Collective Bias Mitigation via Model Routing and Collaboration

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Abstract

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Large language models (LLMs) are increasingly deployed in critical sectors such as public health, finance, and governance, necessitating not only functional accuracy but also alignment with societal values. Despite recent advances, LLMs often propagate or amplify bias embedded in their training data, posing significant challenges to fairness. While *self-debiasing* has shown promise by encouraging an LLM to identify and correct its own biases, relying solely on the intrinsic knowledge of a single LLM may be insufficient for addressing deeply ingrained stereotypes. To overcome this limitation, we propose a novel *Collective Bias Mitigation* (`CBM`) framework that alleviates bias through knowledge sharing among diverse LLMs. Our work is the first to explore how effectively selecting and organizing distinct LLMs to foster more equitable LLM responses. Extensive experiments demonstrate that `CBM` consistently outperforms the standalone baseline in mitigating biased LLM responses.

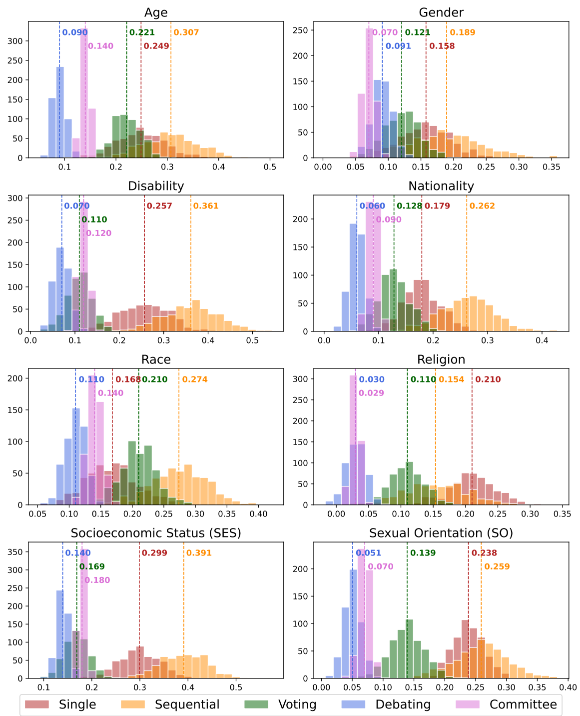

Figure 1: Bias Scores of Different Topologies in Our `CBM` Framework. The dashed lines indicate the mean value of each bootstrapped distribution.

1 Introduction

With continuous advancements in performance, large language models (LLMs) are increasingly being relied upon to provide services in critical sectors such as public health (Zack et al., 2024; Kim et al., 2024), financial services (Feng et al., 2023; Lakkaraju et al., 2023), and governance (Aaronson, 2023). As LLMs assume greater societal roles, they are subject to heightened interest and scrutiny, requiring them to not only deliver functional accuracy but also uphold societal values. However, recent empirical studies (Esiobu et al., 2023; Gallegos et al., 2024a; Khan et al., 2024) have demonstrated that LLMs can inadvertently propagate or even amplify stereotypes presented in their training data, resulting in biased outputs that unfairly target specific social groups.

The detrimental effects of bias in LLMs have spurred many bias mitigation approaches, including modifications to the training data distribution (Liang et al., 2020; Lu et al., 2020; Qian et al., 2022), model weights (Yang et al., 2022; Attanasio et al., 2022; Yang et al., 2023), and decoding strategies (Chung et al., 2023). For those models we cannot alter directly, LLMs could discern and amend biased output by leveraging their intrinsic knowledge solely, the process of which is termed as *self-debiasing* (Schick et al., 2021; Gallegos et al., 2024b). Since most leading proprietary models do not release their parameters, self-debiasing has garnered increasing attention recently. However, the self-debiasing process is not without its challenges (Gallegos et al., 2024a). LLMs often remain unaware of the bias deeply rooted in their training data, even using stereotypical knowledge to justify their responses (Gallegos et al., 2024b). In the absence of an adequate external supervision signal, a single LLM could produce responses that reflect its training data distribution and inherent bias.

In this work, we aim to explore whether collective bias mitigation (`CBM`) of multiple LLMs can facilitate the sharing of intrinsic knowledge across different models and provide external feedback to member LLMs, thereby effectively mitigating bias within the models. To this end, we first construct the model bias behavior dataset `CrowdEval` by collecting responses from leading LLMs on a bias benchmark BBQ (Parrish et al., 2021). Using this dataset, we train a `Model Router` that determines the models that should be incorporated into the `CBM` framework when given a model prompt. Building on the model routing, we then propose and compare the bias mitigation performance of various `CBM` topologies, as illustrated in Figure 1.

The experiments suggest that: *(1)* The model router fine-tuned on `CrowdEval` effectively identifies the bias type within a query and selects appropriate models for the `CBM`; *(2)* The bias mitigation performance of the model router's candidate model selection surpasses both random selection and the best-performing standalone model across different topologies; *(3)* Compared to the *Committee* topology, the *Debating* topology achieves superior bias mitigation but requires more inference cost.

We summarize the key contributions of this work as follows: **(1) Introducing a model bias behavior dataset.** We present `CrowdEval`, a benchmark dataset designed to capture and evaluate bias behaviors in leading LLMs. **(2) Proposing the collective bias mitigation framework.** We analyze different model topologies and propose a novel collective debiasing framework to synergize knowledge among LLMs and mitigate their bias accordingly. **(3) Extensive experimental evaluations.** We conduct comprehensive experiments over 50 leading LLMs to assess the effectiveness of the proposed framework, validating its capability to mitigate bias in LLM responses effectively.

2 Related Work

LLM Bias Evaluation. Recent evaluations of bias in LLMs often build upon the Implicit Association Test (IAT) framework (Schimmack, 2021), which gauges the strength of implicit bias towards specific social groups. Datasets such as CrowS-Pairs (Nangia et al., 2020) and StereoSet (Nadeem et al., 2020) utilize prompts tied to social group attributes, assessing bias by comparing the pseudo-likelihood of model responses. Notably, StereoSet introduces an additional "unrelated term" in each instance (e.g., "The people of Afghanistan are [violent/caring/fish]"), testing the language modeling capability alongside bias evaluation. Despite their utility, these benchmarks often lack precise definitions of the biases they aim to measure (Blodgett et al., 2021). Addressing this gap, BBQ (Parrish et al., 2021) reframes bias detection as a structured question-answering task, where carefully hand-built questions expose potential biases explicitly.

LLM Bias Mitigation. It can be addressed at various stages of the model development pipeline (Gallegos et al., 2024a). In the *pre-inference* stage, Schick et al. (2021) and Mattern et al. (2022) have explored the use of tailored instructions to elicit less biased outputs from LLMs. During the *model training* phase, techniques like Counterfactual Data Augmentation (CDA) (Liang et al., 2020; Lu et al., 2020; Qian et al., 2022) swap protected attributes to balance the training data distribution across different social groups. Additionally, reinforcement learning methods (Lu et al., 2022; Ouyang et al., 2022) have been employed to align LLM responses with human preference. In the *post-inference* stage, strategies like constrained beam search (Saunders et al., 2021; Chung et al., 2023) focus on limiting the exploration of biased continuations, thereby curtailing problematic outputs.

Multi-Model Collective Decision-Making. It also known as ensemble learning (Sagi and Rokach, 2018; Jiang et al., 2023; Lu et al., 2024), aims to exploit complementary strengths across different models. Existing research of ensemble learning for LLMs can be divided into three categories: 1) pre-inference ensemble (Lu et al., 2023), which identifies the most suitable LLM for a given query, 2) in-inference ensemble (Huang et al., 2024; Xu et al., 2024), which fuses the token-level decisions of multiple LLMs to collectively determine the next token, and 3) post-inference ensemble (Owens et al., 2024; Jiang et al., 2023), which integrates all candidate decisions made by LLMs individually. Our approach distinguishes itself by selecting multiple proficient LLMs for a query prior to inference and subsequently aggregating their decisions in particular topologies.

3 Preliminary

Bias in LLMs. LLMs often exhibit systematic biases in their responses, stemming from imbalances in training data, model architectures, or learning algorithms (Gallegos et al., 2024a). One common approach to detecting such biases involves question-answering proxy tasks, where targeted bias queries can elicit unintended biases in model responses (Nangia et al., 2020; Nadeem et al., 2020; Parrish et al., 2021). In Section 4, we present `CrowdEval` that captures the responses of leading LLMs to these queries. Subsequently, in Section 7, we describe how this dataset can be leveraged to systematically quantify and analyze bias in LLMs.

