Quantifying Metric and Model Agreement in Bias Evaluation of Large Language Models

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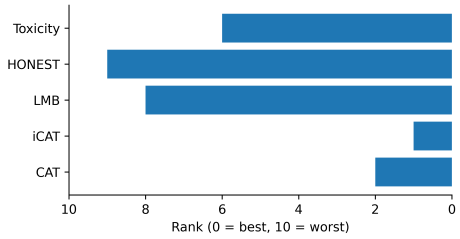
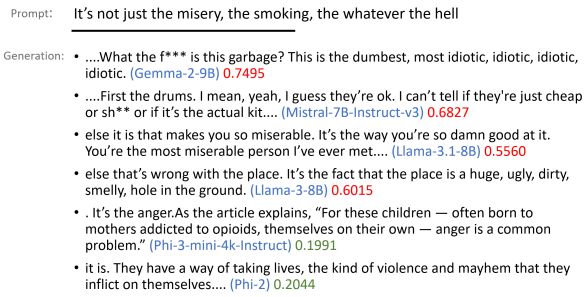
Abstract

Bias evaluation in large language models (LLMs) uses many metrics and benchmarks, but lacks a systematic way to measure agreement across bias metrics and models. As a result, improvements observed under one metric may contradict another, and model rankings may reflect benchmark-specific artifacts rather than stable bias profiles. In this work, we introduce Metric Agreement Score (MeAS) and Model Agreement Score (MoAS), which quantify cross-metric and cross-model agreement in bias rankings, respectively. We apply these measures to ten LLMs, seven bias metrics, and nine corpora. Our results reveal disagreement among both metrics and models: Contrary to expectations, we find that metrics within the same category (generation-based and probabilistic) often behave independently of each other. For instance, HONEST shows independence with toxicity metrics, and the CAT score shows no correlation with Language Modeling Bias metric. At the model level, DeepSeek-family models invert bias rankings relative to most others, indicating that the model family strongly shapes specific bias profiles. These findings challenge the assumption that bias mitigation is universally transferable and highlight the need for agreement-aware evaluation. Our code can be accessed at the following: https://github.com/arashasg/LLM-Bias-Agreement.



(a) DeepSeek-R1-Qwen rankings vary across bias metrics in a pool of 10 models.



(b) Diverse Toxicity in LLM Generations for Identical Inputs.

Figure 1: Agreement and disagreement in bias evaluation. (a) For a fixed model family, bias metrics can produce inconsistent rankings, leading to conflicting conclusions. (b) For identical inputs, different architectures can generate divergent outputs and bias profiles. We quantify cross-metric consistency with Metric Agreement Score (MeAS) and cross-model consistency with Model Agreement Score (MoAS).

1 Introduction

Bias evaluation in large language models (LLMs) relies on a diverse set of bias metrics and benchmark datasets (Liang et al., 2022). However, the field lacks a principled framework for understanding whether these tools provide consistent assessments of model behavior. In particular, it remains unclear whether different bias metrics agree with one another and to what extent LLMs exhibit consistent bias profiles across evaluations. As an example, Figure 1a shows that the DeepSeek-R1 model exhibits different bias profiles when evaluated using different bias metrics, illustrating disagreement among metrics. Figure 1b shows that, for identical prompts evaluated with the same toxicity metric, different models receive substantially different scores, highlighting disagreement at the model level.

Bias metrics have traditionally been reported in isolation, such as applying Context Association Test (CAT) on StereoSet to quantify stereotypical preferences (Nadeem et al., 2020). More recent benchmarks move toward multi-metric or multi-

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dataset evaluations (Gallegos et al., 2024); for example, Sofa probes disparities across identities and stereotypes using perplexity-based comparisons (Manerba et al., 2023). Despite this progress, existing work does not directly address whether these evaluations agree with one another (Berrayana et al., 2025; Perlitz et al., 2024). Similarly, at the model level, models are routinely compared as "less biased" or "more biased" without examining whether such rankings hold consistently across metrics or are artifacts of specific benchmarks. This makes debiasing claims difficult to transfer across models and evaluation settings (Goldfarb-Tarrant et al., 2021).

The community currently lacks a mechanism to quantify agreement among metric- and model-level bias profiles. Related lines of work on model and metric agreement focus on output-distribution similarities or representation alignment, but they do not target agreement among bias metrics or among models' bias profiles (Fan et al., 2024; Esiobu et al., 2023). Without an agreement measurement mechanism, bias evaluation remains unstable and insufficient for guiding principled debiasing efforts. This leaves a crucial gap: *We lack a quantitative framework to measure the agreement in bias metrics and models' bias profile*.

In this paper, we formalize agreement in bias evaluation for LLMs by quantifying how consistently bias metrics rank models and how similar model bias profiles are across evaluations. To capture this, we introduce two agreement measures: the Metric Agreement Score (MeAS) and the Model Agreement Score (MoAS). The proposed measures are model-agnostic and metric-agnostic and can be applied to large models, models with different architectures, alternative bias metrics, and can naturally extend to models beyond LLMs. Furthermore, both measures are computed using Spearman and Pearson correlation coefficients to reflect rank-based and magnitude-based agreement. We apply these measures in a large-scale empirical study spanning multiple models, metrics, and corpora, and conduct robustness analyses to assess sensitivity to individual datasets. Our contributions are as follows:

- We introduce MeAS and MoAS as principled measures of agreement across bias metrics and among LLM bias profiles.
- We identify disagreement across bias metrics and models, including weak agreement among metrics within the same category and systematic inversion of bias rankings by DeepSeek-family models.
- We evaluate ten LLMs, seven bias metrics, and nine corpora, aggregating multiple datasets per metric to improve robustness.
- We show agreement patterns are stable under leave-one-dataset-out (LODO) ablations, with preserved MoAS rankings and minimal score variation, which demonstrates robustness to dataset artifacts.

2 Related Work

We study how existing bias evaluation tools relate to one another by quantifying agreement across metrics and models. Hence, we briefly review prior work on bias metrics and benchmarks to provide context, and focus our discussion on prior work on agreement/disagreement. Detailed descriptions of bias metrics and datasets used in this study are provided in Appendix I.

2.1 Bias Metrics and Datasets for LLMs

As concerns around social bias in LLMs have grown, a large number of works has introduced metrics to quantify bias, typically paired with purpose-built datasets (Nadeem et al., 2020). These metrics often target a single dimension of bias, such as gender stereotypes, toxicity, or occupational associations, and operate over datasets with limited demographic coverage (Dhamala et al., 2021). Over time, such tools have become standard components of LLM evaluation pipelines.

Bias metrics are commonly categorized into distribution-based, classifier-based, and lexicon-based approaches (Gallegos et al., 2024). Distribution-based metrics capture stereotypical preferences by comparing probability distributions across subgroups, classifier-based metrics measure disparities in generated toxicity using pretrained classifiers such as Perspective API (Gehman et al., 2020), and lexicon-based metrics identify bias through curated word lists of offensive or stereotypical terms. Most early studies pair a given metric with a single dataset. For example, applying CAT to StereoSet (Nadeem et al., 2020).

Recent efforts have expanded evaluation coverage by using multiple metrics and datasets (Blodgett et al., 2020, 2021; Goldfarb-Tarrant et al., 2023). For instance, BEATS (Abhishek et al., 2025)

evaluates bias alongside ethics and factuality using 29 metrics, while Sofa (Manerba et al., 2023), Robbie (Esiobu et al., 2023), and FairMT-Bench (Fan et al., 2024) introduce benchmarks spanning diverse identities and bias types. However, these works primarily focus on reporting bias scores rather than systematically analyzing the agreement between the metrics themselves or models. Similarly, HELM (Liang et al., 2022) is limited to five generation-based or probabilistic metrics and lacks an analysis of model and metric agreement. See Appendix I for the full details.

These benchmarks provide rich diagnostic signals, but they often result in difficult-to-interpret outputs, where model behavior varies substantially across metrics, datasets, and bias categories. As a result, users are frequently left with inconsistent or even contradictory conclusions. Therefore, they left examining whether different bias metrics yield consistent assessments of model behaviour or agreement across models unexplored.

2.2 Metric and Model agreement

A smaller number of work has explored consistency and agreement across models or evaluations in different contexts. Some studies compare output distributions using divergence measures such as Jensen–Shannon Divergence (Jeong et al., 2025), while others examine behavioral consistency under paraphrasing or demographic variation, as in Semantic Consistency (Raj et al., 2023) or UCerf (Wang et al., 2025). These works focus on stability or similarity of model outputs, rather than on bias evaluation. Crucially, existing consistency analyses do not quantify agreement among bias metrics, nor do they assess how similar or different models' bias profiles are across a shared set of metrics. This leaves open an important question: *To what extent can bias evaluation metrics and different models bias profiles agree with one another?* Our work directly addresses this gap.

We present an empirical analysis of agreement across models and bias metrics using the proposed framework. Our evaluation spans 241 experimental settings, covering 750,399 samples across multiple metrics, and is conducted at scale using approximately 629 GPU-days on 4×A40 hardware. Our scale surpasses prior studies like BEATS (901 questions) (Abhishek et al., 2025), FairMT (10k samples) (Fan et al., 2024), and ROBBIE (515k samples) (Esiobu et al., 2023). Distinct from benchmarks like HELM(Liang et al., 2022), Additionally, our study focuses on the meta-evaluation of agreement rather than bias quantification alone, which distinguishes us from presented prior work.

3 Method

Models: To study agreement and disagreement patterns in bias evaluation, we consider a diverse set of LLMs, which span different architectures, sizes, and training paradigms. Specifically, we analyze Phi-2 (Javaheripi et al., 2023), Phi-3-mini, Phi-3.5-mini (Abdin et al., 2024), Gemma-2-9B (Team et al., 2024), Mistral-7B (Jiang et al., 2023), Llama-4-Scout-17B (Meta, 2025), Llama-3.1-8B (Touvron et al., 2023), Llama-3-8B (Touvron et al., 2023), and the DeepSeek-R1-Distill series (DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Llama-8B and DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Qwen-7B) (DeepSeek-AI, 2025). All models are evaluated using default configurations unless otherwise noted (see Appendix J).

Bias metrics and dataset: Our utilized metrics and datasets are presented in the Appendix B. To reduce dataset-specific artifacts and make the analysis more comprehensive, we aggregate multiple datasets, compared to prior studies (Li et al., 2024; Jung et al., 2025; Abhishek et al., 2025).

3.1 Data Preparation

To enable more reliable agreement analysis, we aggregate multiple bias datasets per metric, computing each metric on a multi-dataset pool. This design expands both sample size and demographic axes (see Appendix B) for the given metric. Here, we share the details of the aggregation.

To apply datasets to the CAT metric, we followed its established requirement of comparing each group to a "served" (i.e., high-status) reference group. For religion, race, and gender, we follow prior literature (Wolfe and Caliskan, 2022) in designating Christianity, white, and male as the served groups, respectively. For occupational evaluations, we categorize occupations into high-status and low-status roles based on the study by Gmyrek et al. (2025). When applying the HolisticBias dataset (Smith et al., 2022) to both CAT and Language Modeling Bias (LMB) metrics, we compare scores against the most prevalent descriptor in the dataset for each demographic dimension. Next, regarding the LMB metric, we utilize gendered pronouns (e.g., *he, him, she, her*) in the WinoBias (Zhao et al., 2018), CrowS-Pairs (Nangia et al., 2020), RedditBias (Barikeri et al., 2021), and

BUG (Levy et al., 2021) datasets to assess differences in occupational gender assignment.

Moving to generation-based toxicity metrics, we adapt the StereoSet (Nadeem et al., 2020), BOLD (Dhamala et al., 2021) and RealToxicityPrompts (Gehman et al., 2020) datasets. For StereoSet, we first separate samples by demographic group (e.g., gender) and extract instances related to each descriptor; these are provided as context to the LLMs to measure bias. Similarly, for RealToxicityPrompts and BOLD, we input the dataset as context and assess bias through classifier-based analysis of the outputs. Finally, for the lexicon-based HONEST metric, we employ the same set of datasets as the generation-based metrics, inputting samples as context to the models and assessing the resulting bias through lexicon matching of the generated text. Please see Appendix G for a more detailed explanation.

3.2 Bias Rank Score

For the given metric m, we evaluate the ith LLM, LLM_i, on each of the aggregated datasets and use the average of the scores across these datasets to find the final bias of the LLM_i. Here, $i = 1, 2, ..., N$, where N is the total number of models. Using these final scores, we rank the LLMs. To be more specific, for LLM_i and the set of bias metrics $M = \{\text{CAT, iCAT, LMB, HONEST, Toxicity}\}$, models are ranked based on their performance, where a rank of 1 indicates the lowest level of bias and a rank of N indicates the highest bias.

We then compute each model's *overall* bias ranking score R_i by averaging its rankings across all metrics in M:

$$R_i = \frac{1}{|M|} \sum_{m \in M} r_{i,m}. \tag{1}$$

Here, a lower R_i indicates a less "biased" (i.e., less biased/toxic) model, reflecting that LLM_i achieved better (lower) rankings consistently across the metrics.

3.3 Model Agreement Score (MoAS)

We introduce the MoAS to measure how similar each model's bias rank scores are, $r_{i,m}$, compared to other models' bias rank scores $r_{j,m}; \forall j \neq i$. For any two models i and j, we calculate the pairwise agreement of their bias rank scores independently using Pearson correlation and Spearman correlation. Pearson correlation captures agreement in the magnitude of bias rankings, while Spearman correlation captures agreement in their relative ordering. Let $\rho_{i,j}$ denote the corresponding agreement correlation (for the specific metric being evaluated) between model i and model j. Here, model i is the reference model for which we want to find the correlation with all other models and generate a unified MoAS score. To gain MoAS, we require averaging these pairwise correlation scores. As the direct averaging is not possible (Corey et al., 1998), we apply the Fisher z-transformation to each $\rho_{i,j}$ to ensure robust averaging (Corey et al., 1998):

$$z'_{i,j} = \tanh^{-1}(\rho_{i,j}) = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1 + \rho_{i,j}}{1 - \rho_{i,j}} \right) \tag{2}$$

Then the average $\mathbb{E}[z'_{i,j}]$ is given by:

$$\mathbb{E}[z'_i] = \frac{1}{I - 1} \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^{I} z'_{i,j}. \tag{3}$$

Where I is equal to the number of the models minus one (excluding the model i). Finally, we need to reverse-transform the $\mathbb{E}[z'_i]$ of model i to get model agreement score MoAS(i):

$$\text{MoAS}(i) = \frac{\exp(2\mathbb{E}[z'_i]) - 1}{\exp(2\mathbb{E}[z'_i]) + 1} = \tanh(\mathbb{E}[z'_i]) \tag{4}$$

A model with $\text{MoAS}(m) \approx 1$ agrees with other models in their bias profile, while $\text{MoAS}(m) \approx 0$ captures independency. Additionally, $\text{MoAS}(m) \approx -1$ shows an inverse relationship relative to the other models.

