



# VIRTUAL INFLUENCERS

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# WHAT IS A VIRTUAL INFLUENCER?

Virtual influencers are computer-generated characters (CGI) that appear human and act like social media personalities.

# WHY THEY WORK

## Data-Driven Personas

Built from  
audience  
research—age,  
style, interests.

## Controlled Messaging

No scandals or  
off-brand  
behavior.

## Optimized Engagement

Posts are A/B  
tested for  
maximum  
interaction.

# CONCERNS

## Authenticity:

Are followers being misled?

## Job

## Displacement:

Fewer opportunities for real influencers or models

## Ethical Questions:

Who's responsible for a virtual influencer's actions?

## Cultural Misuse:

Risk of stereotyping or digital blackface