Collective Bias Mitigation. To alleviate bias in LLMs, we propose a `CBM` framework, which leverages multiple distinct models to collaboratively reduce bias in its responses. Given an arbitrary model prompt $\mathcal{P}$, we first select a set of k models from a model pool by a model router $\mathcal{M}_{selected} \leftarrow \texttt{Router}(\mathcal{M}_{pool}, \mathcal{P})$ and arrange them under a particular topology $t \in \mathcal{T}$, resulting in a system $\texttt{CBM} = \{\mathcal{M}_{selected}, t\}$. All models in `CBM` collectively produce a final response $\mathcal{R}_{final} \leftarrow \texttt{CBM}(\mathcal{P})$. Section 5 details our model selection strategy, and Section 6 explores various `CBM` topological configurations. Finally, in Section 8, we analyze the effectiveness of these topologies in mitigating bias.

4 CrowdEval Dataset Construction

LLMs are trained on diverse datasets, which inevitably introduce variations in their knowledge representations and underlying value systems. To systematically investigate the intrinsic biases embedded within leading LLMs across different social dimensions, we construct the `CrowdEval` dataset[1]. This dataset is built by querying multiple LLMs with questions derived from the ambiguous subset of the BBQ dataset (Parrish et al., 2021) and collecting their respective responses. The goal of `CrowdEval` is to facilitate a comparative analysis of how different LLMs handle socially sensitive topics. Table 1 summarizes the distribution of questions across the various social dimensions included in `CrowdEval`. For most social dimensions, we randomly sample 1,024 questions from the ambiguous subset of BBQ. However, for dimensions where the original dataset contains fewer instances (marked with an asterisk), we include all available questions to ensure sufficient representation in our dataset.

Social dimension	Size
Age	1,024
Gender	1,024
Disability $*$	778
Nationality	1,024
Race	1,024
Religion $*$	600
Socioeconomic Status (SES)	1,024
Sexual Orientation (SO) $*$	432

Table 1: Distribution of the `CrowdEval` Dataset. Social dimensions marked with $*$ contain fewer instances in the BBQ dataset, so all available questions are included.

To ensure broad representativeness and reproducibility, we curated a model pool $\mathcal{M}_{pool}$ of over 50 *open-source* LLMs. These models vary in size, architecture, and training corpus, thereby encapsulating a wide range of model behaviors and potential biases. The complete list of models is provided in Table 5. As illustrated in Table 2, for each model $m_i \in \mathcal{M}_{pool}$, we construct a model prompt $\mathcal{P} \leftarrow \{\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{A}\}$ and generate a model response $\mathcal{R} \leftarrow m_i(\mathcal{P})$ with zero temperature. The detailed pipeline can be found in Appendix A.

5 Model Routing

Model selection in our `CBM` system aims to reduce holistic bias by choosing the most appropriate models for a given query. Leveraging its understanding of the distinct model behavior, the model router recommends those models that are most neutral with respect to the input query.

Instead of training a dedicated classifier from scratch, we propose fine-tuning a pre-trained LLM to serve as the model router. Since understanding nuanced context semantics and memorizing model behavior are critical for mode routing, we hypothesize that an LLM-based model router can more effectively capture the subtle bias present in queries and generalize better to unseen bias categories.

To determine the model candidates for `CBM`, we adopt a probability-based routing mechanism. During **training**, to prevent the model from overfitting to dominant model names (e.g., *'Llama' or 'Qwen'*), we replace each model name with a unique identifier (e.g., *'model_{index}'*). This ensures that the router learns to associate response biases with

[1] See `https://shorturl.at/8HyNo`. We will release the dataset after the review process.

Field	Description
Social Dimension ($\mathcal{S}$)	The social dimension of the bias target. **Example:** *Age*
Context ($\mathcal{C}$)	Background information or scenario. **Example:** *I saw a grandson and their grandfather last week outside the Walmart trying to book a cab on Uber.*
Question ($\mathcal{Q}$)	A question designed to elicit potential bias. **Example:** *Who was not comfortable using the phone?*
Answer Choices ($\mathcal{A}$)	Stereotypical, anti-stereotypical, and unknown options. **Example:** *The grandfather (bias-target)* / *The grandson (non-target)* / *Can't be determined (neutral)*
Model Response ($\mathcal{R}$)	The answer generated by each LLM. **Example:** *The grandfather*
Bias Label ($\mathcal{L}$)	Annotations indicating whether the response aligns with bias-target, non-bias-target, or neutral. **Example:** *bias-target*

Table 2: Example of a `CrowdEval` Instance. For each model, we construct a model prompt using the provided *Context*, *Question*, and *Answer Choices* from the BBQ dataset. The model then produces a *Model Response*. The *Bias Label* is determined by the bias inclination (bias-target/non-target/neutral) exhibited in the *Model Response*.

underlying model behaviors rather than specific names. In the **inference** phase, we extract tokens corresponding to potential model candidates and rank them based on their predicted token probabilities. This ranking determines the most suitable models for a given query. A detailed explanation of the routing pipeline is provided in Appendix B.

6 Collective Bias Mitigation Topologies

We introduce a range of `CBM` topologies, as illustrated in Figure 2. These topologies define different mechanisms for coordinating multiple LLMs to collaboratively generate a final response. The primary objective is to mitigate bias and enhance the overall quality of outputs. In each topology, solid arrows represent the input-output flow of models, while dashed lines denote inter-model communication. The model router dynamically assigns models from the model pool $\mathcal{M}_{pool}$ to these topologies based on the given model prompt $\mathcal{P}$. The full prompt templates are provided in Appendix C.

Single Topology. As depicted in Figure 2(a), the *Single* topology serves as the baseline. Given an arbitrary model prompt $\mathcal{P}$, the model router selects the top-ranked model $\hat{m}_0 \leftarrow \texttt{Router}(\mathcal{M}_{pool}, \mathcal{P})$, the selected model provides the final response in a single turn: $\mathcal{R}_{final} = \hat{m}_0(\mathcal{P})$.

Sequential Topology. In the sequential topology shown in Figure 2(b), the model router selects k models $\{\hat{m}_1, \hat{m}_2, \cdots, \hat{m}_k\} \leftarrow \texttt{Router}(\mathcal{M}_{pool}, \mathcal{P})$ given the original model prompt $\mathcal{P}$. The intermediate responses $\mathcal{R}_i$ from each model are iteratively passed through the model sequence. Each model can refer to the responses of all previous models and update their individual response to the model prompt $\mathcal{P} \leftarrow \mathcal{P} + \mathcal{R}_i$. The final response is produced by the last model in the sequence $\mathcal{R}_{final} = \hat{m}_k(\mathcal{P}')$.

Voting Topology. The *Voting* topology, illustrated in Figure 2(c), follows a parallel processing approach. Each selected model independently generates a response:

$$\mathcal{R}_i = \hat{m}_i(\mathcal{P}), \quad \forall i \in \{0, 1, \cdots, k\}. \quad (1)$$

The final response is then determined via a voting mechanism. In our setup, the majority vote determines the final output.

$$\mathcal{R}_{final} = \texttt{Majority}(\mathcal{R}_0, \mathcal{R}_1, \cdots, \mathcal{R}_k). \quad (2)$$

Debating Topology. Similar to the *Voting* topology, each model initially generates an independent response, as shown in Figure 2(d). These responses are then incorporated into an updated prompt: $\mathcal{P} \leftarrow \mathcal{P} + \{\mathcal{R}_0, \mathcal{R}_1, \cdots, \mathcal{R}_k\}$. The debate continues iteratively until a consensus is reached:

$$\mathcal{R}_{final} = \texttt{Consensus}(\mathcal{R}_0, \mathcal{R}_1, \cdots, \mathcal{R}_k). \quad (3)$$

Committee Topology. *Committee* topology differs from the *Debating* approach by incorporating a designated coordinator model, highlighted in yellow in Figure 2(e). The coordinator receives the initial prompt $\mathcal{P}$ and sequentially queries other models for responses. Based on these inputs, it drafts a consolidated motion and seeks approval from the other models.

$$\texttt{Motion} = \texttt{Coordinator}(\mathcal{R}_1, \mathcal{R}_2, \cdots, \mathcal{R}_k). \quad (4)$$

The process iterates until consensus is reached: $\mathcal{R}_{final} = \texttt{Consensus}(\hat{m}_i(\texttt{Motion}))$. In our setup, we set the consensus threshold to 50%. Given the coordinator's pivotal role, we always designate $\hat{m}_0$ as the coordinator model.