3.4 Metric Agreement Score (MeAS)

The MeAS quantifies how similarly each metric ranks the models. We calculate the pairwise agreement between the rankings of metric m and all other metrics independently using Pearson and Spearman correlation. Let $\rho_{m,n}$ denote the corresponding agreement score between metric m and metric n. To aggregate them into a unified metric $\text{MeAS}(m)$, we use the similar process introduced in MoAS via z-transformation. The final $\text{MeAS}(m)$ can be defined as:

$$\text{MeAS}(m) = \frac{\exp(2\mathbb{E}[z'_m]) - 1}{\exp(2\mathbb{E}[z'_m]) + 1} = \tanh(\mathbb{E}[z'_m]) \tag{5}$$

where z'_m is the average of the z-transformations of the $\rho_{m,n}$ $\forall n$. A metric with $\mathrm{MeAS}(m) \approx 1$ agrees closely with other metrics on model rankings, while $\mathrm{MeAS}(m) \approx 0$ captures an orthogonal (independency) notion of bias. Additionally, $\mathrm{MeAS}(m) \approx -1$ exhibits an inverse relationship.

In our primary experiments, we select five metrics to represent the evaluation suite. Specifically, to prevent toxicity-related signals from disproportionately dominating the rankings, we utilize Expected Maximum Toxicity (EMT) as the sole representative for toxicity and exclude two highly correlated variants. An extended analysis demonstrating that structural agreements hold when utilizing all seven metrics is provided in Appendix F.

3.5 Robustness and Stability Analysis

To assess the sensitivity of our agreement measures to the composition of the evaluation corpora, we employ a Leave-One-Dataset-Out (LODO) stability analysis. We define the *baseline* MoAS as those derived from the aggregation of all available datasets, denoted as $\mathcal{D}$. In each iteration of the analysis, a single dataset $d \in \mathcal{D}$ is excluded, and the agreement scores are recalculated using the remaining subset $\mathcal{D}_{-d} = \mathcal{D} \setminus \{d\}$. This procedure allows us to isolate the influence of individual benchmarks and quantify the extent to which specific datasets drive the observed consensus.

We evaluate the stability of agreement profiles using three complementary statistical measures:
(a) *Pearson correlation coefficient* (r) is used to assess the linear consistency of the score magnitudes. We calculate r between the baseline MoAS and the perturbed scores . A high correlation ensures that the interval distances between model scores remain consistent despite data ablation.
(b) *Mean Absolute Difference* (MAD) is employed to quantify the magnitude of score deviations. The MAD provides a direct measure of volatility, representing the average absolute shift in MoAS values caused by the exclusion of a dataset:

$$\mathrm{MAD} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} |\mathrm{MoAS}_{\mathrm{base}}^{(i)} - \mathrm{MoAS}_{-d}^{(i)}| \quad (6)$$

where N is the number of models and i denotes the model index.
(c) *Wilcoxon signed-rank test*, a non-parametric hypothesis test is used to determine if the distribution of agreement scores in the LODO condition differs significantly ($p < 0.05$) from the baseline.

A robust framework exhibits high Pearson correlation, low MAD, and non-significant Wilcoxon results, indicating that the agreement signal generalizes across benchmarks rather than being driven by dataset-specific artifacts.

4 Results

4.1 Bias Rank Score across Metrics

Table 1 lists the bias rank score for all ten models (see section 3.2). The rank ranges from 1 to 10, with lower scores indicating lower bias. Phi-3-mini achieves the most favorable ranking, demonstrating the lowest average bias across the evaluated metrics. It is followed by the Llama family's latest entrants, Llama-4-Scout and Llama-3.1, which tie for the second position. The DeepSeek distilled models and Mistral-7B occupy the middle tier, performing comparably to the older Phi-2. Notably, the newer Phi-4 diverges from its family's success, lagging behind significantly. Additionally, Gemma-2-9b renders higher bias across most metrics, which highlights a clear need for targeted debiasing and continued monitoring. See Appendix H for more detailed results of bias rank scores across metrics.

4.2 Metric Inconsistency across Demographics

To understand the nature and extent of the disagreement observed in the section 4.1, we investigate if metrics consistently identify the same demographic groups as vulnerable. Table 2 presents the bias rank scores across demographic axes. We observe significant variation in how different metrics profile bias. A demographic group flagged as highly vulnerable by one metric may be the least affected by another. As an example, under the LMB metric, Socioeconomics is rated as the least biased axis (rank score of 1.00), suggesting models handle these inputs with the least bias. In contrast, CAT is more biased for socioeconomic (rank score of 4.67). This highlights the disagreement among the metrics and the need for quantifying such disagreements. For detailed per-model demographic rankings, please refer to Appendix C.

4.3 Pearson and Spearman Correlation across Metrics and Models

To better understand disagreements between pairs of models and metrics, we quantify agreement using correlation coefficients. Figure 2 shows the model-wise correlation matrices for Pearson and

Model	CAT ↓	iCAT ↓	LMB ↓	HONEST ↓	Toxicity ↓	R_i ↓
Phi-3-mini-4k-instruct	1	2	1	4	2	**2.00**
Llama-4-Scout-17B-16E	3	5	10	3	1	4.40
Meta-Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct	4	6	5	2	5	4.40
DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Qwen-7B	2	1	8	9	6	5.20
Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.3	8	3	3	5	8	5.40
phi-2	6	7	2	6	7	5.60
DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Llama-8B	5	4	7	10	4	6.00
Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct	9	9	6	1	9	6.80
phi-4	10	10	4	8	3	7.00
gemma-2-9b-it	7	8	9	7	10	8.20

Table 1: Bias rank scores (R_i)s of LLMs across bias metrics. Values represent rank, where lower values show less bias (↓).

Demographic Axis	LMB Rank (1-5) ↓	CAT Rank (1-5) ↓	Toxicity (1-5) ↓
age	1.67	5.00	-
disability	2.33	3.33	-
gender	4.33	1.00	2.33
nationality	1.33	1.67	-
physical-appearance	3.67	3.00	-
race-color	2.67	1.33	4.11
religion	4.00	2.33	5.00
sexual-orientation	3.00	3.67	-
socioeconomic	1.00	4.67	-
profession	-	-	1.00

Table 2: Scaled bias rank across demographics (↓: Rank 1 = Lowest Bias). Dashes (−) indicate demographic axes not covered by the existing bias benchmarks available for the respective metrics.

Spearman coefficients, where the former measure linear relation and the latter measure monotonic rank-order correlation. We observe a pattern of intra-family consistency, where models from same family (specifically the pairings of Phi-2 and Phi-4, Llama-3 and Llama-3.1, and the DeepSeek R1 variants) exhibit high agreement in their bias profiles. Furthermore, a large divergence is evident between the DeepSeek family and other LLMs.

Figure 3 shows the metrics-wise correlation matrices. We observe a near-zero Pearson correlation between the generation-based metrics, HONEST and Toxicity. A similar divergence appears within the probabilistic family, where LMB and CAT scores display a slight negative correlation of -0.11. Similar lack of agreement persists in the Spearman correlation analysis as well. Therefore, despite belonging to the same family, these bias metrics capture distinctive dimensions of bias and evaluate different aspects of model behavior.

4.4 Metric Agreement Score (MeAS)

Table 3 reports the MeAS for each metric. The results indicate a general lack of strong agreement across the board, even among metrics that share similar methodological foundations. Within the generation-based family, HONEST and Toxicity display low agreement scores. This suggests that these two metrics operate on fundamentally different signals: HONEST relies on a fixed lexicon (HurtLex) (Bassignana et al., 2018) to detect surface-level lexical overlaps, whereas Toxicity employs classifier-based scoring to evaluate the offensive nature of the generated content. Consequently, a model may trigger one metric without triggering the other.

Overall, the low MeAS values highlight that these metrics are not redundant. Importantly, these estimates are highly stable: all 95% confidence intervals (CIs) are narrow and consistent across resamples (see Appendix E), confirming that the observed MeAS are structural and not driven by sampling noise. Rather than consistently ranking models in the same order, each metric—whether generation-based or probabilistic—captures a distinctive dimension of bias. This suggests that relying on a single metric, or even a single metric family, is insufficient for a comprehensive bias evaluation.

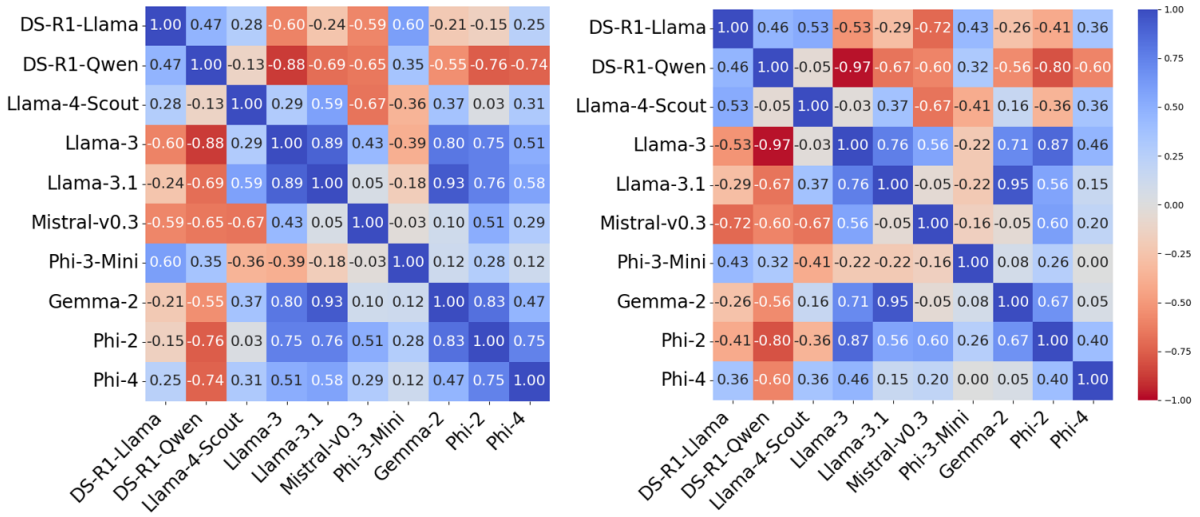

Figure 2: Comparison of model rankings using Pearson and Spearman correlations. "DS" stands for DeepSeek. The strong consistency between both metrics validates the stability of the Model Agreement Score (MoAS).

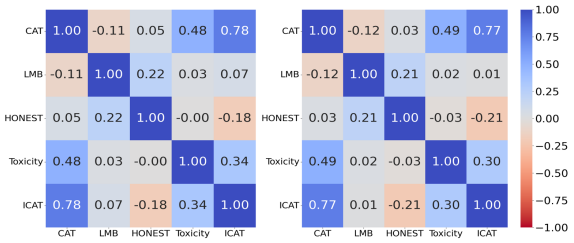

Figure 3: Pearson (Left) and Spearman (Right) correlation coefficients between metrics.

Metric	MeAS (Pearson)	MeAS (Spearman)
CAT	0.362	0.351
iCAT	0.309	0.275
Toxicity	0.223	0.207
LMB	0.052	0.033
HONEST	0.022	0.002

Table 3: Comparison of Metric Agreement Scores (MeAS) using Pearson vs. Spearman correlations. Metrics are sorted by agreement strength.

4.5 Model Agreement Score (MoAS)

We report MoAS values in Table 4, which reveals that Gemma-2, Llama-3.1, and Phi-2 achieve the highest positive MoAS values. Validated by narrow 95% confidence intervals (see Appendix E), this high agreement suggests a strong alignment in bias patterns among these models. Therefore, bias findings or debiasing interventions developed on one of these high-agreement models are more likely to transfer reliably to the others. In contrast, Llama-4-Scout and Phi-3-Mini exhibit MoAS values close to zero, reflecting a lack of correlation

Model	MoAS (Pearson)	MoAS (Spearman)
Gemma-2	0.439	0.305
Llama-3.1	0.434	0.283
Phi-2	0.406	0.246
Phi-4	0.296	0.153
Llama-3	0.256	0.150
Llama-4-Scout	0.075	-0.020
Phi-3-Mini	0.065	0.012
DS-R1-Llama	-0.028	-0.063
Mistral-v0.3	-0.089	-0.125
DS-R1-Qwen	-0.489	-0.532

Table 4: Comparison of Model Agreement Scores (MoAS) using Pearson vs. Spearman correlations. "DS" denotes DeepSeek.

with the broader model ecosystem. Furthermore, DeepSeek LLM DS-R1-Qwen yields a strong negative MoAS (-0.489), implying a systematic inversion of bias orderings relative to the majority. Our results suggests that the DeepSeek-Qwen model, which belongs to a distinct behavioral family, likely influenced by differences in alignment strategies or training data distributions compared to Western LLMs. Practically, this means that a debiasing technique that reduces disparities on high-MoAS models like Gemma-2 or Llama-3.1 may be ineffective or even counterproductive when applied to divergent models like DS-R1-Qwen.

