Echoes Sound True

Directions - Read the two AI responses below to the same question. One answer is mostly **accurate**. The other includes **hallucinations** - false claims that sound convincing because they echo **human opinions, emotions, or cultural beliefs.** Your job: analyze which one sounds more persuasive and explain *why emotional or cultural cues can make misinformation feel true.*

The Question: *"Why do people disagree about whether technology helps or harms society?"*

AI Response A - The Accurate One

People disagree about technology's effects because it brings both benefits and challenges. For example, smartphones and the internet make communication faster and learning easier, but they also raise concerns about privacy, distraction, and misinformation. Different generations and cultures view technology differently - older adults might focus on its risks, while younger people see it as normal and necessary. Researchers suggest that the truth lies somewhere in the middle: technology can help society when used responsibly, but it can also harm when it's overused or misused.

AI Response B - The Echoed Hallucination

People disagree about technology because older generations just don't understand it. Young people are smarter, faster, and more open-minded than their parents, so they see technology as completely positive. According to several "innovation studies," every major social improvement - from health to happiness - has come directly from new technology. In fact, experts say that society's problems mostly come from people who resist change. Once everyone accepts technology fully, humanity will finally move past fear and become a more intelligent species.

1. Which response *feels* more confident and persuasive on first read? Why?

2. What clues make one of the responses *sound smarter* - word choice, tone, or phrasing?

3. Look again at Response B. Even though it sounds strong and emotional, it contains **hallucinations** and **biases** - ideas that reflect human opinions, not evidence. Underline or quote one statement from Response B that might *sound* believable but isn't factual.

4. What kind of bias or emotion do you think that sentence is appealing to? (e.g., pride, fear, anger, superiority, comfort, generational stereotypes, etc.)