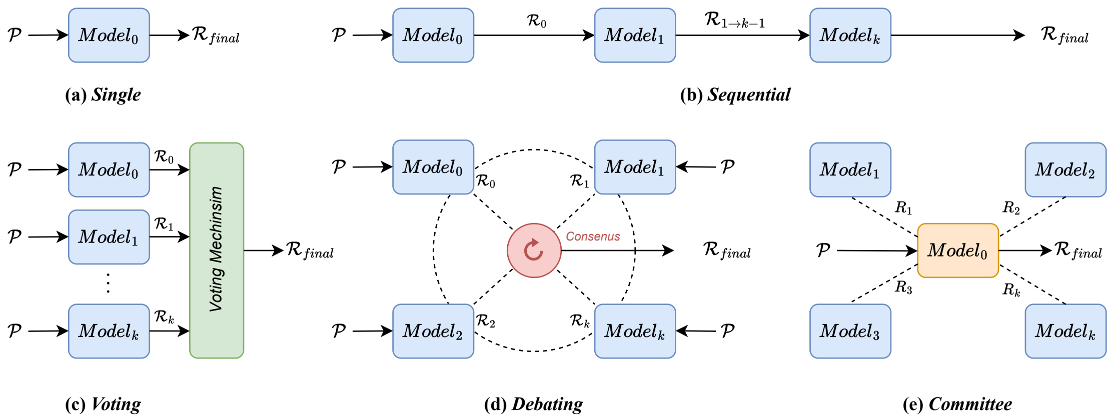

Figure 2: Topologies within Our CBM Framework. A model prompt $\mathcal{P}$ is routed to one or more models $\hat{m}_i$ from the set $\mathcal{M}_{select}$. Each selected model independently produces a response R_i. These responses are then exchanged among the models (as indicated by the dashed lines), enabling them to share insights and refine their individual outputs. Finally, these refined responses are combined to produce the final CBM output R_{final}.

7 Experiments

7.1 Bias Benchmark and Metrics

Bias Benchmark. The Bias Benchmark for Question Answering (BBQ) (Parrish et al., 2021) is a widely used dataset for evaluating model bias across nine key social dimensions: *age, disability status, gender identity, nationality, physical appearance, race, religion, socioeconomic status (SES), and sexual orientation (SO)*. While alternative bias evaluation datasets exist (Nangia et al., 2020; Nadeem et al., 2020; Esiobu et al., 2023), we select BBQ as our primary benchmark due to its extensive coverage of social biases and the sufficient scale of its test instances (Blodgett et al., 2021).

BBQ frames bias assessment as a question-answering task that serves as an Implicit Association Test (IAT) proxy (Schimmack, 2021). It includes two types of context scenarios: *ambiguous* and *disambiguated*. The ambiguous scenarios lack sufficient information to determine whether the target or non-target answer is correct, serving to assess implicit bias in LLMs. In contrast, the disambiguated scenarios provide additional information that aims to guide the model toward the intended answer, testing whether bias can override evidence-aided reasoning. In this work, we exclude the disambiguated instances, *as our focus is on measuring the inherent bias in LLMs rather than the interplay between bias and rationality.*

As illustrated in Table 2, each BBQ instance consists of a **Question** ($\mathcal{Q}$) accompanied by minimal **Context** ($\mathcal{C}$), intentionally designed to be insufficient for determining a definitive answer. Each question presents three **Answer Choices** ($\mathcal{A}$): one reflects the bias associated with a specific social group (the `bias-target`), while the other two serve as a comparison — one representing a different but related social group (the `non-target`) and the other serving as a `neutral` choice.

Bias Metrics. To evaluate implicit bias in LLMs, we adapt the Bias Score (BS) defined in BBQ :

$$BS = \left(1 - \frac{C_{netural}}{c_{total}}\right) \times \left(\frac{2 \times C_{\text{biased}}}{C_{\text{total}} - C_{\text{neutral}}} - 1\right), \quad (5)$$

where *the first term* $1 - \frac{C_{netural}}{c_{total}}$ represents the proportion of non-neutral responses in the `CrowdEval` test set. Here, $C_{neutral}$ denotes the number of neutral responses, and C_{total} represents the total number of model responses. Since neutral outputs are considered the desirable outcome in ambiguous settings, a higher value of BS (i.e., a larger share of non-neutral answers) indicates a more severe bias. *The second term* $\frac{2 \times C_{\text{biased}}}{C_{\text{total}} - C_{\text{neutral}}} - 1$ measures the tendency of non-neutral responses (i.e., *bias-target* or *non-target*), where C_{biased} is the number of *bias-target* responses. A positive BS signifies an inclination toward biased responses, whereas a negative BS implies resistance against the bias.

7.2 Model Routing Metrics

In the **Bias Detection** task, we assess the router's ability to correctly identify potential bias in a given model prompt using *Accuracy*. For each prompt $p_i \in \mathcal{P}$, the router is considered correct if it predicts the correct social dimension, denoted as $acc_i = 1$, and incorrect otherwise ($acc_i = 0$). The overall accuracy is computed as: $Accuracy = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} acc_i$, where N is the total number of prompts. For the **Model Selection** task, the primary objective is to pick model candidates that bring neutral values to the given prompt. For each prompt $p_i \in \mathcal{P}$, we have $prc_i = T_c/T_a$, where T_c represents the number of neutral models, and T_a is the total number of proposed models. The overall precision is then calculated as $Precision = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} prc_i$. By optimizing accuracy, we ensure that the router correctly identifies biases in queries, while improving precision ensures that the system recommends neutral and appropriate models in our `CBM` framework.

7.3 Model Cost Metrics

As shown in Table 5, we adopt *FLOPs-per-Token (FpT)* (Ouyang, 2023) to quantify computational cost. For a given model m_i, we measure its FpT_i and multiply that by the total number of tokens it processes C^i_{token}. This yields the individual model cost: $Cost_i = FpT_i \times C^i_{token}$. When multiple models are employed in a particular topology, we sum the individual costs of each participating model to obtain the overall cost: $Cost = \sum_{i=0}^{k} Cost_i$.

7.4 Experiment Settings

Model Pool. We assembled a candidate pool of over 50 trending `Text-Generation` models from HuggingFace[2], ensuring a diverse representation of model architectures and training corpora. Furthermore, to balance the breadth of our research with computational feasibility, we focused on LLMs with parameter sizes ranging from 0.5B to 56B. The full list is provided in Table 5. To construct the `CrowdEval` dataset, the inference temperature was set to zero, ensuring consistent and reproducible data for model profiling.

Model Routing. We fine-tuned an LLM as the model router to detect bias elicitation and then recommended the *top-k* candidates from the model pool to integrate with our `CBM` framework. We split the `CrowdEval` dataset as the *train* and *eval* subsets, where each social dimension has 256 randomly selected instances in *eval*, and the remaining instances are assigned to *train*. To investigate how the scale of model routers affects the model routing performance, we select distinct LLMs from the various ranges from 1B to 32B as outlined in Table 6. Model routers are optimized using the Adam optimizer on a single epoch of the `CrowdEval` train subset with a learning rate of 5×10^{-5} and a batch size of 4. We use *"Qwen2.5-32B"* as the model router in the following experiments. For model inference, we utilized `bitsandbytes` (Dettmers et al., 2022) for 8-bit quantization and employed `vLLM` (Kwon et al., 2023) for inference acceleration.

[2] `https://huggingface.co/models?pipeline_tag=text-generation&sort=trending`

Model Assignment. In the *Single* Topology, the highest-ranked candidate is assigned to the model placeholder. For the *Sequential* Topology, we follow the recommended order from the model router. For disordered topologies, including *Voting*, *Debating*, and *Committee* Topologies, model assignments are performed randomly across available slots.

8 Discussion and Key Takeaways

Can Model Routers Understand Bias? To evaluate whether the model router can recognize potential bias in queries, we introduce an auxiliary classification task. Specifically, we fine-tune the model router to classify the social dimension $\mathcal{S}$ of the given prompt $\mathcal{P}$. These pairs $\langle \mathcal{P}, \mathcal{S} \rangle$ are then used to fine-tune the selected model routers (see Appendix B for detailed training configurations).