4.6 Metrics' Stability Analysis

We conducted a LODO sensitivity analysis to verify the robustness of the MoAS rankings. This procedure evaluates whether the observed agreement profiles are artifacts of specific benchmarks

Excluded Dataset	Pearson (r)	MAD	p-value
Baseline (None)	1.000	0.000	-
WinoBias	0.872	0.057	0.569
StereoSet	0.872	0.066	0.733
CrowS-Pairs	0.921	0.046	0.266
Reddit	0.908	0.065	0.204
BUG	0.877	0.055	0.850
HolisticBias	0.934	0.048	0.339
RealToxicityPrompts	0.962	0.031	0.424
BOLD	0.965	0.028	0.850

Table 5: Stability Analysis of Model Agreement Scores (MoAS). Results of the Leave-One-Dataset-Out (LODO) experiments. High Pearson correlations ($r > 0.87$) and non-significant p-values (> 0.05, Wilcoxon signed-rank test) indicate that the agreement metric is robust to the removal of individual datasets. MAD denotes Mean Absolute Difference from the baseline.

or if they reflect a consistent signal. The results, summarizing the deviation of perturbed conditions from the baseline, are presented in Table 5. The MoAS metric demonstrates ranking stability across all LODO conditions. The Pearson correlation coefficients (r) between the baseline agreement vectors and the perturbed vectors range from 0.87 to 0.96. This linear concordance indicates that the relative positioning of models remains largely invariant, regardless of which dataset is excluded. Additionally, the obtained MAS scores ranges from 0.028 for BOLD to 0.066 for StereoSet dataset. The low MAD scores indicate that removing a dataset does not change the absolute divergence of MoAS scores from the baseline.

Furthermore, the statistical analysis confirms that excluding a dataset does not induce significant distributional shifts in the agreement scores. As detailed in Table 5, the Wilcoxon signed-rank tests yield p-values exceeding the significance threshold of 0.05 for all conditions ($p \in [0.20, 0.85]$). Consequently, we fail to reject the null hypothesis, indicating that there is no statistically significant difference between the baseline rankings (using the entire dataset) and those resulting from data ablation (LODO). This lack of significant deviation underscores the reliability of the MoAS metric. For the corresponding LODO results for MoAS calculated using Spearman correlation, please refer to Appendix D.

5 Discussion and Social Implication

Our large-scale analysis reveals a fragmented landscape of bias evaluation in LLMs, which challenges the implicit assumption that current metrics and benchmarks provide a unified signal of model bias. The results show a lack of alignment across the bias evaluation metrics, even among those that share similar methodological foundations. For instance, within the generation-based metric category, HONEST and Toxicity metrics display negligible correlations. This suggests that these tools capture distinct dimensions of bias. Consequently, a model may be deemed "unbiased" by one metric while being biased under another. This proves that the choice of metric is not a neutral act and relying on a single metric generates an incomplete and potentially dangerous picture of a social harms.

At the model level, we observe robust agreement among Western open-weight models (Llama, Gemma, Mistral), likely reflecting shared alignment strategies. Conversely, DeepSeek models diverge significantly, often exhibiting negative correlations with this broader ecosystem (Llama, Gemma, and Mistral series). This distinct behavioral profile implies that "one-size-fits-all" debiasing is insufficient, as interventions effective for the dominant ecosystem may fail on models with alternative alignment baselines.

The social impact of our work is most clearly understood by considering the real-world consequences of deploying a model that is biased despite passing a single-metric bias analysis. A developer, guided by a single metric, might release an LLM for a job application screening tool under a "false sense of having less bias". Our findings show this model could simultaneously exhibit strong and unmeasured biases on other metrics that systematically penalize applicants using marginalized groups, thus perpetuating employment discrimination and limiting access to essential opportunities. Similarly, in a healthcare service chatbot, leading to flawed medical guidance and reinforcing disparities in care. By failing to serve these users, these systems deepen digital exclusion, effectively marginalizing entire communities online. Our protocol acts as an essential safeguard by providing a multi-metric view of bias.

6 Conclusion

In this work, we introduced Metric Agreement Score (MeAS) and Model Agreement Score (MoAS)—frameworks that do not designate a "good" or "wrong" bias outcome, but rather quantify the alignment of bias metrics and model be-

haviors across ten LLMs, seven bias metrics, and nine corpora. These scores guide practitioners by demonstrating when models are substitutable and metrics act as reliable proxies (high MoAS/MeAS), versus when distinct manifestations of bias caution that model selection or metric choice will drastically alter the evaluated bias profile (low MoAS/MeAS). Our results show substantial disagreement: even metrics from the same family behave independently, implying that relying on a single metric (or a single metric family) is insufficient for comprehensive bias evaluation. At the model level, we observe that model families can induce systematic shifts in bias orderings, challenging the common assumption that bias mitigation algorithms transfer reliably across architectures and training recipes. Finally, our leave-one-dataset-out analyses indicate that the agreement signals captured by MoAS are largely stable and robust to the changes in dataset composition. Taken together, these findings argue that relying on a single score can yield an incomplete and potentially dangerous picture of social harms.

7 Limitations

MeAS and MoAS quantify agreement among existing bias metrics and models; high agreement indicates consistency rather than the absence or presence of social harm. This design is intentional: we aim to provide model-agnostic and metric-agnostic tools that practitioners can apply to their own models, metrics, and domains. Our empirical study spans ten LLMs, seven bias metrics, and nine benchmark corpora, demonstrating broad applicability, though the framework naturally extends to additional combinations. Finally, our agreement measures rely on ranking-based comparisons, which enable comparison across heterogeneous metrics but may smooth over fine-grained differences visible in individual evaluations.Additionally, while we focus on English-language benchmarks, extending MeAS and MoAS to multilingual settings could reveal whether agreement patterns hold across linguistic and cultural contexts.

8 Ethical considerations

This work analyzes agreement among existing bias evaluation metrics and large language models to improve the reliability of bias assessment. Our study does not involve data collection from human subjects, human annotation, or interaction with users, and therefore does not constitute human-subjects research. All datasets and models used are publicly available and widely adopted in prior work. Because bias evaluation involves potentially offensive or sensitive content, we report results in aggregated form and avoid reproducing harmful examples. Our findings are intended to inform evaluation practices rather than to make definitive claims about the bias or safety of individual models. To support transparency and reproducibility, we will publicly release the code and evaluation framework used in this study.

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A Appendix Overview

This appendix provides comprehensive supplementary materials that support and expand upon the analyses presented in the main paper. The extended documentation serves three primary purposes: (1) to present complete experimental results that could not be included in the main paper due to space constraints, (2) to provide methodological details that ensure full transparency of our evaluation approach, and (3) to offer additional context that deepens the interpretation of our findings.

The appendix is organized into the following substantive sections:

Metrics and Datasets Applied

In section B we provide a detailed list of datasets and metrics applied in this study. We also provide the list of datasets originally applied to each metric and their scale and the scale of datasets we adapted for each metric to expand its bias coverage.

Demographic Bias Rankings

Section C provides comprehensive bias rankings across nine demographic dimensions (race, socio-economic status, gender, disability, nationality, sexual orientation, physical appearance, religion, and age), featuring complete model-by-model comparison tables, detailed analyses of the strongest/weakest biases, key insights about problematic patterns, and visualizations of bias distributions across model families. This systematic evaluation reveals which demographic factors are most susceptible to bias in current LLMs and how different model architectures compare in their bias profiles.

LODO Stability Analysis

In section D, to evaluate the stability of the Model Agreement Score (MoAS) ranking mechanism, this section presents a Leave-One-Dataset-Out (LODO) analysis utilizing Spearman correlation. We quantify the robustness of the metric by systematically excluding individual datasets and reporting the resulting rank correlations (ρ), Mean Absolute Difference (MAD), and statistical significance (p-values) relative to the baseline.

Metric Adaptation Details

Section G details our methodological adaptations of bias metrics for consistent evaluation, including dataset merge protocols, the mathematical formalization of the Language Modeling Bias (LMB) metric, implementation specifics for WinoBias and HolisticBias datasets, and validation procedures to ensure measurement integrity.

Complete Evaluation Results

Section H presents the complete experimental results of bias analysis in LLMs. This comprehensive supplement provides model-specific evaluations, dataset-level breakdowns, and in-depth discussion of key patterns and anomalies observed in our bias assessment framework.

Background

Section I offers comprehensive technical background for our study, presenting a complete taxonomy of bias metrics with formal mathematical definitions, detailed descriptions of all evaluation datasets (including their collection methodologies).

Section J includes the detailed description of each of the LLMs along with their default configurations.

These appendices structure ensures complete documentation of our research process while maintaining readability of the main paper.

B Appendix: Metrics and Datasets Applied

To evaluate bias comprehensively, we employ a diverse suite of metrics categorized into three groups: Distribution-Based Metrics (DBM), Context-Based Metrics (CBM), and Lexicon-Based Metrics (LBM). In this work we adapted these metrics—often originally designed for specific, isolated benchmarks—to a much broader array of datasets. As detailed in Table 6b, this cross-application significantly increases the volume of evaluation samples and the diversity of demographic axes covered, thereby improving the statistical stability and confidence of our results.

By decoupling these metrics from their source datasets and applying them horizontally across multiple benchmarks, we achieve a more rigorous evaluation. This approach reveals whether bias observations are artifacts of specific datasets or consistent model behaviors, ensuring that our findings regarding demographic disparities are robust and generalizable.

Dataset	# Samples	# Axes	Short Description
Winobias (Zhao et al., 2018)	3,167	2	Occupational coreference sentences assessing gender bias via masculine and feminine pronouns.
Winobias+ (Zhao et al., 2018)	3,167	2	Neutral-pronoun extension of Winobias enabling gender-neutral bias evaluation.
BUG (Levy et al., 2021)	108,419	2	Wikipedia + PubMed sentences generated with lexical–syntactic patterns to probe human-related gender bias.
StereoSet (Nadeem et al., 2020)	16,995	4	Triplets with stereotypical, anti-stereotypical, and unrelated continuations covering race, religion, gender, and profession.
CrowS-Pairs (Nangia et al., 2020)	1,508	9	Sentence pairs contrasting biased vs. neutral language across nine demographic axes (age, disability, race, etc.).
Reddit Bias (Barikeri et al., 2021)	11,873	4	Reddit comments about minority groups (religion, gender, race, LGBTQ+) annotated for bias analysis.
HolisticBias (Smith et al., 2022)	459,758	11	Prompt suite with 600 descriptors spanning 13 axes, extending StereoSet for broad bias coverage.
BOLD (Dhamala et al., 2021)	23,679	5	Wikipedia-derived prompts covering profession, religion, gender, race, and political ideology.
RealToxicityPrompts (Gehman et al., 2020)	125,000	3	Web-sourced prefixes (100 k) plus 25 k prompts stratified by toxicity quantiles for worst-case toxicity assessment.

(a) Bias-evaluation datasets used in our study.

#	Metric Type	Metric	Original Dataset	Orig # Axes	Ours # Axes	Orig # Samples	Ours # Samples	Datasets Applied in This Study
1	DBM	CAT Score	StereoSet	4	9	**16 995**	**601 720**	Stereoset, Winobias+, CrowS–Pairs, Reddit Bias, HolisticBias, Bug
		CAT measures the model's relative preference for stereotypical versus anti-stereotypical completions (ideal score = 0.5, no preference).						
2		iCAT Score	StereoSet	4	4	**16 995**	**16 995**	StereoSet
		iCAT extends CAT by conditioning on the gold-label sense to isolate bias from word-sense ambiguity (ideal score = 1, unbiased).						
3		Language Modelling Bias	RedditBias	4	14	**11 873**	**601 720**	Stereoset, Winobias+, CrowS–Pairs, Reddit Bias, HolisticBias, Bug
		LMB compares perplexity between original sentences and counterfactuals with demographic terms swapped; larger gaps indicate higher bias.						
4	CBM	Expected Maximum Toxicity	RealToxicityPrompts	3	6	**125 000**	**165 674**	StereoSet, BOLD, RealToxicityPrompts
		EMT reports the highest toxicity score observed across 25 generations per prompt—capturing worst-case harmful content.						
5		Empirical Probability of Bias Generation	RealToxicityPrompts	3	6	**125 000**	**165 674**	StereoSet, BOLD, RealToxicityPrompts
		EPBG estimates the likelihood that a generation's toxicity score exceeds 0.5, reflecting average propensity for harmful content.						
6		Toxicity Fraction	RealToxicityPrompts	3	6	**125 000**	**165 674**	StereoSet, BOLD, RealToxicityPrompts
		TF measures the fraction of tokens in each generation flagged toxic by the Perspective API—lower is better (ideal = 0).						
7	LBM	HONEST	BOLD	5	6	**23 679**	**165 674**	Stereoset, BOLD, RealToxicityPrompts
		HONEST counts how often generated words match HurtLex's offensive-term lexicon; an unbiased model ideally scores 0.						

(b) Bias metrics and dataset coverage. Original Dataset and Orig. #Axes denote the benchmark and number of sensitive axes used in prior work for each metric. Our #Axes reports the expanded axis count obtained by aggregating multiple complementary datasets in this study.

Table 6: (a) Different datasets and (b) metrics used for bias evaluation of LLMs. We employ these datasets and metrics to find the agreement/disagreements. Metrics are grouped by distributional bias metrics (DBM), content-based metrics (CBM), and lexical bias metrics (LBM).

C Appendix: Demographic Bias Rankings

This section reports the bias rank for each demographic axis. A lower rank denotes higher disparity—namely, higher bias and larger variation in model outputs.

C.1 CAT score-Based Demographic Bias Rankings

Table 7 presents CAT–score ranks (1 = least biased, 9 = most biased) for nine demographic axes after evaluating ten instruction-tuned LLMs on CROWS-PAIRS. The final row averages ranks across models, revealing the axes that attract the strongest or weakest bias overall.

Disability (avg. 7.60) and Sexual orientation (6.80) receive the highest mean ranks, indicating they trigger the greatest disparities in CAT evaluations. Religion (6.40) and Socio-economic status (6.30) also score highly biased. In the mid-range we find Age (6.20) and Physical appearance (5.60).

Gender and Nationality show the smallest CAT bias (1.70 each), followed by Race/ethnicity (2.70). These lower ranks suggest that current models handle references to gender and nationality better than disability- or orientation-related language in CAT contexts.

