work. 5. Volunteer: Non-profit organizations typically rely on volunteers to execute their programs. As a sports professional with a busy schedule, you could still find time to volunteer for organizations that promote gender equality in sports. If your busy schedule does not allow for long-term commitments, you could consider shorter-term commitments, such as helping out during a one-time event. 6. Spread awareness: Lastly, one of the most important ways to promote gender
MT	1. Look for local organizations: Start by searching for organizations in your area that support gender equality in sports. You can check websites like Girls Who Sweat, Women's Sports Foundation, UN Women, or visit your local sports center, library, or community center. 2. Research opportunities: Once you have found possible organizations, go through their websites, social media, or reach out to them via email or phone, and find out about their charity events, volunteer programs, and donation campaigns. 3. Attend events: Attend the charity events organized by these organizations. This will give you an opportunity to learn more about the cause, meet like-minded individuals, and network with influential people in the sports community. 4. Volunteer: You can sign up to volunteer for the organizations. This may involve coaching girls' teams, assisting in training sessions, organizing tournaments, or working as a fundraiser at events. 5. Spread awareness: Spread awareness about gender equality in sports by sharing and promoting these organizations' missions via social media, word-of-mouth, or posting flyers in your community. 6. Donate: Finally, you can donate financially by making one-time gifts, becoming a monthly donor, or participating in charity auctions, runs, or cycling events where your donation goes directly to empower girls and women in sports. By following any one, or all, of these steps, you can make a real difference in promoting gender equality in sports and helping girls and women achieve their full potential through sports.
MT + persona gpt4	As a sports professional, you have the power to make a significant impact off the field by advocating for gender equality in sports. Here are some ways to get involved in charity work supporting this cause: 1. Research and Partner with Charities: Look up organizations like the WNBA Players Association, Women Win or the Women's Sports Foundation, and connect with them to learn about their initiatives, events, or campaigns. Collaborate with these charities by providing your time, social media support, or resources to help raise awareness and funds. 2. Donate: Contribute financially through regular donations, host a fundraiser (online or in-person), or pledge a portion of your contract, award earnings or prize money to sports-focused charities aligned with gender equality. 3. Mentoring: Volunteer to mentor female athletes and help them pursue careers in sports and leadership roles. Mentorship programs facilitate empowerment by sharing expertise, nurturing talent and providing a support system to grow their potential. 4. Speaking Engagement: Host workshops for young females, participate in panel discussions, or public speaking events that highlight and elevate opportunities and resources offered to female athletes, promote equal pay, sports training and better working conditions. 5. Collaborations: You can consider collaborating with the leagues or federations that focus predominantly on women's sports, participate in collaborative charity initiatives and make your platform available to raise funds or awareness by using hashtags, creating campaigns, or challenges that garner support from your fans. 6. Leadership role: You could aim to create a team, charity drive, or nonprofit organization centered on equality in sports. Leverage your social network, celebrity status or existing platform to amplify the message, rally troops by involving friends, teammates, and peers in your charity programs. By contributing to these initiatives, you are spreading the positive impact of the power of sports beyond the confines of playing fields, and setting an example for future generations of aspiring female athletes.

Table 15: Qualitative comparison of generations between four different models for a prompt from Serena Williams. We underline portions of the text that emphasize successful inference persona or shows effect of personalization.

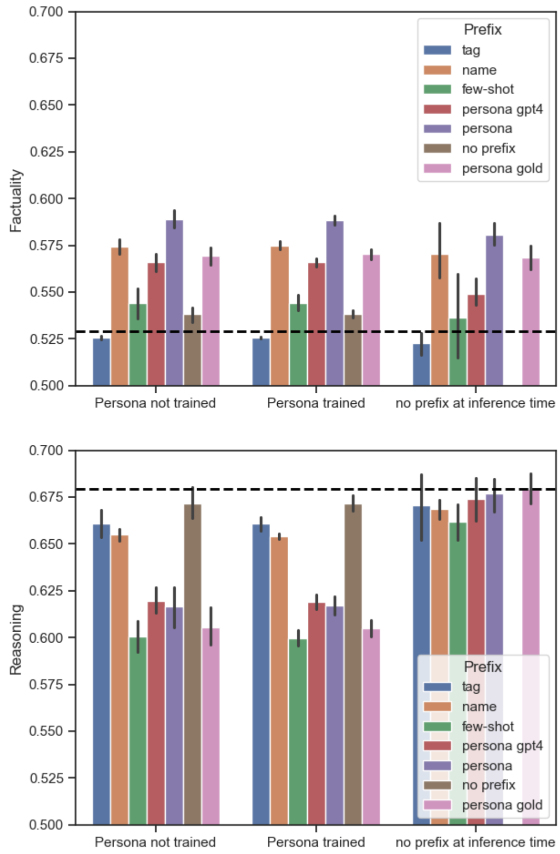

Figure 17: Reasoning and factuality performance on MT models without using prefix at inference time. Black dashed line is ZEPHYR performance without any prefix.