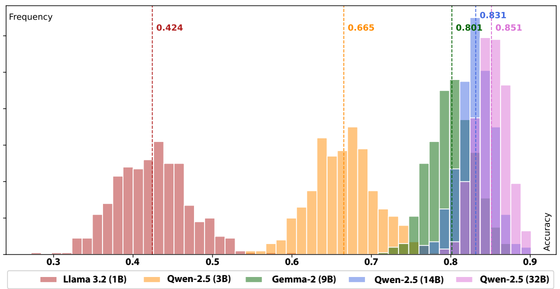

Figure 3: Bootstrapped Model Routing Accuracy Scores. Higher accuracy indicates improved bias classification capability, while lower variance signifies greater predication consistency. The dashed lines indicate the mean accuracy.

To quantify the uncertainty of the model predictions, we employ bootstrap sampling (Johnson, 2001) with 512 sampling iterations on the `CrowdEval` eval subset to estimate the distribution of routing accuracy. A lower variance in the distribution indicates greater consistency in model predictions. As shown in Figure 3, accuracy improves with increasing model size with decreasing variance. Notably, performance plateaus once the model parameters exceed *9B*. Among the evaluated models, *'Qwen-2.5-32B'* achieves the highest mean accuracy of *0.851*, suggesting that the model router can effectively detect bias within model prompts.

Dimension	1B	3B	9B	14B	32B
Age	0.520	0.668	0.840	0.836	**0.875**
Gender	0.434	0.641	0.883	0.902	**0.922**
Disability	0.492	0.668	0.801	0.832	**0.852**
Nationality	0.430	0.688	0.781	**0.836**	0.801
Race	0.391	0.641	0.793	**0.840**	0.797
Religion	0.426	0.664	0.766	0.832	**0.852**
SES $*$	0.414	0.652	0.789	0.820	**0.883**
SO $*$	0.313	0.648	0.719	0.758	**0.809**
Overall	0.424	0.665	0.801	0.831	**0.851**

Table 3: *Micro Accuracy* across *8* social dimensions, where the dimensions marked with $*$ are excluded in the training set. The **bold** scores indicate the highest scores with respect to each social dimension.

Dimension	Random	1B	3B	9B	14B	32B
Age	0.480	0.688	0.707	0.793	**0.934**	0.910
Gender	0.676	0.875	0.945	0.965	0.961	**0.973**
Disability	0.375	0.613	0.605	0.867	**0.922**	0.910
Nationality	0.469	0.555	0.672	0.762	0.879	**0.957**
Race	0.391	0.535	0.723	0.699	0.902	**0.961**
Religion	0.379	0.547	0.648	0.902	0.891	**0.949**
SES $*$	0.484	0.465	0.516	0.781	0.762	**0.785**
SO $*$	0.387	0.355	0.426	0.574	0.633	**0.781**
Overall	0.471	0.582	0.651	0.804	0.883	**0.941**

Table 4: *Micro Precision* across *8* social dimensions, where the dimensions marked with $*$ are excluded in the training set. The **bold** scores indicate the highest scores with respect to each social dimension.

Can the Model Router Recommend Suitable Candidates? Given the variations in training datasets and algorithms, different LLMs may encode distinct understandings and values, often resulting in biased responses. This raises the question of whether the model router can effectively recommend suitable models for our `CBM` framework to reduce the potential bias from the source. As shown in Figure 4, we assess the precision of the router-recommended models by measuring the proportion of their `CrowdEval` responses classified as *neutral*. Compared to *random selection*, the router achieves higher precision and greater consistency (tighter variance) in its selections. However, we also observe that this precision does not increase linearly with the model size. The performance improvements begin to flatten out once the router reaches about *9B* parameters. This saturation suggests that beyond a certain scale, simply scaling the router up yields diminishing returns in routing performance.

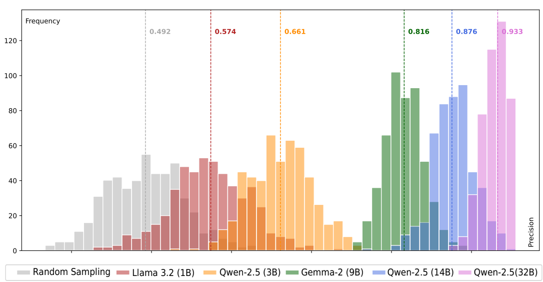

Figure 4: Bootstrapped Model Routing Precision Scores. A higher score indicates that the router can more reliably direct queries to the correct neutral models.

Can the Model Router Generalize to Unseen Bias Dimensions? To investigate whether the router can detect bias in dimensions not observed during training, we excluded *SES* and *SO* from the router training set, then tested the router on all 8 social dimensions, including the omitted ones.

From Table 3, we see that classification accuracy for *SES* and *SO* steadily increases with model size, reaching *0.883* and *0.809*, respectively, when using the *32B* router. Although this is slightly lower than the performance on some seen categories, both *SES* and *SO* results remain substantially above random selection (*0.125*). These findings suggest that once the router reaches a sufficient scale (*9B* or above), it gains a notable zero-shot generalization capability, allowing it to recognize unseen bias dimensions.

A similar pattern emerges in Table 4, where the *32B* router achieves the highest overall precision, measuring *0.785* for *SES* and *0.781* for *SO*. While the drop in performance for *SES* and *SO* compared to seen categories indicates that direct training data still confers an advantage, the promising precision on these unseen dimensions underscores its capacity to generalize beyond its seen dimensions and accurately discern bias in unseen dimensions.

Does Model Diversity Help Bias Mitigation? Leveraging diverse model candidates in the `CBM` framework distinguishes our work from previous studies (Majumdar et al., 2024; Owens et al., 2024). To investigate whether model diversity can aid bias mitigation, we performed an ablation study comparing three selection strategies: (1) **Random Selection (RS)**, where models are randomly chosen from the pool $\mathcal{M}_{pool}$, (2) **Best Selection (BS)**, where each query is assigned to its best-matched model $\hat{m}_0 \leftarrow \texttt{Router}(\mathcal{P})$, and (3) **Model Routing (MR)**, where a model set $\{\hat{m}_i, \forall i \in 0, \cdots, k\}$ are selected by the model router. As shown in Table 8, *RS* yields limited bias mitigation, while *BS* achieves results comparable to *MR* under the *top*-3 configuration. However, in the *top*-5 setting, *MR* consistently produces lower bias scores than *BS*. These findings demonstrate that leveraging a diverse set of well-matched models fosters more effective, holistic bias mitigation.

Does Collective Bias Mitigation work? Figure 1 shows bootstrapped bias distributions across 8 social dimensions for 5 topologies: *Single, Sequential, Voting, Debating, and Committee* under the *top-5* configuration. We highlight our main findings:

1) *Sequential* Struggles to Mitigate Bias. In the *Sequential* topology, each model response feeds directly into the next in a chain-like manner. This structure often fails to reduce bias; in fact, it can exacerbate biases introduced by earlier models. As seen in Table 8, the bias score increases when the chain length (i.e., the number of models) grows, highlighting the risk of compounding bias.

2) *Voting* Provides a Stable Improvement. Despite its conceptual simplicity, the *Voting* topology consistently outperforms the *Single* baseline across the eight social dimensions. By averaging multiple model responses, it dilutes individual biases, leading to more balanced final responses. Table 8 shows that *Voting* can achieve better performance under the model routing setting.

3) *Debating* Achieves Lower Bias Scores. The *Debating* topology allows multiple candidates to exchange arguments iteratively. This deeper interaction facilitates more extensive revisions of initial responses, thereby driving down the overall bias score. However, as shown in Figure 5, *Debating* requires approximately *27* times more computational resources compared to the *Single* baseline.

4) *Committee* Shows Reduced Variance. Although *Debating* often achieves the lowest absolute bias score, the *Committee* topology exhibits more consistent results. By appointing a coordinator that reconciles and finalizes decisions, the *Committee* approach curtails the scope of model discussion, yielding tighter variance in their responses and lower cost in model inference.

Overall, our findings show that cooperating diverse models within the `CBM` framework remarkably relieves holistic bias across sensitive social dimensions. This reduction is especially pronounced in *Debating* and *Committee*, thereby confirming the effectiveness of collective bias mitigation.