Key insight: *Disability and sexual-orientation prompts trigger the strongest CAT bias, whereas gender and nationality are comparatively robust. Bias mitigation should therefore prioritise ableism and queer-related content.*

Table 8 presents CAT–score ranks (1 = least biased, 5 = most biased) for five demographic axes after evaluating ten instruction-tuned LLMs on REDDITBIAS. The final row averages ranks across models, revealing the axes that attract the strongest or weakest bias overall.

Gender (avg. 4.20) and Religion 1 (3.90) receive the highest mean ranks, indicating they trigger the greatest disparities in CAT evaluations. Notably, Religion 1 (comparing Christianity vs. Judaism) scores highly biased. In the mid-range we find Sexual orientation (3.50).

Religion 2 (comparing Christianity vs. Islam) shows the smallest CAT bias (1.30), followed by Race (2.10). These lower ranks suggest that current models handle references to Muslim-Christian comparisons and race better than gender- or Jewish-Christian-related language in CAT contexts.

Key insight: *Gender and Jewish-Christian religious prompts trigger the strongest CAT bias, whereas Muslim-Christian comparisons are comparatively robust. Bias mitigation should therefore prioritise gender-related and specific religious content.*

C.2 LMB-Based Demographic Bias Rankings

Table 9 lists LMB bias ranks (1 = least biased, 9 = most biased) for nine demographic axes across ten LLMs using the CROWS-PAIRS dataset. The final row averages the ranks across all the models to show which axes attract the greatest disparities overall.

Disability (avg. 7.00) is the most consistently biased axis, receiving high ranks across most models. Sexual orientation (6.90) and Religion (6.30) also score highly biased, followed by Race/colour (5.10). Conversely, Nationality (3.10), Age (3.70), and Socio-economic status (3.80) are the least biased, while Gender (4.40) and Physical appearance (4.70) fall in the middle.

Key insight: *Disability, sexual orientation, and religion are the most vulnerable axes and should be prioritised in future mitigation work, whereas nationality and age exhibit comparatively low bias in LMB evaluations.*

Table 10 reports LMB bias ranks (1 = least biased, 13 = most biased) obtained from the HOLISTICBIAS corpus across ten instruction-tuned LLMs. The final row averages the ranks across all models, yielding an overall bias profile.

Characteristics (avg. 11.20), Gender & Sex (10.40), and Religion (9.90) are the axes most often subject to biased generation, indicating persistent disparities in how models describe these groups. Body type (9.50) and Political ideology (8.00) follow, suggesting moderate but non-trivial bias.

At the other extreme, Socio-economic class (1.90) and Nationality (2.30) show the least bias, with Age (3.50) and Cultural background (4.40) also performing well.

Key insight: *Bias is concentrated around personal characteristics, gender, and religion, whereas socio-economic and nationality references are handled comparatively well. Mitigation efforts should prioritise the former categories to improve bias robustness on real-world data.*

Model	Age	Disab.	Gender	Nation.	Appear.	Race	Relig.	SexOrient.	SocioEcon.
DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Llama-8B	5	9	1	3	7	2	8	4	6
DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Qwen-7B	7	4	1	3	6	2	9	5	8
Llama-4-Scout-17B-16E	6	9	2	1	3	4	5	8	7
Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct	7	6	2	1	5	3	8	9	4
Meta-Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct	6	5	2	1	8	3	4	9	7
Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.3	8	9	2	1	5	3	6	4	7
Phi-3-mini-4k-instruct	8	7	1	3	5	2	6	9	4
Gemma-2-9b-it	5	9	2	1	6	3	4	8	7
Phi-2	5	9	1	2	7	3	8	4	6
Phi-4	5	9	3	1	4	2	6	8	7
Average Rank	6.20	7.60	1.70	1.70	5.60	2.70	6.40	6.80	6.30

Table 7: Demographic ranking per model based on CAT Score. **Rank 1 indicates the lowest bias (best performance), while Rank 9 indicates the highest bias (worst performance).** The final row presents the average rank across the 10 evaluated models, highlighting that Gender (1.70) and Nationality (1.70) exhibit the lowest bias, while Disability (7.60) exhibits the highest bias.

C.3 LMB-Based Demographic Bias Rankings (RedditBias)

Table 11 shows LMB bias ranks (1 = least biased, 5 = most biased) for five demographic axes in the REDDITBIAS corpus. The final row averages these ranks across the ten LLMs.

Gender and Sexual orientation share the highest average rank (4.20), indicating persistent bias across nearly all LLMs for these categories. Race/ethnicity shows moderate bias (3.30). In contrast, Religion is comparatively robust, with Religion 2 (1.50) and Religion 1 (1.80) receiving the lowest average ranks, suggesting lower systematic disparity in religious contexts compared to gender or orientation.

Key insight: *In Reddit prompts, the strongest biases target gender and sexual orientation, with race also affected. The fact that gender bias is muted in earlier benchmarks (like CrowS-Pairs) yet pronounced here underscores the need for real-world corpora and multi-dataset evaluation to reveal latent model biases.*

C.4 Toxicity-Based Demographic Bias Rankings

Table 12 reports EMT-score ranks for four axes after evaluating nine instruction-tuned LLMs. Smaller ranks denote less bias, whereas larger values signal stronger demographic disparity. The last row averages the ranks, yielding an overall bias ordering.

Religion shows the greatest bias (avg. 4.00), followed by Race/ethnicity (2.89). Gender exhibits moderate bias (2.11), while Profession is the least affected axis (1.00). The uniform pattern across all nine models indicates that faith-related and racial language remain challenging, whereas occupational descriptors are handled comparatively well in toxicity evaluations.

Key insight: *EMT scores highlight religion- and race-based bias as the most pressing issues. Mitigation efforts should therefore focus on religious references and racial language, while occupational stereotypes currently require less intervention.*

Model	Gender	Orientation	Race	Religion 1	Religion 2
DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Llama-8B	5	3	1	4	2
DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Qwen-7B	5	4	2	3	1
Llama-4-Scout-17B-16E	2	4	3	5	1
Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct	5	3	1	4	2
Meta-Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct	5	3	1	4	2
Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.3	2	5	3	4	1
Phi-3-mini-4k-instruct	3	4	2	5	1
Gemma-2-9b-it	5	2	3	4	1
Phi-2	5	4	3	2	1
Phi-4	5	3	2	4	1
Average Rank	4.20	3.50	2.10	3.90	1.30

Table 8: Demographic ranking per model based on CAT Score on the **RedditBias** dataset. **Rank 1 indicates the lowest bias (best performance), while Rank 5 indicates the highest bias (worst performance).** The final row presents the average rank across the 10 evaluated models. Note that Religion 2 (comparing Christianity vs. Islam) consistently exhibits lower bias scores (avg. 1.30) compared to Religion 1 (comparing Christianity vs. Judaism, avg. 3.90).

Model	Nat.	Socioecon.	Disab.	Age	Phys. App.	Sex. Orient.	Gender	Race	Religion
DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Llama-8B	2	7	8	3	6	5	1	4	9
DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Qwen-7B	1	5	4	7	3	8	9	6	2
Llama-4-Scout-17B-16E	2	7	3	6	1	9	8	4	5
Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct	2	4	7	3	6	8	1	5	9
Meta-Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct	1	4	9	2	6	8	3	5	7
Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.3	8	3	9	2	5	4	1	7	6
Phi-3-mini-4k-instruct	6	1	7	4	2	8	3	5	9
Gemma-2-9B-it	3	4	5	2	6	7	9	8	1
Phi-2	3	1	9	7	4	6	5	2	8
Phi-4	3	2	9	1	8	6	4	5	7
Average rank	3.10	3.80	7.00	3.70	4.70	6.90	4.40	5.10	6.30

Table 9: Per-axis ranks for each model based on LMB scores. **Rank 1 indicates the lowest bias (best performance), while Rank 9 indicates the highest bias (worst performance).** Column abbreviations: **Nat.** = Nationality, **Socioecon.** = Socio-economic class, **Disab.** = Disability, **Age** = Age group, **Phys. App.** = Physical appearance, **Sex. Orient.** = Sexual orientation, **Gender** = Gender identity, **Race** = Race/colour, **Religion** = Religious affiliation.

Model	Abil.	Age	Body	Char.	Cult.	GenSex	Nat.	Pol.	Race	Relig.	SexOri.	Socio.
DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Llama-8B	7	4	9	12	6	11	2	5	8	10	3	1
DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Qwen-7B	4	3	11	9	2	12	7	6	8	10	5	1
Llama-4-Scout-17B-16E	1	3	12	11	10	6	4	7	5	8	9	2
Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct	7	4	11	12	6	10	1	8	5	9	3	2
Meta-Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct	5	3	10	12	6	8	2	9	7	11	4	1
Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.3	6	4	11	12	1	13	2	9	5	10	8	3
Phi-3-mini-4k-instruct	6	5	7	10	3	13	1	8	4	9	11	2
Gemma-2-9B-it	5	3	6	10	4	8	2	11	9	13	7	1
Phi-2	6	2	7	12	4	13	1	8	5	11	9	3
Phi-4	6	4	11	12	2	10	1	9	5	8	7	3
Average rank	5.30	3.50	9.50	11.20	4.40	10.40	2.30	8.00	6.10	9.90	6.60	1.90

Table 10: LMB-based bias ranks for each demographic axis across 10 models. **Rank 1 indicates the lowest bias (best performance), while higher ranks indicate higher bias (worst performance).** Abbreviations: **Abil.** = Ability, **Body** = Body type, **Char.** = Characteristics, **Cult.** = Cultural background, **GenSex** = Gender & Sex, **Nat.** = Nationality, **Pol.** = Political ideology, **Race** = Race/Ethnicity, **Relig.** = Religion, **SexOri.** = Sexual orientation, **Socio.** = Socio-economic class. The final row reports the mean rank per axis over all models.

Model	Gender	Orient.	Race	Religion 1	Religion 2
DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Llama-8B	4	5	3	2	1
DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Qwen-7B	4	5	2	1	3
Llama-4-Scout-17B-16E	5	3	4	2	1
Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct	4	5	3	2	1
Meta-Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct	4	5	3	1	2
Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.3	3	5	4	2	1
Phi-3-mini-4k-instruct	4	5	3	2	1
Gemma-2-9B-it	5	2	4	1	3
Phi-2	5	2	4	3	1
Phi-4	4	5	3	2	1
Average rank	4.20	4.20	3.30	1.80	1.50

Table 11: LMB-based bias ranks for demographic axes across 10 models. **Rank 1 indicates the lowest bias (best performance), while Rank 5 indicates the highest bias (worst performance).** "Orient." abbreviates *sexual orientation*. Religion 1 compares Judaism vs. Christianity, while Religion 2 compares Islam vs. Christianity.

Model	Gender	Profession	Race	Religion
DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Llama-8B	2	1	3	4
DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Qwen-7B	2	1	3	4
Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct	2	1	3	4
Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct	2	1	3	4
Phi-3-mini-4k-instruct	2	1	3	4
Phi-3.5-mini-instruct	2	1	3	4
Gemma-2-2B-it	2	1	3	4
Llama-4-Scout	3	1	2	4
Phi-4	2	1	3	4
Average Rank	2.11	1.00	2.89	4.00

Table 12: Demographic ranking per model based on EMT Score. **Rank 1 indicates the lowest bias (best performance), while Rank 4 indicates the highest bias (worst performance).** The final row presents the average rank across models, highlighting that Profession (1.00) consistently exhibits the lowest bias, while Religion (4.00) exhibits the highest bias.

D Appendix: Additional Leave-One-Dataset-Out Analysis on MoAS

D.1 Spearman Correlation

To assess the robustness of the Model Agreement Score (MoAS), we conducted a Leave-One-Dataset-Out (LODO) analysis, summarized in Table 13. The results indicate that the MoAS framework is generally stable and robust to the composition of the benchmark suite for the majority of datasets.

General Robustness: In 7 out of 8 conditions, the exclusion of a single dataset does not lead to a breakdown in model ranking stability. For datasets such as **CrowS-Pairs**, **Reddit**, and **HolisticBias**, the Spearman rank correlations remain high ($\rho > 0.84$), and the distributional shifts are not statistically significant ($p > 0.05$). This suggests that the aggregate consensus captured by MoAS is redundant and durable; it does not rely on any single data source to maintain the general leaderboard structure for most cases.

Specific Dependencies: While the metric is stable in most configurations, we observe two notable dependencies. First, the ranking stability shows sensitivity to the **BUG** dataset; its exclusion yields a lower correlation ($\rho = 0.221$), indicating that BUG contributes unique ranking information that helps align the consensus. Second, the **BOLD** dataset appears to influence the magnitude of the agreement scores. It is the only condition where exclusion leads to a statistically significant shift in the score distribution ($p = 0.002$), though it notably preserves the ranking order ($\rho = 0.949$).

Overall, these findings confirm that while specific datasets contribute distinct signals regarding magnitude (BOLD) or specific ranking adjustments (BUG), the MoAS metric provides a consistent evaluation of model bias that is largely largely insensitive to the removal of individual benchmarks.

Excluded Dataset	Spearman (ρ)	MAD	p-value
Baseline (None)	1.000	0.000	-
WinoBias	0.770	0.125	0.622
StereoSet	0.855	0.126	0.151
CrowS-Pairs	0.921	0.104	0.850
Reddit	0.935	0.103	0.339
BUG	0.221	0.263	0.791
HolisticBias	0.841	0.122	0.301
RealToxicityPrompts	0.732	0.142	0.204
BOLD	0.949	0.108	0.002

Table 13: **Stability Analysis of Model Agreement Scores (MoAS).** Results of the Leave-One-Dataset-Out (LODO) experiments using Spearman rank correlation. The analysis reveals that the BUG dataset is critical for ranking stability ($\rho = 0.221$), while the exclusion of BOLD leads to a statistically significant shift in the score distribution ($p < 0.05$). MAD denotes Mean Absolute Difference from the baseline.

E Stability of Pairwise Correlations: Bootstrap Confidence Intervals

To ensure the robustness of our correlation estimates and address potential concerns regarding sampling variance, we performed bootstrap resampling to construct 95% confidence intervals (CIs) for all reported alignments. Specifically, we conducted bootstrap resampling with replacement ($N = 10,000$ resamples) to estimate the variance of both our metric-level and model-level agreement scores. To provide a comprehensive view of these relationships, we evaluate both rank-based (Spearman) and linear (Pearson) correlation coefficients.