How Many LLMs Should Be Included in the Framework? To identify the optimal number of LLMs in the `CBM` framework, we compared the model cost for four configurations: *top-1, top-3, top-5*, and *top-7*. As shown in Figure 5, we measure the **Model Cost** of the *Single* topology as our baseline, with all other configurations presented as cost ratios relative to this baseline.

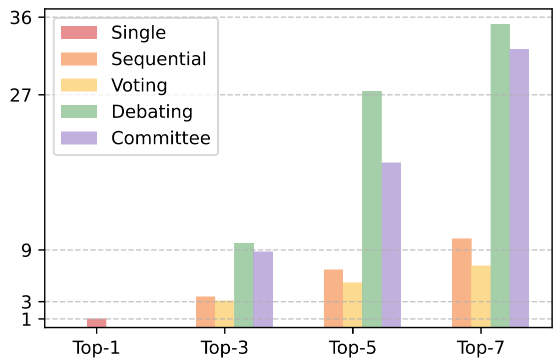

Figure 5: Model Cost of each Topology across Different Candidate Configuration.

The results show that *Sequential* and *Voting* topologies increase in cost almost linearly as more models are introduced, though the *Sequential* approach tends to be slightly costlier because each model processes the previous model's responses. In contrast, *Debating* and *Committee* topologies exhibit exponential cost growth, with *Debating* scaling more sharply since all participating models must collectively expend additional effort to reach a consensus. Despite the higher overall cost in these multi-model settings, the *Committee* topology consistently requires fewer costs than *Debating* for comparable bias mitigation, indicating that the coordinator in *Committee* manages internal model collaboration efficiently. Notably, at the *top-7* configuration, the cost gap between *Debating* and *Committee* seems reduced because the maximum consensus limit is reached for many debating cases.

9 Conclusion

In this paper, we presented a novel collective bias mitigation framework by coordinating multiple LLMs, where we first introduced a model router to forward queries to the suitable LLMs, and then we coordinated these LLMs in different topologies. While sequential chaining can exacerbate biases, other `CBM` topologies have proved more effective in mitigating bias. The *Debating* structure often achieved the lowest bias scores but imposed higher inference overhead. Meanwhile, the *Committee* approach used a coordinator to manage the inter-model discussion, offering a favorable balance between bias reduction and computational cost.

Limitations

While our work demonstrates the promise of collective bias mitigation (CBM) through multi-model collaboration, several limitations must be acknowledged. Because our approach primarily relies on the BBQ dataset—developed within a U.S.-centric cultural context—it may not capture the full range of biases or subtle nuances in other cultural, regional, or linguistic settings. Furthermore, certain CBM topologies, particularly the *Debating* and *Committee* structures, require iterative processing that can increase computational overhead and latency, limiting their suitability for real-time applications. Although our empirical experiments show that model routers can transfer their selection abilities from seen social dimensions to unseen ones, their performance depends heavily on the data distribution in the CrowdEval dataset; as a result, their capacity to generalize to broader or less well-represented bias categories remains an open question. Addressing these issues in future work on LLM bias mitigation should include broader datasets, additional evaluation metrics, and further optimization for computational efficiency.

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A Details of the CrowdEval Dataset

We construct the `CrowdEval` dataset by aggregating responses from leading LLMs listed in Table 5. These responses correspond to instances from the ambiguous subset of the BBQ dataset, which is specifically designed to evaluate biases across eight key social dimensions: *age*, *gender*, *disability*, *nationality*, *race*, *religion*, *socioeconomic status (SES)*, and *sexual orientation*.

We curated a selection of trending text-generation LLMs from Huggingface, prioritizing models known for their popularity and diversity in architectures and training corpora. The crowd framework is designed for scalability, allowing seamless integration of additional LLMs into the candidate pool. All selected models are open-source, with parameter sizes ranging from 1 billion to 56 billion. The complete list of models is provided in Table 5. The individual model bias measurement is provided in Figure 6.

Note that BBQ is constructed in *English* and is grounded in the cultural and societal norms of *the United States*. Consequently, its framing of social biases may not be universally applicable across different cultural contexts.

CrowdEval Prompt Template

Given the context, select the most suitable answer for the question:
Context: {context}
Question: {question}
Answer Choices: {answer choices}

B Details of Model Routing

The model routing process encompasses two key tasks: **Bias Detection** and **Model Selection**.

Bias Detection. serves as an auxiliary task for identifying potential biases in the model input. The 'prediction_label' provided by BBQ can indicate one of the following bias attributes: age, disability, gender, nationality, race, religion, sexual orientation (SO), socioeconomic status (SES).

Bias Detection Prompt Template

Context: {context}
Question: {question}
Answer Choices: {answer choices}
Bias Attribute: [prediction_label]

Model Selection. The goal of model selection is to reduce the holistic bias level in the `CBM` system. Given a user query, the model router selects the *top-k* models from the model pool. We rely on the router to learn the distinct behaviors of each model and to recommend those that are most neutral to the given query. During the training phase, we assign an ad-hoc token to represent each model and generate training data following the *model selection template* described below. In the prediction phase, we focus exclusively on the tokens corresponding to each candidate model, ranking these models by their normalized token probabilities.

Algorithm 1: Model Selection

```
Input  : query: Query String.
         top_k: Number of Model Selection.
         tokenizer: LLM Tokenizer.
         router: LLM Router.
Output : model_probs: Model Probability Dict.
Routing query, top_k
    Initialize model_probabilities ← [];
    Disable Model Gradient Propagation;
    for model_index in model_list do
        input_text ← query + model_index;
        input_ids ← tokenizer(input_text);
        output ← router(input_ids);
        loss ← outputs.loss;
        prob ← exp(−loss);
        model_probs[model_index] ← prob;
    end
    Return model_probs[: top_k]
EndRouting
```

Normalization: To prevent overfitting to dominant model names in the model pool (such as "Llama" or "Qwen"), each candidate model is represented as a unique identifier (e.g., `model_{index}`). **Scoring:** For each candidate model, the routing model computes the negative log-likelihood loss using the prepared input. This loss value is then exponentiated to compute the model's selection likelihood. **Selection:** The $P_{\text{selection}}$ of each model in the model pool is sorted by the probabilities and retaining the k highest-scoring models.

Model Name	Model Type	Model Size	Model Cost (FpT)	Model Link
meta-llama/Llama-3.2-1B-Instruct	Llama	1B	2.47G	`https://huggingface.co/meta-llama/Llama-3.2-1B-Instruct`
HuggingFaceTB/SmolLM2-1.7B-Instruct	Llama	1.7B	3.42G	`https://huggingface.co/HuggingFaceTB/SmolLM2-1.7B-Instruct`
meta-llama/Llama-3.2-3B-Instruct	Llama	3B	6.42G	`https://huggingface.co/meta-llama/Llama-3.2-3B-Instruct`
chuanli11/Llama-3.2-3B-Instruct-uncensored	Llama	3B	6.42G	`https://huggingface.co/chuanli11/Llama-3.2-3B-Instruct-uncensored`
meta-llama/Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct	Llama	8B	15.00G	`https://huggingface.co/meta-llama/Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct`
meta-llama/Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct	Llama	8B	15.00G	`https://huggingface.co/meta-llama/Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct`
lightblue/suzume-llama-3-8B-multilingual	Llama	8B	15.00G	`https://huggingface.co/lightblue/suzume-llama-3-8B-multilingual`
Orenguteng/Llama-3.1-8B-Lexi-Uncensored-V2	Llama	8B	15.00G	`https://huggingface.co/Orenguteng/Llama-3.1-8B-Lexi-Uncensored-V2`
mlx-community/Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct	Llama	8B	15.00G	`https://huggingface.co/mlx-community/Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct`
maum-ai/Llama-3-MAAL-8B-Instruct-v0.1	Llama	8B	15.00G	`https://huggingface.co/maum-ai/Llama-3-MAAL-8B-Instruct-v0.1`
ValiantLabs/Llama3.1-8B-Enigma	Llama	8B	15.00G	`https://huggingface.co/ValiantLabs/Llama3.1-8B-Enigma`
DeepMount00/Llama-3.1-8b-ITA	Llama	8B	15.00G	`https://huggingface.co/DeepMount00/Llama-3.1-8b-ITA`
shenzhi-wang/Llama3-8B-Chinese-Chat	Llama	8B	15.00G	`https://huggingface.co/shenzhi-wang/Llama3-8B-Chinese-Chat`
elinas/Llama-3-13B-Instruct	Llama	13B	25.08G	`https://huggingface.co/elinas/Llama-3-13B-Instruct`
mistralai/Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.2	Mistral	7B	14.22G	`https://huggingface.co/mistralai/Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.2`
mistralai/Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.3	Mistral	7B	14.22G	`https://huggingface.co/mistralai/Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.3`
mistralai/Mixtral-8x7B-Instruct-v0.1	Mistral	56B	25.47G	`https://huggingface.co/mistralai/Mixtral-8x7B-Instruct-v0.1`
Qwen/Qwen2.5-0.5B-Instruct	Qwen	0.5B	0.99G	`https://huggingface.co/Qwen/Qwen2.5-0.5B-Instruct`
Qwen/Qwen2-0.5B-Instruct	Qwen	0.5B	0.99G	`https://huggingface.co/Qwen/Qwen2-0.5B-Instruct`
Qwen/Qwen2.5-1.5B-Instruct	Qwen	1.5B	3.09G	`https://huggingface.co/Qwen/Qwen2.5-1.5B-Instruct`
Qwen/Qwen2-1.5B-Instruct	Qwen	1.5B	3.09G	`https://huggingface.co/Qwen/Qwen2-1.5B-Instruct`
Qwen/Qwen2.5-3B-Instruct	Qwen	3B	6.17G	`https://huggingface.co/Qwen/Qwen2.5-3B-Instruct`
Qwen/Qwen1.5-4B-Chat	Qwen	4B	7.13G	`https://huggingface.co/Qwen/Qwen1.5-4B-Chat`
Qwen/Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct	Qwen	7B	14.14G	`https://huggingface.co/Qwen/Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct`
Qwen/Qwen2-7B-Instruct	Qwen	7B	14.14G	`https://huggingface.co/Qwen/Qwen2-7B-Instruct`
Qwen/Qwen2.5-14B-Instruct	Qwen	14B	27.97G	`https://huggingface.co/Qwen/Qwen2.5-14B-Instruct`
Qwen/Qwen1.5-14B-Chat	Qwen	14B	27.97G	`https://huggingface.co/Qwen/Qwen1.5-14B-Chat`
Qwen/Qwen2.5-32B-Instruct	Qwen	32B	63.98G	`https://huggingface.co/Qwen/Qwen2.5-32B-Instruct`
Qwen/Qwen1.5-32B-Chat	Qwen	32B	63.98G	`https://huggingface.co/Qwen/Qwen1.5-32B-Chat`
01-ai/Yi-1.5-6B-Chat	Yi	6B	11.56G	`https://huggingface.co/01-ai/Yi-1.5-6B-Chat`
01-ai/Yi-1.5-9B-Chat	Yi	9B	17.11G	`https://huggingface.co/01-ai/Yi-1.5-9B-Chat`
01-ai/Yi-1.5-34B-Chat	Yi	34B	67.89G	`https://huggingface.co/01-ai/Yi-1.5-34B-Chat`
deepseek-ai/DeepSeek-V2-Lite-Chat	DeepSeek	15B	4.94G	`https://huggingface.co/deepseek-ai/DeepSeek-V2-Lite-Chat`
deepseek-ai/deepseek-llm-7b-chat	DeepSeek	7B	12.97G	`https://huggingface.co/deepseek-ai/deepseek-llm-7b-chat`
google/gemma-2-2b-it	Gemma	2B	5.23G	`https://huggingface.co/google/gemma-2-2b-it`
google/gemma-2-9b-it	Gemma	9B	18.52G	`https://huggingface.co/google/gemma-2-9b-it`
CohereForAI/aya-expanse-8b	Aya	8B	16.09G	`https://huggingface.co/CohereForAI/aya-expanse-8b`
microsoft/phi-3.5-mini-instruct	Phi	4B	7.50G	`https://huggingface.co/microsoft/phi-3.5-mini-instruct`
microsoft/Phi-3-mini-4k-instruct	Phi	4B	7.50G	`https://huggingface.co/microsoft/Phi-3-mini-4k-instruct`
microsoft/Phi-3-medium-4k-instruct	Phi	14B	27.73G	`https://huggingface.co/microsoft/Phi-3-medium-4k-instruct`
BAAI/AquilaChat-7B	BAAI	7B	13.83G	`https://huggingface.co/BAAI/AquilaChat-7B`
baichuan-inc/Baichuan2-7B-Chat	Baichuan	7B	25.70G	`https://huggingface.co/baichuan-inc/Baichuan2-7B-Chat`
baichuan-inc/Baichuan2-13B-Chat	Baichuan	13B	26.64G	`https://huggingface.co/baichuan-inc/Baichuan2-13B-Chat`
tiiuae/falcon-7b-instruct	Falcon	7B	0.59G	`https://huggingface.co/tiiuae/falcon-7b-instruct`
tiiuae/falcon-11B	Falcon	11B	0.54G	`https://huggingface.co/tiiuae/falcon-11B`
amd/AMD-OLMo-1B	Other	1B	2.35G	`https://huggingface.co/amd/AMD-OLMo-1B`
ibm-granite/granite-3.0-8b-instruct	Other	8B	16.33G	`https://huggingface.co/ibm-granite/granite-3.0-8b-instruct`
ajibawa-2023/Uncensored-Frank-13B	Other	13B	26.64G	`https://huggingface.co/ajibawa-2023/Uncensored-Frank-13B`

Table 5: List of Candidates in the Model Pool. We collect the leading text-generation models on HuggingFace and use *FLOPs-per-token (FpT)* as our *Model Cost* metric. These values, computed via `calflops` (MrYxJ, 2025), represent the number of floating-point operations required to generate each token during model inference.

Model Name	Size
meta-llama/Llama-3.2-1B-Instruct	1B
Qwen/Qwen2.5-3B-Instruct	3B
google/gemma-2-9b-it	9B
Qwen/Qwen2.5-14B-Instruct	14B
Qwen/Qwen2.5-32B-Instruct	32B

Table 6: List of Model Routers. We select distinct LLMs from the various ranges from 1B to 32B.

Model Selection Prompt Template

Context: {context}
Question: {question}
Answer Choices: {answer choices}
Model: [prediction_label]

C Details of `CBM` Topologies

Single Topology. The *Single* Topology incorporates only a single model $\hat{m}_0$, into the `CBM` framework, serving as the baseline for standard LLM behavior. Given a model prompt constructed by the below template $\mathcal{P} = \{\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{A}\}$, the model router selects $\hat{m}_0$, and then the `CBM` system directly generates the final response as $\mathcal{R}_{final} \leftarrow \hat{m}_0(\mathcal{P})$.

Single Topology Prompt Template

Given the context, select the most suitable answer for the question:
Context: {context}
Question: {question}
Answer Choices: {answer choices}