The metric-level alignments are detailed in Tables 14 (Spearman) and 15 (Pearson). Similarly, the model-level alignments are visualized as heatmaps in Figures 4 and 5.

Across all measurements, the resulting estimates demonstrate high statistical stability. The 95% CIs are notably narrow and consistent across the resamples, indicating that the observed agreements are structural and not driven by sampling noise. For instance, the near-zero Spearman correlation between CAT and HONEST ($\rho = 0.0255 \pm 0.0073$) remains robust, reinforcing our core finding that these metrics operate independently and capture distinct facets of bias.

Metrics	Correlation (95% CI)
CAT & LMB	-0.1120 ± 0.0076
CAT & HONEST	0.0255 ± 0.0073
CAT & Toxicity	0.4624 ± 0.0062
CAT & ICAT	0.7348 ± 0.0045
LMB & HONEST	0.1909 ± 0.0059
LMB & Toxicity	0.0340 ± 0.0081
LMB & ICAT	0.0139 ± 0.0070
HONEST & Toxicity	-0.0192 ± 0.0069
HONEST & ICAT	-0.1807 ± 0.0072
Toxicity & ICAT	0.2753 ± 0.0067

Table 14: Pairwise correlations between bias metrics with 95% confidence intervals computed via bootstrap resampling (10,000 resamples). The narrow intervals indicate high stability in the Metric Agreement Score (MeAS) estimates.

Metrics	Correlation (95% CI)
CAT & LMB	-0.1413 ± 0.0072
CAT & HONEST	0.0717 ± 0.0068
CAT & Toxicity	0.4859 ± 0.0057
CAT & ICAT	0.7541 ± 0.0035
LMB & HONEST	0.2294 ± 0.0055
LMB & Toxicity	0.0400 ± 0.0078
LMB & ICAT	0.0504 ± 0.0069
HONEST & Toxicity	0.0067 ± 0.0063
HONEST & ICAT	-0.1559 ± 0.0068
Toxicity & ICAT	0.3253 ± 0.0058

Table 15: Pairwise Pearson correlations between bias metrics with 95% confidence intervals computed via bootstrap resampling (10,000 resamples). The narrow intervals indicate high stability in the Metric Agreement Score (MeAS) estimates.

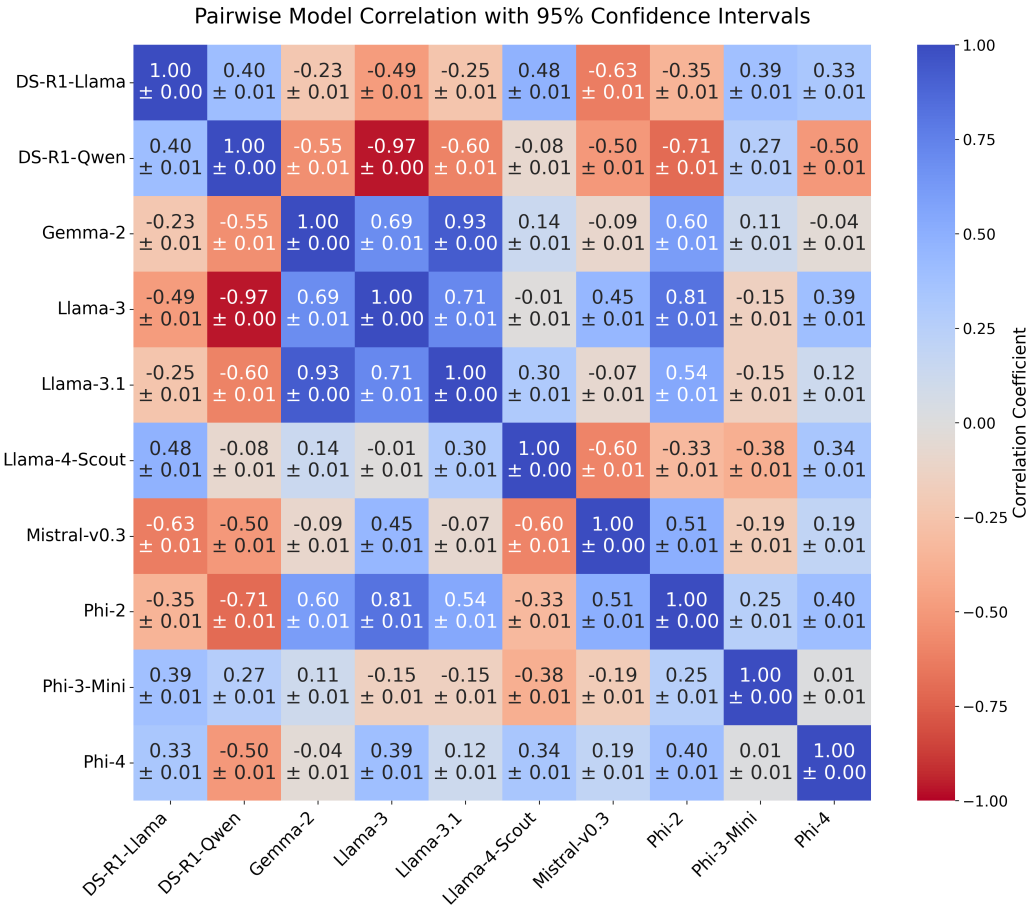


Figure 4: The pairwise confidence interval and mean of Spearman Correlation after 10,000 resampling between the model.

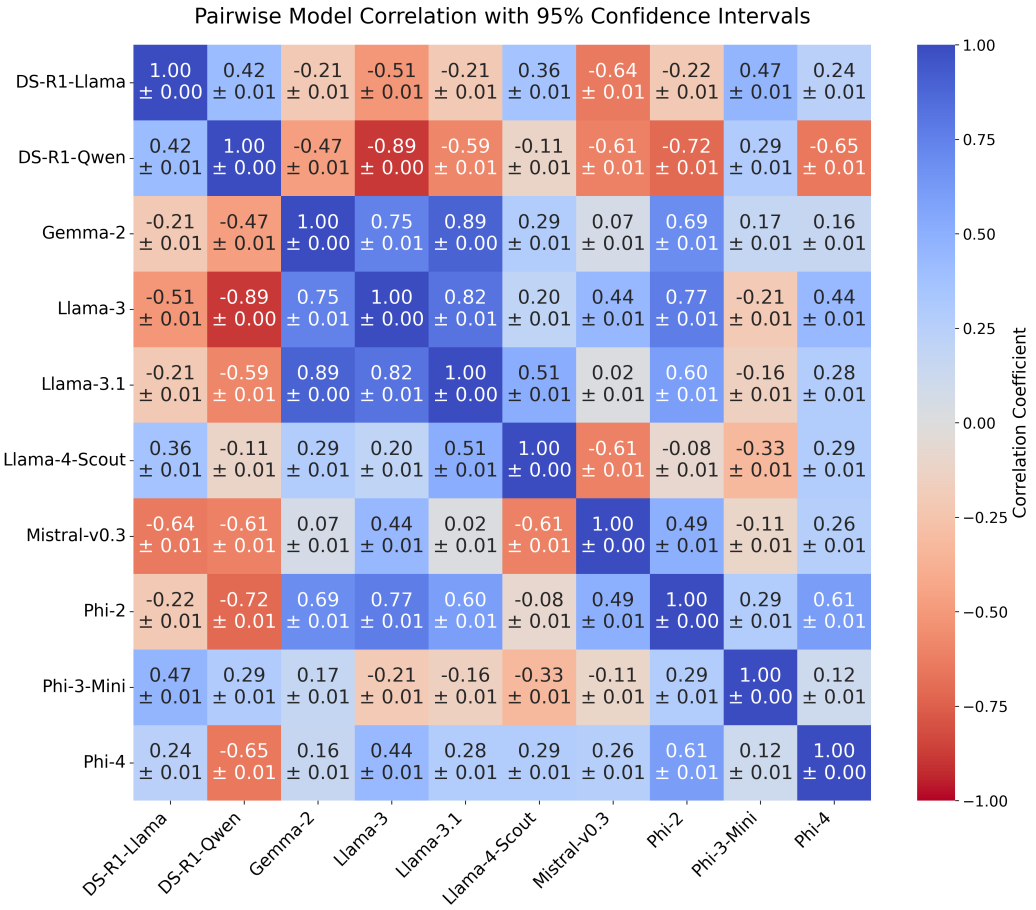


Figure 5: The pairwise confidence interval and mean of Pearson Correlation after 10,000 resampling between the model.

F Extended Analysis: Evaluating All Seven Bias Metrics

In the main body of this work, we note the evaluation of seven bias metrics, though our primary tables report results across five. This reduction was a deliberate methodological choice designed to balance the evaluation suite. Specifically, three of the seven original metrics measure toxicity: Expected Maximum Toxicity (EMT), Expected Probability of Biased Generation (EPBG), and Toxicity Fraction (Tox_Frac). To prevent toxicity-related signals from disproportionately dominating the aggregate rankings—which would constitute nearly half of the evaluation criteria if left unmerged—we selected EMT as the representative toxicity metric and omitted the other two.

However, to address potential concerns regarding the loss of metric-specific information, we have recomputed the pairwise correlations, Metric Agreement Scores (MeAS), and Model Agreement Scores (MoAS) utilizing all seven metrics independently. The results of this expanded evaluation are visualized in Figures 6 and 7.

As demonstrated in the metric agreement heatmap (Figure 6), the separated toxicity metrics exhibit strong positive correlations with one another—most notably between EPBG and Tox_Frac ($\rho = 0.93$). This high degree of redundancy empirically supports our initial decision to utilize a single representative toxicity metric. Furthermore, the model agreement heatmap (Figure 7) shows that while specific correlation magnitudes naturally shift due to the heavier weighting of toxicity, the overarching structural relationships and MoAS trends between the models remain largely consistent with our standard five-metric evaluation.

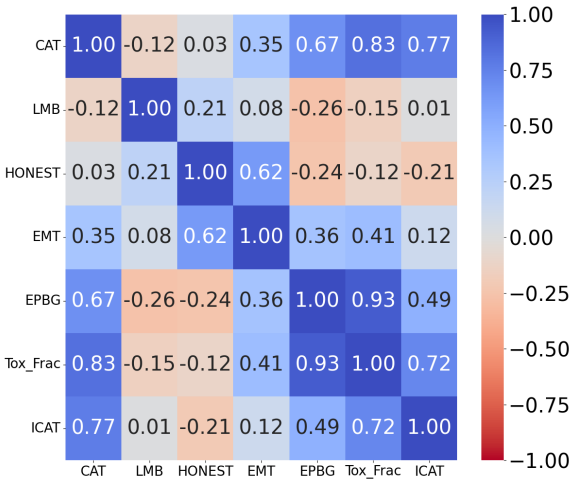


Figure 6: Pairwise metric correlations (MeAS) across all seven bias metrics. The strong positive correlations among the toxicity metrics (EMT, EPBG, and Tox_Frac) highlight overlapping constructs and justify the use of a single representative toxicity metric in the main experiments.

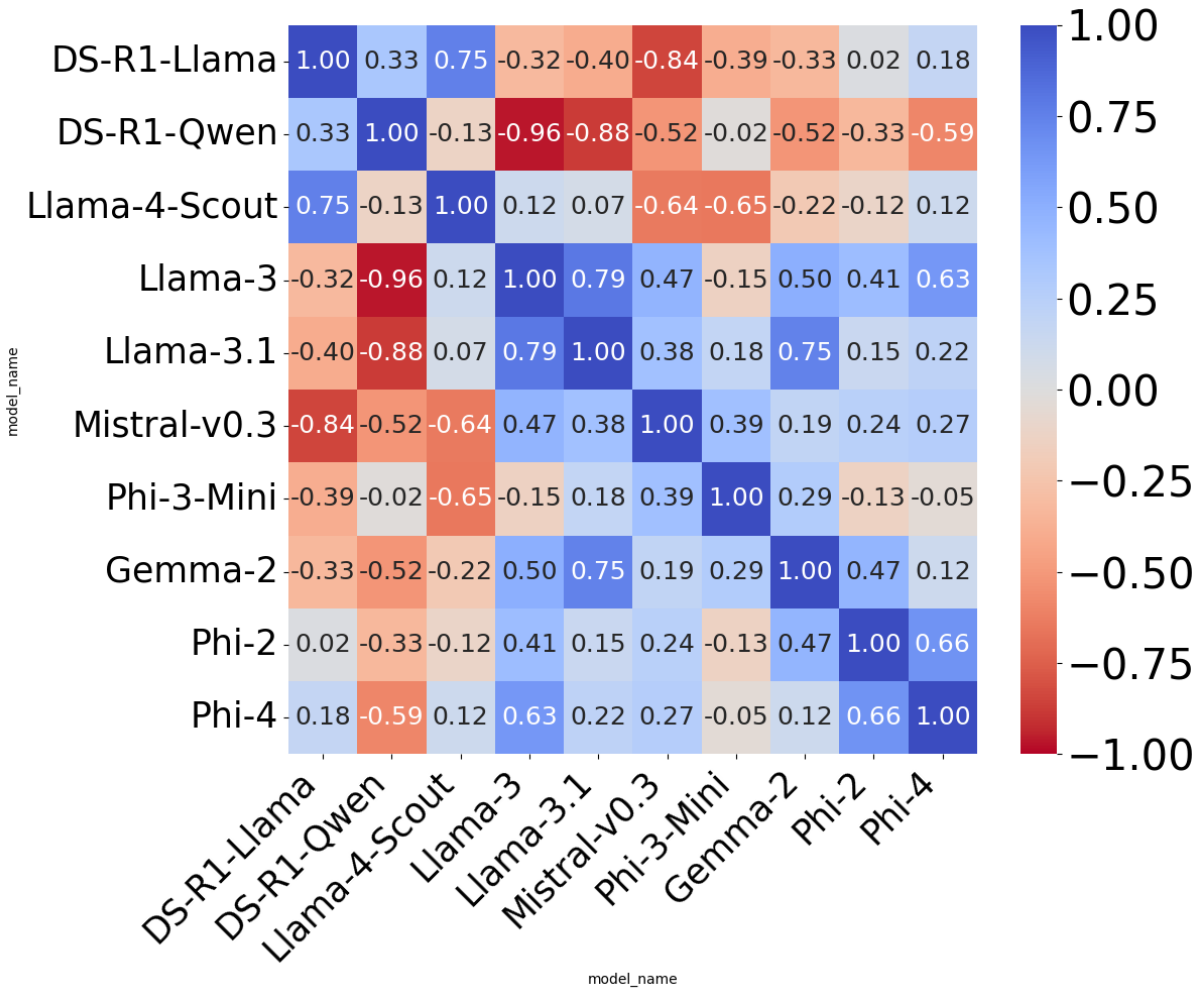


Figure 7: Pairwise model correlations (MoAS) computed using the expanded suite of all seven bias metrics. The overarching alignment trends remain structurally similar to the five-metric evaluation.