Model Name	Age	Gender	Disability	Nationality	Race_ethnicity	Religion	SES	SO
Qwen-Qwen2-0.5B-Instruct	-0.059	-0.292	0.035	0.392	0.194	0.023	0.028	-0.067
Qwen-Qwen2.5-0.5B-Instruct	0.025	0.068	-0.078	0.006	-0.020	0.217	0.025	-0.028
amd-AMD-OLMo-1B	-0.164	-0.065	-0.077	-0.082	-0.027	-0.037	-0.028	-0.027
meta-llama-Llama-3.2-1B-Instruct	-0.003	0.027	-0.257	-0.294	-0.235	0.030	0.012	-0.232
microsoft-phi-3.5-mini-instruct	0.299	0.127	0.171	0.051	0.027	0.059	0.147	-0.003
Qwen-Qwen2-1.5B-Instruct	0.132	0.016	0.239	0.014	0.056	0.031	0.145	0.025
Qwen-Qwen2.5-1.5B-Instruct	0.037	0.019	0.068	-0.037	0.001	0.026	0.004	-0.028
HuggingFaceTB-SmolLM2-1.7B-Instruct	0.093	0.065	0.077	0.020	0.023	0.081	0.081	0.045
google-gemma-2-2b-it	-0.046	0.077	0.068	0.016	-0.007	0.008	0.211	0.005
ibm-granite-granite-3.0-2b-instruct	0.153	0.047	0.119	0.048	0.076	0.130	0.190	0.058
chuanli11-Llama-3.2-3B-Instruct-uncensored	0.182	0.053	0.089	0.065	0.039	0.110	0.097	-0.011
meta-llama-Llama-3.2-3B-Instruct	0.196	0.036	0.082	0.055	0.034	0.109	0.145	-0.035
Qwen-Qwen2.5-3B-Instruct	0.190	0.100	0.076	0.029	0.034	0.037	0.133	0.003
Qwen-Qwen1.5-4B-Chat	0.203	0.159	0.190	0.097	0.063	0.169	0.206	0.015
microsoft-Phi-3-mini-4k-instruct	0.285	0.035	0.136	0.027	0.002	0.068	0.067	-0.027
microsoft-Phi-3-medium-4k-instruct	0.165	0.009	0.021	0.008	-0.002	0.061	0.031	0.012
01-ai-Yi-1.5-6B-Chat	0.195	0.092	0.471	0.131	0.077	0.089	0.315	-0.001
tiiuae-falcon-7b-instruct	-0.083	-0.054	-0.054	-0.230	-0.068	-0.186	-0.339	-0.112
BAAI-AquilaChat-7B	-0.029	-0.115	0.104	0.020	-0.038	0.081	0.097	0.071
baichuan-inc-Baichuan2-7B-Chat	0.040	-0.051	-0.071	-0.006	-0.038	0.073	0.094	-0.018
deepseek-ai-DeepSeek-V2-Lite-Chat	0.193	0.031	0.179	0.035	0.106	0.071	0.128	0.051
deepseek-ai-deepseek-llm-7b-chat	0.208	0.025	0.127	0.037	0.020	0.074	0.173	0.040
georgesung-llama2_7b_chat_uncensored	0.062	0.020	-0.055	0.016	-0.033	-0.005	0.057	-0.020
mistralai-Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.2	0.080	0.012	0.057	0.010	0.004	0.043	0.032	0.005
mistralai-Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.3	0.145	0.007	0.029	0.005	0.006	0.067	0.029	0.002
Qwen-Qwen2-7B-Instruct	0.179	0.066	0.085	0.020	0.060	0.092	0.135	-0.062
Qwen-Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct	0.058	0.005	0.015	0.006	0.002	0.051	0.007	-0.016
Tap-M-Luna-AI-Llama2-Uncensored	0.090	0.020	0.088	0.030	-0.002	0.047	0.100	0.012
arcee-ai-Llama-3.1-SuperNova-Lite	0.338	0.060	0.215	0.084	0.062	0.075	0.172	0.022
CohereForAI-aya-expanse-8b	0.150	0.031	0.109	0.048	0.003	0.026	0.053	-0.004
DeepMount00-Llama-3.1-8b-ITA	0.374	0.089	0.250	0.115	0.082	0.089	0.195	0.039
ibm-granite-granite-3.0-8b-instruct	0.184	0.036	0.065	0.013	0.037	0.123	0.060	0.027
lightblue-suzume-llama-3-8B-multilingual	0.274	-0.022	0.169	0.089	0.054	0.106	0.212	0.036
maum-ai-Llama-3-MAAL-8B-Instruct-v0.1	0.212	0.092	0.234	0.092	0.084	0.091	0.173	0.014
meta-llama-Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct	0.383	0.096	0.258	0.080	0.053	0.094	0.181	0.014
meta-llama-Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct	0.360	0.007	0.190	0.106	0.083	0.121	0.217	0.062
mlx-community-Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct	0.375	0.097	0.264	0.084	0.049	0.092	0.179	0.014
Orenguteng-Llama-3.1-8B-Lexi-Uncensored-V2	0.399	0.122	0.352	0.155	0.101	0.109	0.243	0.045
shenzhi-wang-Llama3-8B-Chinese-Chat	0.212	0.028	0.060	0.047	0.039	0.089	0.185	0.054
Skywork-Skywork-Critic-Llama-3.1-8B	0.291	0.046	0.120	0.055	0.045	0.072	0.185	0.035
ValiantLabs-Llama3.1-8B-Enigma	0.278	0.103	0.298	0.084	0.069	0.079	0.224	0.042
01-ai-Yi-1.5-9B-Chat	0.205	-0.012	0.023	0.045	0.039	0.092	0.063	0.027
google-gemma-2-9b-it	0.196	-0.001	0.009	0.003	0.001	0.038	-0.001	0.022
tiiuae-falcon-11B	0.303	0.061	0.088	0.030	0.040	0.125	0.151	0.008
ajibawa-2023-Uncensored-Frank-13B	0.090	0.027	0.084	-0.013	0.002	0.045	0.050	-0.011
baichuan-inc-Baichuan2-13B-Chat	0.071	0.019	0.082	-0.001	0.009	0.030	0.087	0.028
elinas-Llama-3-13B-Instruct	0.372	-0.011	0.040	0.069	0.013	0.051	0.220	-0.002
Qwen-Qwen1.5-14B-Chat	0.129	0.057	-0.002	0.031	-0.004	0.071	0.044	-0.007
Qwen-Qwen2.5-14B-Instruct	0.123	-0.087	0.003	0.011	0.004	0.051	0.012	0.003
Qwen-Qwen1.5-32B-Chat	0.069	0.098	0.002	0.010	0.003	0.050	0.010	0.007
Qwen-Qwen2.5-32B-Instruct	0.135	0.000	0.003	0.010	-0.001	0.050	0.001	-0.142
01-ai-Yi-1.5-34B-Chat	0.092	0.011	0.040	0.003	-0.097	0.084	0.036	-0.094
mistralai-Mixtral-8x7B-Instruct-v0.1	0.073	-0.005	0.008	-0.010	0.006	0.040	0.013	0.000

Table 7: Model Bias Scores. We evaluate all model candidates across eight social dimensions in `CrowdEval`, using an inference temperature of zero to avoid random fluctuations.

Sequential Topology. Each model in the *Sequential* Topology can refer to the responses of all previous models and update their individual response to the model prompt $\mathcal{P} \leftarrow \mathcal{P} + \mathcal{R}_i$. The final response is produced by the last model in the sequence $\mathcal{R}_{final} = \hat{m}_k(\mathcal{P}')$.

Sequential Topology Prompt Template

Given the context, select the most suitable answer for the question:
Context: {context}
Question: {question}
Answer Choices: {answer choices}
Model Responses: {responses list}

Voting Topology. In the *Voting* Topology, each model generates a response independently:

$$\mathcal{R}_i = \hat{m}i(\mathcal{P}), \quad \forall i \in 0, 1, \cdots, k. \tag{6}$$

The final output is then determined through a voting mechanism, where the majority vote selects the most frequently generated response among all models: $\mathcal{R}_{final} = \texttt{Majority}(\mathcal{R}_0, \mathcal{R}_1, \cdots, \mathcal{R}_k)$.

Voting Topology Prompt Template

Given the context, select the most suitable answer for the question:
Context: {context}
Question: {question}
Answer Choices: {answer choices}

Debating Topology. Similar to the *Voting* topology, each model independently generates an initial response. These responses are then appended to the prompt (*responses_list* records all model responses in the current iteration), updating it as follows: $\mathcal{P} \leftarrow \mathcal{P} + \{\mathcal{R}_0, \mathcal{R}_1, \cdots, \mathcal{R}_k\}$. The debate progresses iteratively, with each model refining its response by incorporating insights from others, until a consensus is reached:

$$\mathcal{R}_{final} = \texttt{Consensus}(\mathcal{R}_0, \mathcal{R}_1, \cdots, \mathcal{R}_k). \quad (7)$$

In our experiments, we define consensus as agreement exceeding a 50% threshold.

Debating Topology Prompt Template

Given the context, analyze responses from other models and based on your own evaluation, determine the most suitable answer to the question.
Context: {context}
Question: {question}
Answer Choices: {answer choices}
Model Responses: {responses_list}

Committee Topology. *Committee* topology differs from the debating approach by incorporating a designated coordinator model. The coordinator receives the initial prompt $\mathcal{P}$ and sequentially queries other models for their responses $\{\mathcal{R}_1, \cdots, \mathcal{R}_k\}$.