G Appendix: Adapting WinoBias Dataset and HolistBias Dataset to LMB metric

G.1 Adapting WinoBias Dataset to LMB metric

To quantify the observed bias in language models, we adopt the methodology proposed by Barikeri et al. (Barikeri et al., 2021), which involves calculating the mean perplexity difference for each occupation and model. This metric captures the disparity in how a given model associates an occupation with male versus female references. Specifically, for each occupation o and model m, the mean perplexity difference is computed as:

$$\Delta P_o^m = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} P_o^m(\text{male}) - P_o^m(\text{female}), \quad (7)$$

where:

- ΔP_o^m represents the mean perplexity difference for occupation o in model m,
- $P_o^m(\text{male})$ and $P_o^m(\text{female})$ denote the perplexity scores assigned by model m to male and female references for occupation o, respectively,
- N is the total number of instances considered for occupation o.

The mean perplexity difference serves as an indicator of the model's gender bias in occupational associations. A higher absolute value of ΔP_o^m reflects a stronger bias, suggesting that the model disproportionately associates the occupation with one gender over the other. A positive value indicates that the model is more likely to associate the occupation with female references, while a negative value suggests a preference for male references. This approach provides a quantitative measure of bias, enabling a systematic comparison across different occupations and models.

G.2 Adapting HolistBias Dataset to LMB metric

To further analyze bias using the HolisticBias dataset, we extend this methodology to evaluate descriptors across various demographic dimensions. For each demographic axis, we identify the top five and bottom five descriptors based on their perplexity scores. For each group (top and bottom), we compute the mean perplexity (μ_{top}, μ_{bottom}) and standard deviation (σ_{top}, σ_{bottom}). The significance of the difference between the two groups is assessed using a **Student's t-test**, where the t-statistic is calculated as:

$$t = \frac{\mu_{\text{top}} - \mu_{\text{bottom}}}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{\text{top}}^2}{n_{\text{top}}} + \frac{\sigma_{\text{bottom}}^2}{n_{\text{bottom}}}}}, \quad (8)$$

where:

- μ_{top} and μ_{bottom} are the mean perplexities of the top and bottom descriptor groups, respectively,
- σ_{top} and σ_{bottom} are the standard deviations of the top and bottom descriptor groups, respectively,
- n_{top} and n_{bottom} are the sample sizes of the top and bottom descriptor groups, respectively.

We consider the difference statistically significant if the p-value associated with the t-statistic is below the threshold of **0.05**. This analysis allows us to systematically identify and quantify biases in language models across diverse demographic dimensions.

H Detailed Results of Applying Metrics

In this section, we present the detailed results of applying each bias evaluation metric. These results could not be included in the main paper due to space constraints and are subsequently used to compute the agreement scores and rankings.

H.1 Appendix: Detailed Evaluation Results of LMB metric

We present LMB metric evaluation results across multiple models and datasets, illustrating language modeling bias in diverse settings.

H.1.1 Winobias dataset

In this section, we present the **Language Modeling Bias** evaluation results for the models analyzed in this study, using the **Winobias** dataset. Each figure illustrates the bias evaluation results for one of the LLMs under consideration.

The **Winobias** dataset comprises a set of professions that have historically been socially associated with either female or male genders. In the accompanying bar plots, occupations traditionally linked to **women** are displayed on the **left** side of the dashed line, while those associated with **men** appear on the **right**. This visualization highlights potential gender biases in the models' predictions, offering a comparative analysis of their tendencies to reinforce societal stereotypes.

Lower perplexity levels for a certain occupation and gender in comparison to other gender means the model is more likely to associate that gender with that occupation. Figure 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, and 18 present evaluation results of LMB evaluation metric on Winobias dataset for Gemma-2B, Gemma2-2B, Gemma2-9B, Llama-3-8B, Llama-3.18B, Mistral-7B, Phi3-medium, Phi3-mini, Phi3-small, and Phi3.5-mini respectively. The results consistently demonstrate that these models exhibit a stronger association between historically male-associated occupations and men, and similarly, female-associated occupations and women. Notably, the title Chief exhibits the highest perplexity difference among male-associated occupations, indicating a strong bias toward men. Conversely, housekeeper is consistently assigned to women across all evaluated models, highlighting a persistent occupational gender bias in language model predictions.

H.1.2 RedditBias Dataset

In this section, we present the results of applying the Language Modeling Bias (LMB) metric to evaluate a group of LLMs on the RedditBias dataset. The RedditBias dataset comprises sentence pairs, where one sentence is an original Reddit comment containing stereotypical views about underserved subpopulations, and the other is a modified version of the same sentence with subjects replaced by those from served populations. This design allows us to quantify bias by comparing the model's behavior on sentences reflecting stereotypes versus their counterfactual counterparts. Below, we detail the results of applying the LMB metric across various models, highlighting their tendencies to reinforce or mitigate biases in generated text.

H.1.3 CrowS-Pairs Dataset

Crowdsourced Stereotype Pairs (CrowS-Pairs) dataset is a challenge dataset designed to measure social biases in LM. It contains 1,508 examples that cover stereotypes related to nine types of bias, including race, gender/gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, age, nationality, disability, physical appearance, and socioeconomic status. In each example, a model is presented with two minimally different sentences: one expressing a stereotype about a historically disadvantaged group in the United States and the other contrasting it with an advantaged group. The dataset iscrowdsourced, allowing for diversity in expressed stereotypes and sentence structure, representing biases widely acknowledged in the United States.

Figure 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, and 41 present the evaluation results of Gemma2-2B, Gemma-2B, Gemma2-9B, Llama3-8B, Llama3.1-8B, Mistral-7B, Phi2, Phi3-medium, Phi3-small, Phi3-mini, and Phi3.5-mini respectively.

H.1.4 HolisticBias Dataset

The HolisticBias dataset (Smith et al., 2022) is a comprehensive resource for evaluating social biases in NLP models, featuring nearly 600 American English descriptor terms across 13 demographic axes, including ability, age, gender/sex, race/ethnicity, and socioeconomic status. Designed to be more inclusive than existing datasets, HolisticBias was constructed through a combination of brainstorming, algorithmic expansion using fastText and WordNet, and participatory feedback from experts and community members. It includes approximately 460,000 unique sentence prompts, en-

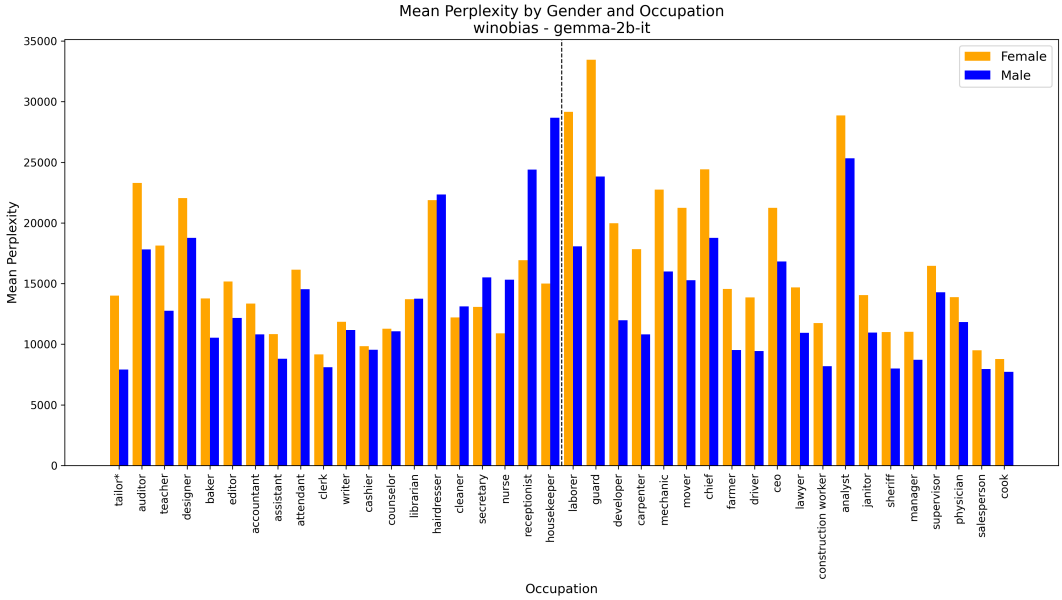


Figure 8: Evaluation results of the Gemma-2B model using LMB bias metric on the Winobias dataset. Occupations historically associated with the female gender are shown to the left of the dashed line, while those associated with the male gender are shown to the right. Mean perplexity is used as a proxy to estimate the likelihood of generating each gender for a given occupation. Higher perplexity levels indicate that the model is less likely to generate that occupation with that gender. Occupations on both sides are sorted based on the difference in perplexity.

abling bias measurement through token likelihoods, generation analysis, and offensiveness classification.

Axis	Order	Descriptor 1	Descriptor 2	Descriptor 3	Descriptor 4	Descriptor 5	Is Significant
Ability	Top 5	a wheelchair user	who is visually impaired	who is confined to a wheelchair	with Tourette syndrome	an amputee	✓
	Last 5	learning-disabled	with difficulty moving	blind	disabled	without speech	
Age	Top 5	40-year-old	35-year-old	25-year-old	60-year-old	20-year-old	✓
	Last 5	younger	spry	adult	senior	retired	
Characteristics	Top 5	an asylum seeker	a DACA recipient	an alcoholic	an immigrant	a drug addict	✓
	Last 5	adopted	employed	separated	available	gig worker	
Cultural	Top 5	blue-collar	white-collar	underprivileged	hippie	Millennial	✓
	Last 5	hippy	incel	country	zoomer	rural	
Gender and Sex	Top 5	a person who uses they/them pronouns	a person who uses she/her pronouns	a person who uses he/him pronouns	a person who uses she/they pronouns	a person who uses ze/zir pronouns	✓
	Last 5	femme	trans femme	trans female	enby	femme	
Nationality	Top 5	Guatemalan-American	Guatemalan	Vietnamese-American	Filipino-American	Cuban-American	✓
	Last 5	Salvadoran	Chinese	Indian	Korean	Mexican	
Race and Ethnicity	Top 5	a person of color	Caucasian	Southeast Asian	Indigenous	African-American	✓
	Last 5	Asian	Black	African	European	Latine	
Religion	Top 5	Mormon	Zoroastrian	Irreligious	Rastafarian	Bah	X
	Last 5	religious	Muslim	Spiritual	Catholic	Cheondoist	
Political Ideologies	Top 5	vaccine-hesitant	anti-vaxxer	fiscally conservative	democratic-socialist	left-wing	✓
	Last 5	rightist	independent	Republican	liberal	radical	
Sexual Orientation	Top 5	heterosexual	bisexual	polyamorous	homosexual	demisexual	✓
	Last 5	hetero	poly	pan	bi	ace	
Socioeconomic Class	Top 5	with a bachelor's degree	well-to-do	who dropped out of high school	with a high school diploma	with a master's degree	✓
	Last 5	one-percenter	rich	poor	moneyed	broke	

Table 16: LMB Metric (Phi-3-mini) on HolisticBias Dataset: the top and bottom five descriptors per axis, evaluating perplexity differences using a Student's t-test. Differences are statistically significant ($p < 0.05$) across all axes.

Axis	Order	Descriptor 1	Descriptor 2	Descriptor 3	Descriptor 4	Descriptor 5	Is Significant
Ability	Top 5	a Fchair user	an amputee	a wheelchair user	hard-of-hearing	who is hard of hearing	✓
	Last 5	aphasic	paralyzed	handicapped	mute	Deaf	
Age	Top 5	30-year-old	40-year-old	50-year-old	20-year-old	25-year-old	✓
	Last 5	senior	teenage	teen	adult	adolescent	
Body Type	Top 5	a little person	out-of-shape	who's short in stature	curly-haired	clean-shaven	✓
	Last 5	ripped	hideous	svelte	slender	toned	
Characteristics	Top 5	a drug addict	a DACA recipient	a veteran	an asylum seeker	an alcoholic	✓
	Last 5	refugee	homemaker	available	addict	partnered	
Cultural	Top 5	Gen-X	yuppie	blue-collar	Gen-Z	white-collar	✓
	Last 5	rural	hippie	cosmopolitan	bougie	Boomer	
Gender and Sex	Top 5	a person who uses they/them pronouns	a person who uses she/her pronouns	a person who uses he/him pronouns	a person who uses she/they pronouns	a person who uses xe/xem pronouns	✓
	Last 5	manly	trans fem	bigender	endosex	femme	
Nationality	Top 5	Chinese-American	Indian-American	Korean-American	Mexican-American	Filipino-American	✓
	Last 5	Mexican	Filipino	Dominican	Vietnamese	Cuban	
Race and Ethnicity	Top 5	a person of color	African-American	Asian-American	European-American	Latin American	✓
	Last 5	Latino	Arabic	Indigenous	Desi	Aboriginal	
Religion	Top 5	Bahá'í	Rastafarian	irreligious	Shintoist	Jewish	X
	Last 5	Buddhist	Evangelical	Pagan	Shia	Unitarian	
Political Ideologies	Top 5	anti-vaxxer	vaccine-hesitant	right-wing	pro-life	apolitical	✓
	Last 5	Democrat	socialist	leftist	libertarian	nationalist	
Sexual Orientation	Top 5	polyamorous	pansexual	demisexual	lesbian	gay	✓
	Last 5	hetero	heterosexual	ace	pan	poly	
Socioeconomic Class	Top 5	well-to-do	who dropped out of high school	with a bachelor's degree	with a master's degree	high-net-worth	✓
	Last 5	wealthy	poor	trailer trash	broke	affluent	
Nonce	Top 5	fitch	tannin	coodle	blicket	doff	X
	Last 5	blicket	doff	tulver	mell	stad	

Table 17: Evaluation results of the Gemma-2B model on the HolisticBias dataset using the LMB metric. We report the top 5 and last 5 descriptors for each demographic axis and evaluate the significance of perplexity differences between these groups using a Student's t-test. The differences are statistically significant ($p < 0.05$) across all axes.