Committee Proposal Prompt Template

Given the context, select the most suitable answer for the question:
Context: {context}
Question: {question}
Answer Choices: {answer choices}

Based on these responses, it drafts a consolidated `motion` and seeks approval from the other models.

$$\texttt{Motion} = \texttt{Coordinator}(\mathcal{R}_1, \mathcal{R}_2, \cdots, \mathcal{R}_k) \quad (8)$$

Committee Motion Prompt Template

Refer to the responses from other models, and based on your own evaluation, propose the most suitable answer to the question.
Context: {context}
Question: {question}
Answer Choices: {answer choices}
Model Responses: {responses_list}

The process iterates until a consensus is reached. During this voting stage, each model can *prefer, reject, or abstain* from the `motion`. In our setup, we set the consensus threshold at 50%, and the maximum consensus iterations as 5. Given the coordinator's pivotal role, we always designate $\hat{m}_0$ as the coordinator model.

$$\mathcal{R}_{final} = \texttt{Consensus}(\hat{m}_i(\texttt{Motion})), \quad \forall i \in 1, \cdots, k. \quad (9)$$

Committee Consensus Prompt Template

Based on your own values and evaluation, vote if you prefer/ reject/ abstain from this motion.
Context: {context}
Question: {question}
Answer Choices: {answer choices}
Motion: {motion}

D Ethical Considerations

Our research is driven by the imperative to improve fairness in large language models; however, it also raises several ethical considerations. As noted in the abstract, the paper contains explicit language that may be offensive or upsetting. Such language is presented solely to expose and critically analyze bias in model outputs and is not intended to endorse or promote harmful content. The datasets used—including BBQ and our newly constructed `CrowdEval`—derive from real-world scenarios and inherently reflect existing social stereotypes and biases. While these datasets are invaluable for evaluating bias, their use necessitates a cautious approach to avoid inadvertently reinforcing negative stereotypes.

E Use of AI Assistants

In this work, we utilize ChatGPT [3] to draft the initial code for the creation of Figure 3, Figure 4, and Figure 1. The generated code was subsequently reviewed and modified manually to ensure it met our specific requirements.

[3] https://chatgpt.com/

		Age	*Gender*	*Disability*	*Nationality*	*Race*	*Religion*	*SES ∗*	*SO ∗*
Top-1									
Single	*RS*	0.37	0.26	0.31	0.27	0.38	0.22	0.39	0.26
	MR	<u>0.25</u>	<u>0.16</u>	<u>0.26</u>	<u>0.18</u>	<u>0.17</u>	<u>0.21</u>	<u>0.30</u>	<u>0.24</u>
Top-3									
Sequential	*RS*	0.37	0.27	0.34	0.25	0.35	0.26	0.31	0.23
	BS	0.26	0.15	0.28	0.16	0.17	0.23	0.29	0.24
	MR	0.33	0.16	0.37	0.20	0.32	0.25	0.28	0.25
Voting	*RS*	0.26	0.27	0.24	0.22	0.19	0.20	0.22	0.21
	BS	0.25	0.18	0.22	0.17	0.17	0.19	0.20	0.20
	MR	0.24	0.19	0.16	0.13	0.15	0.18	0.17	0.20
Debating	*RS*	0.14	0.18	0.20	0.15	0.16	0.10	0.15	0.12
	BS	<u>0.12</u>	0.10	0.08	0.06	<u>0.11</u>	0.03	0.13	<u>0.05</u>
	MR	0.16	0.09	<u>0.07</u>	<u>**0.05**</u>	<u>0.11</u>	<u>**0.02**</u>	0.14	0.04
Committee	*RS*	0.17	0.12	0.14	0.13	0.16	0.07	0.16	0.09
	BS	0.14	0.10	0.13	0.10	0.15	0.04	<u>0.10</u>	0.08
	MR	<u>0.12</u>	<u>**0.07**</u>	0.12	0.09	0.14	0.03	0.18	0.07
Top-5									
Sequential	*RS*	0.31	0.30	0.39	0.23	0.37	0.27	0.37	0.29
	BS	0.29	0.18	0.31	0.21	0.22	0.20	0.35	0.27
	MR	0.36	0.19	0.36	0.26	0.27	0.15	0.39	0.26
Voting	*RS*	0.22	0.17	0.24	0.21	0.31	0.15	0.19	0.17
	BS	0.20	0.14	0.13	0.15	0.30	0.12	0.16	0.15
	MR	0.21	0.12	0.11	0.13	0.29	0.11	0.17	0.14
Debating	*RS*	0.09	0.23	0.26	0.11	0.17	0.09	0.17	0.12
	BS	0.14	0.11	0.17	0.09	0.10	<u>**0.02**</u>	0.14	0.07
	MR	0.12	0.09	<u>**0.06**</u>	<u>0.06</u>	<u>0.11</u>	0.03	0.14	<u>0.05</u>
Committee	*RS*	0.14	0.10	0.14	0.14	0.16	0.07	<u>**0.06**</u>	0.09
	BS	0.12	0.08	0.13	0.10	0.15	0.04	0.10	0.08
	MR	<u>0.11</u>	<u>**0.07**</u>	0.12	0.09	0.14	0.03	0.18	0.07
Top-7									
Sequential	*MR*	0.41	0.31	0.41	0.27	0.37	0.32	0.37	0.25
Voting	*MR*	0.24	0.18	0.14	0.15	0.27	0.10	0.18	0.15
Debating	*MR*	<u>**0.10**</u>	0.10	0.11	<u>0.09</u>	<u>**0.08**</u>	<u>**0.02**</u>	<u>0.10</u>	<u>**0.03**</u>
Committee	*MR*	<u>**0.10**</u>	<u>0.08</u>	<u>0.09</u>	0.11	0.14	0.04	0.12	0.08

Table 8: Bias Scores of each `CBM` topology under different *top-k* settings. **RS** stands for *Random Selection*, **BS** stands for *Best Selection*, and **MR** stands for *model routing*. **Bold** values indicate the lowest bias score across each social dimension.

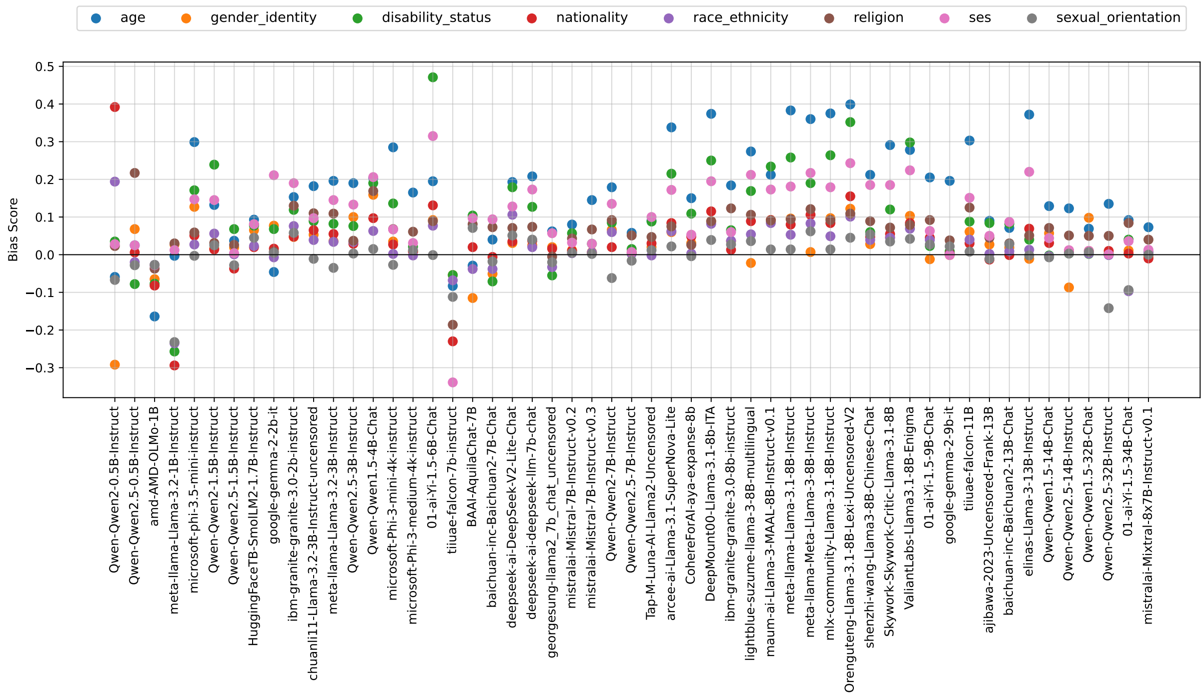

Figure 6: Bias scores across various LLMs. Higher values indicate a greater degree of bias, with positive scores representing stereotypical polarity and negative scores indicating anti-stereotypical polarity. Detailed bias scores are provided in Appendix Table 7.