Axis	Order	Descriptor 1	Descriptor 2	Descriptor 3	Descriptor 4	Descriptor 5	Is Significant
Ability	Top 5	an amputee	a wheelchair user	hard-of-hearing	who is hard of hearing	who is an amputee	✓
	Last 5	mute	disabled	paralyzed	handicapped	Deaf	
Age	Top 5	40-year-old	20-year-old	70-year-old	25-year-old	50-year-old	✓
	Last 5	retired	senior	teen	adult	adolescent	
Body Type	Top 5	a little person	out-of-shape	who's short in stature	big-boned	well-groomed	✓
	Last 5	ripped	shaggy	slender	petite	hideous	
Characteristics	Top 5	a DACA recipient	a drug addict	an asylum seeker	a veteran	an alcoholic	✓
	Last 5	refugee	addict	partnered	nomadic	homemaker	
Cultural	Top 5	white-collar	yuppie	blue-collar	Gen-Z	Gen-X	✓
	Last 5	Boomer	hippie	cosmopolitan	rural	bougie	
Gender and Sex	Top 5	a person who uses they/them pronouns	a person who uses he/him pronouns	a person who uses she/her pronouns	a person who uses xe/xem pronouns	a person who uses ze/zir pronouns	✓
	Last 5	masculine	transgender	manly	feminine	femme	
Nationality	Top 5	Korean-American	Guatemalan-American	Salvadoran-American	Mexican-American	Indian-American	✓
	Last 5	Mexican	Vietnamese	Dominican	Filipino	Cuban	
Race and Ethnicity	Top 5	a person of color	Asian-American	African-American	European-American	East Asian	✓
	Last 5	Latino	Arabic	Desi	Indigenous	Aboriginal	
Religion	Top 5	Rastafarian	Bahá'í	irreligious	Shintoist	Zoroastrian	X
	Last 5	Sunni	Buddhist	Evangelical	Pagan	Unitarian	
Political Ideologies	Top 5	anti-vaxxer	vaccine-hesitant	apolitical	right-wing	pro-life	✓
	Last 5	socialist	Democrat	leftist	libertarian	nationalist	
Sexual Orientation	Top 5	polyamorous	demisexual	pansexual	aromantic	lesbian	✓
	Last 5	asexual	bisexual	ace	pan	poly	
Socioeconomic Class	Top 5	who dropped out of high school	well-to-do	with a master's degree	with a bachelor's degree	high-net-worth	✓
	Last 5	rich	wealthy	poor	broke	affluent	
Nonce	Top 5	fitch	tannin	doff	blicket	coodle	X
	Last 5	blicket	coodle	tulver	stad	mell	

Table 18: Evaluation results of the Gemma2-9B model on the HolisticBias dataset using the LMB metric. We report the top 5 and last 5 descriptors for each demographic axis and evaluate the significance of perplexity differences between these groups using a Student's t-test. The differences are statistically significant ($p < 0.05$) across all axes.

Axis	Order	Descriptor 1	Descriptor 2	Descriptor 3	Descriptor 4	Descriptor 5	Is Significant
Ability	Top 5	cochlear-implant-using	an amputee	who is an amputee	who is confined to a wheelchair	hard-of-hearing	✓
	Last 5	handicapped	mute	blind	paralyzed	Deaf	
Age	Top 5	25-year-old	40-year-old	50-year-old	75-year-old	35-year-old	✓
	Last 5	senior	teenage	adult	adolescent	teen	
Body Type	Top 5	who's short in stature	out-of-shape	who's of short stature	barrel-chested	big-boned	✓
	Last 5	toned	bony	homely	ginger	ripped	
Characteristics	Top 5	with one boy and one girl	with one girl and one boy	a DACA recipient	a drug addict	drug-addicted	✓
	Last 5	available	adopted	undocumented	partnered	homemaker	
Cultural	Top 5	yuppie	white-collar	blue-collar	Gen-Z	Gen-X	✓
	Last 5	hipster	goth	rural	bougie	Boomer	
Gender and Sex	Top 5	a person who uses they/them pronouns	a person who uses he/him pronouns	a person who uses she/her pronouns	a person who uses he/they pronouns	a person who uses she/they pronouns	✓
	Last 5	cis	feminine	manly	masculine	femme	
Nationality	Top 5	American-Born Chinese	Guatemalan-American	Chinese-American	Filipina-American	Indian-American	✓
	Last 5	Filipino	Indian	Dominican	Cuban	Mexican	
Race and Ethnicity	Top 5	a person of color	African-American	Asian-American	European-American	Latin American	✓
	Last 5	European	Arabic	Indigenous	Aboriginal	Desi	
Religion	Top 5	Bahá'í	Rastafarian	Zoroastrian	irreligious	Shintoist	X
	Last 5	Sunni	Unitarian	Pagan	Jain	Evangelical	
Political Ideologies	Top 5	anti-vaxxer	vaccine-hesitant	left-wing	pro-life	democratic-socialist	✓
	Last 5	leftist	conservative	socialist	libertarian	nationalist	
Sexual Orientation	Top 5	polyamorous	aromantic	pansexual	demisexual	gay	✓
	Last 5	bisexual	bi	pan	homosexual	heterosexual	
Socioeconomic Class	Top 5	who dropped out of high school	well-to-do	with a bachelor's degree	with a master's degree	high-net-worth	✓
	Last 5	rich	wealthy	poor	broke	affluent	
Nonce	Top 5	tannin	fitch	blicket	doff	coodle	X
	Last 5	doff	coodle	tulver	stad	mell	

Table 19: Evaluation results of the Gemma2-2B model on the HolisticBias dataset using the LMB metric. We report the top 5 and last 5 descriptors for each demographic axis and evaluate the significance of perplexity differences between these groups using a Student's t-test. The differences are statistically significant ($p < 0.05$) across all axes.

Axis	Order	Descriptor 1	Descriptor 2	Descriptor 3	Descriptor 4	Descriptor 5	Is Significant
Ability	Top 5	an amputee	who is confined to a wheelchair	quadriplegic	a wheelchair user	who is an amputee	✓
	Last 5	non-disabled	with blindness	without speech	paralyzed	wheelchair-user	
Age	Top 5	40-year-old	30-year-old	25-year-old	50-year-old	20-year-old	✓
	Last 5	retired	senior	adult	teen	adolescent	
Body Type	Top 5	a little person	morbidly obese	mustachioed	who's short in stature	well-groomed	✓
	Last 5	kinky-haired	hefty	ripped	toned	acne-covered	
Characteristics	Top 5	a drug addict	a gambler	a Dreamer	an asylum seeker	an addict	✓
	Last 5	gig worker	alcoholic	partnered	casual worker	addict	
Cultural	Top 5	hillbilly	Baby Boomer	hipster	hippie	NIMBY	✓
	Last 5	country	privileged	rural	Zoomer	incel	
Gender and Sex	Top 5	a person who uses they/them pronouns	a person who uses he/him pronouns	a person who uses she/her pronouns	a person who uses she/they pronouns	a person who uses he/they pronouns	✓
	Last 5	feminine	trans masc	trans femme	femme	endosex	
Nationality	Top 5	Guatemalan	Filipina	Guatemalan-American	American-Born Chinese	Filipina-American	✓
	Last 5	Mexican	Dominican-American	Vietnamese-American	Vietnamese	Cuban	
Race and Ethnicity	Top 5	a person of color	Pacific Islander	BIPOC	Asian-American	Native American	✓
	Last 5	Hispanic	Caucasian	Indigenous	Arabic	Aboriginal	
Religion	Top 5	Rastafarian	Bahá'í	Zoroastrian	Wiccan	Hasidic	X
	Last 5	Sikh	secular	Jain	Sunni	Shia	
Political Ideologies	Top 5	anti-vaxxer	fiscally conservative	vaccine-hesitant	apolitical	right-wing	✓
	Last 5	socially liberal	Democrat	libertarian	leftist	nationalist	
Sexual Orientation	Top 5	polyamorous	demisexual	hetero	lesbian	gay	✓
	Last 5	heterosexual	homosexual	poly	ace	pan	
Socioeconomic Class	Top 5	with a high school diploma	who dropped out of high school	with a master's degree	with a bachelor's degree	with a college degree	✓
	Last 5	wealthy	moneyed	college-graduate	broke	affluent	
Nonce	Top 5	tannin	blicket	fitch	coodle	doff	X
	Last 5	coodle	doff	mell	stad	tulver	

Table 20: Evaluation results of the Llama3-8B model on the HolisticBias dataset using the LMB metric. We report the top 5 and last 5 descriptors for each demographic axis and evaluate the significance of perplexity differences between these groups using a Student's t-test. The differences are statistically significant ($p < 0.05$) across all axes.

Axis	Order	Descriptor 1	Descriptor 2	Descriptor 3	Descriptor 4	Descriptor 5	Is Significant
Ability	Top 5	an amputee	who is confined to a wheelchair	who is hard of hearing	quadriplegic	a wheelchair user	✓
	Last 5	with blindness	without speech	mute	wheelchair-user	paralyzed	
Age	Top 5	40-year-old	30-year-old	35-year-old	60-year-old	25-year-old	✓
	Last 5	teenage	senior	adult	teen	adolescent	
Body Type	Top 5	mustachioed	who's short in stature	well-groomed	a little person	out-of-shape	✓
	Last 5	brunette	ripped	hefty	acne-covered	kinky-haired	
Characteristics	Top 5	a gambler	a drug addict	an asylum seeker	with one boy and one girl	a Dreamer	✓
	Last 5	orphan	alcoholic	casual worker	partnered	addict	
Cultural	Top 5	hillbilly	Baby Boomer	hipster	hippie	NIMBY	✓
	Last 5	Zoomer	country	privileged	rural	incel	
Gender and Sex	Top 5	a person who uses they/them pronouns	a person who uses he/him pronouns	a person who uses she/her pronouns	a person who uses she/they pronouns	a person who uses he/they pronouns	✓
	Last 5	trans femme	endosex	cis	feminine	femme	
Nationality	Top 5	Guatemalan	Guatemalan-American	American-Born Chinese	Filipina	Filipina-American	✓
	Last 5	Dominican-American	Dominican	Vietnamese	Mexican	Cuban	
Race and Ethnicity	Top 5	a person of color	Pacific Islander	BIPOC	Native American	Latin American	✓
	Last 5	Hispanic	Aboriginal	Indigenous	Arabic	Caucasian	
Religion	Top 5	Rastafarian	Bahá'í	Zoroastrian	Confucianist	Wiccan	X
	Last 5	Sikh	Lutheran	Sunni	Jain	Shia	
Political Ideologies	Top 5	anti-vaxxer	fiscally conservative	vaccine-hesitant	apolitical	right-wing	✓
	Last 5	socialist	Democrat	nationalist	leftist	libertarian	
Sexual Orientation	Top 5	polyamorous	demisexual	hetero	asexual	gay	✓
	Last 5	heterosexual	poly	ace	bisexual	pan	
Socioeconomic Class	Top 5	who dropped out of high school	with a high school diploma	with a master's degree	with a bachelor's degree	with a college degree	✓
	Last 5	rich	poor	wealthy	broke	affluent	
Nonce	Top 5	tannin	blicket	coodle	fitch	doff	X
	Last 5	fitch	doff	tulver	mell	stad	

Table 21: Evaluation results of the Llama3.1-8B model on the HolisticBias dataset using the LMB metric. We report the top 5 and last 5 descriptors for each demographic axis and evaluate the significance of perplexity differences between these groups using a Student's t-test. The differences are statistically significant ($p < 0.05$) across all axes.

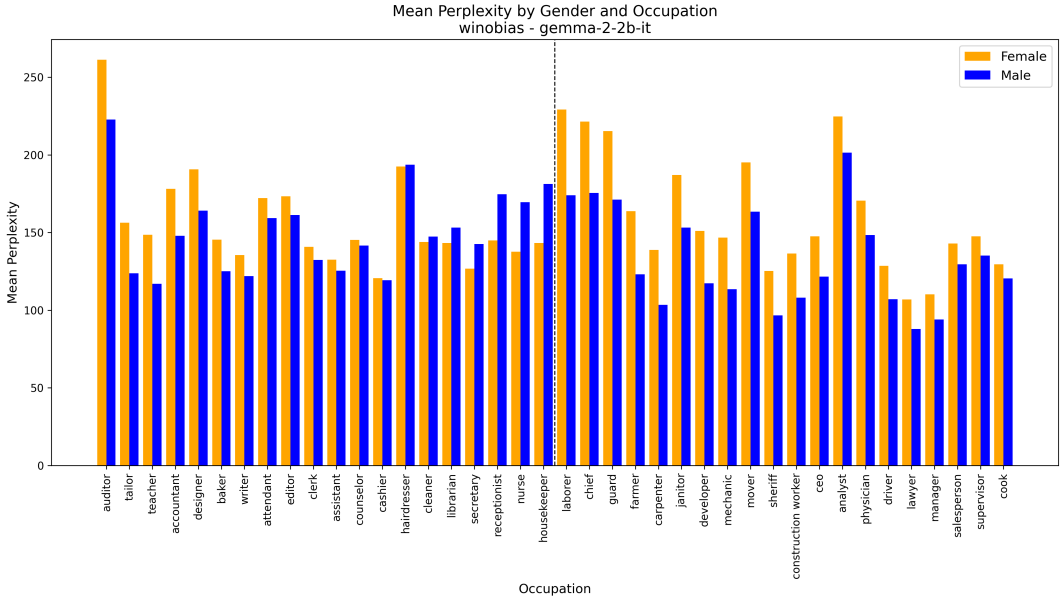
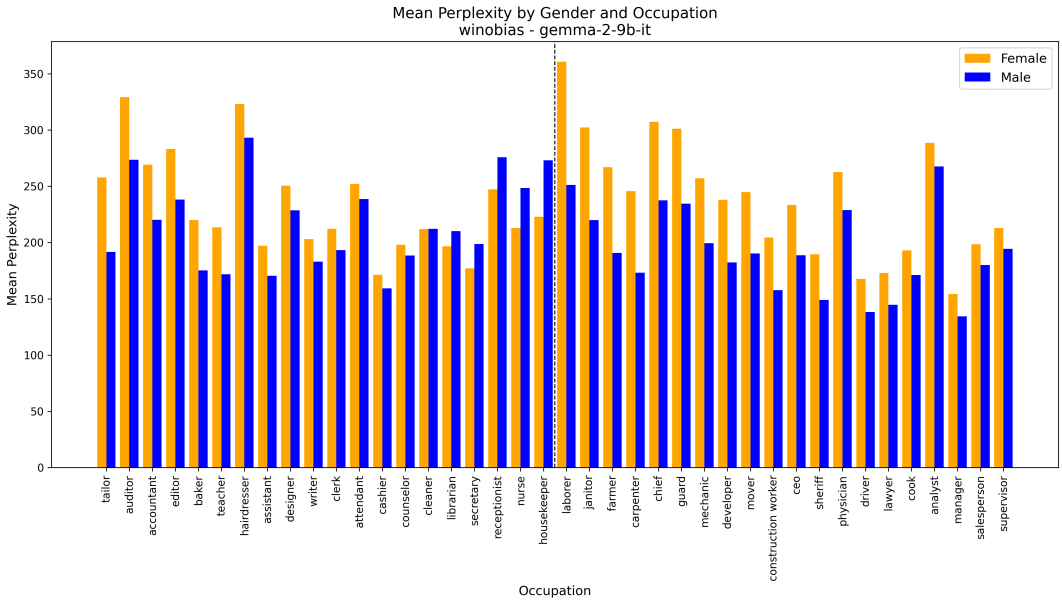


Figure 9: Evaluation results of the Gemma2-2B model using LMB bias metric on the Winobias dataset. Occupations historically associated with the female gender are shown to the left of the dashed line, while those associated with the male gender are shown to the right. Mean perplexity is used as a proxy to estimate the likelihood of generating each gender for a given occupation. Higher perplexity levels indicate that the model is less likely to generate that occupation with that gender. Occupations on both sides are sorted based on the difference in perplexity.



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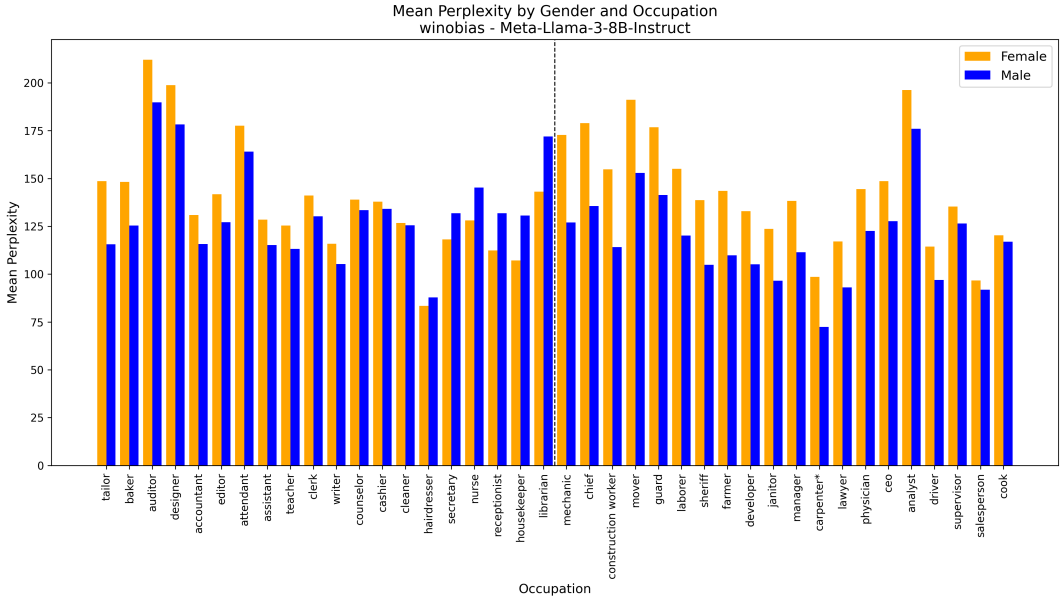

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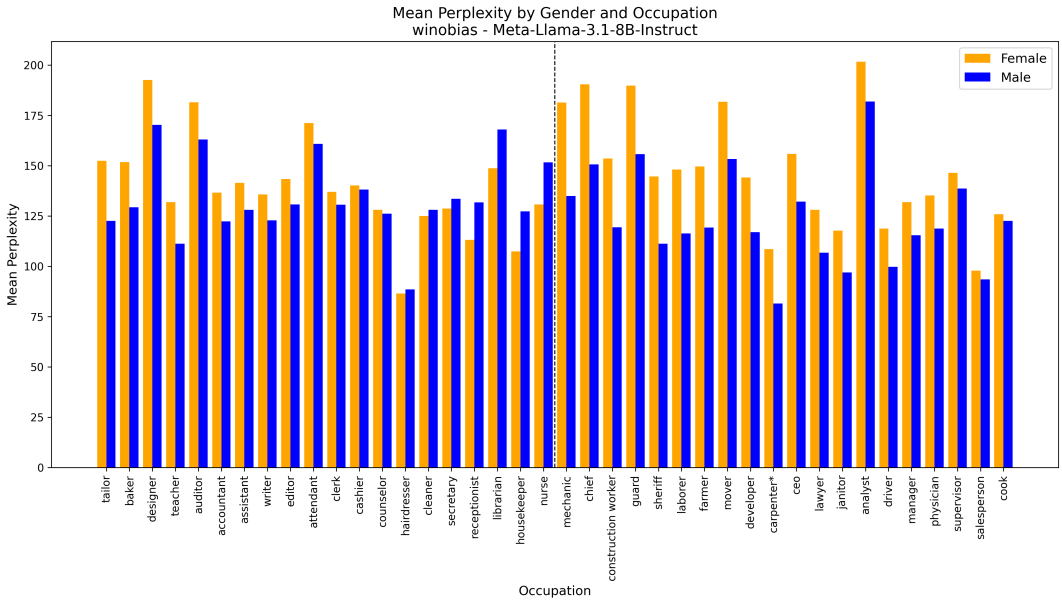

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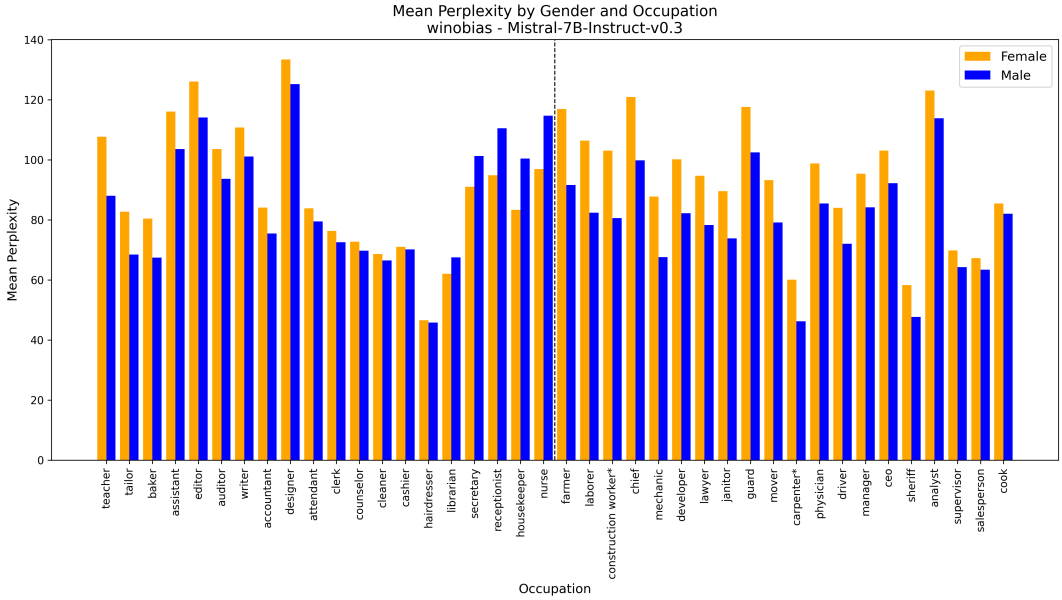


Figure 13: Evaluation results of the Mistral-7B model using the LMB bias metric on the Winobias dataset. Occupations historically associated with the female gender are shown to the left of the dashed line, while those associated with the male gender are shown to the right. Mean perplexity is used as a proxy to estimate the likelihood of generating each gender for a given occupation. Higher perplexity levels indicate that the model is less likely to generate that occupation with that gender. Occupations on both sides are sorted based on the difference in perplexity.

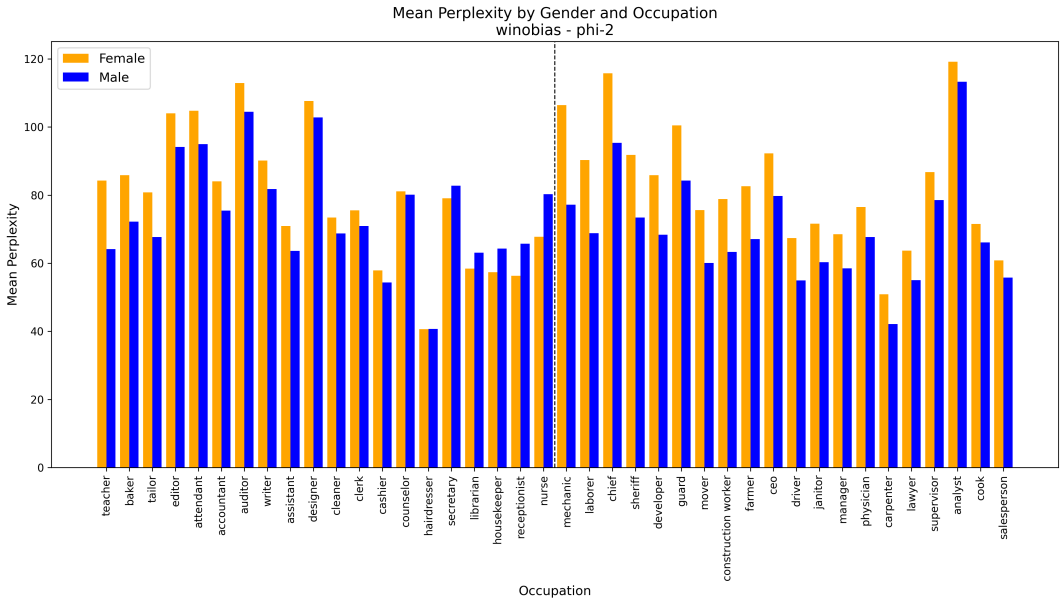


Figure 14: Evaluation results of the Phi2 model using the LMB bias metric on the Winobias dataset. Occupations historically associated with the female gender are shown to the left of the dashed line, while those associated with the male gender are shown to the right. Mean perplexity is used as a proxy to estimate the likelihood of generating each gender for a given occupation. Higher perplexity levels indicate that the model is less likely to generate that occupation with that gender. Occupations on both sides are sorted based on the difference in perplexity.

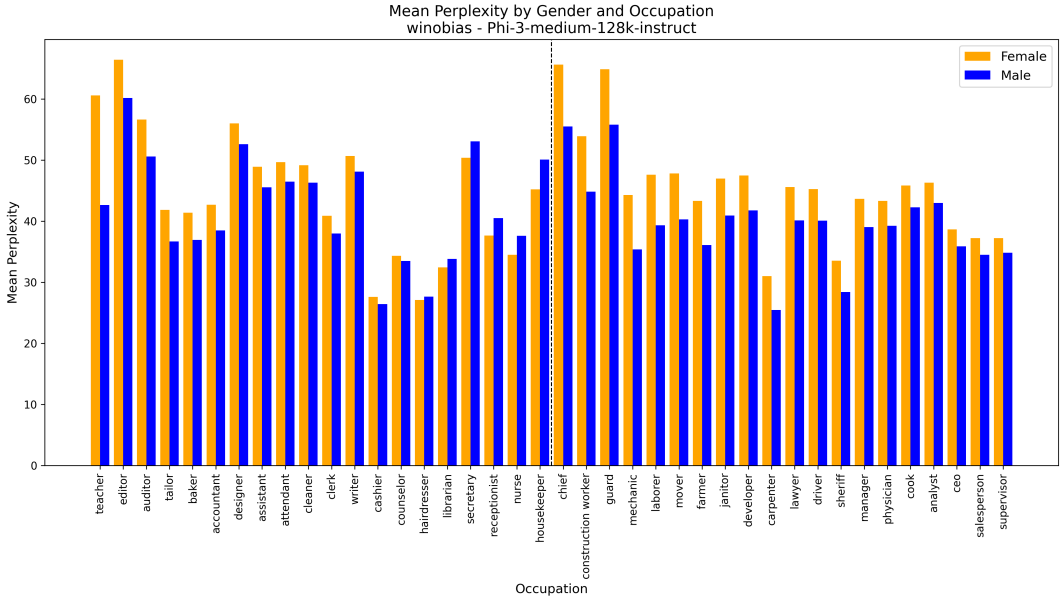


Figure 15: Evaluation results of the Phi3-medium model using the LMB bias metric on the Winobias dataset. Occupations historically associated with the female gender are shown to the left of the dashed line, while those associated with the male gender are shown to the right. Mean perplexity is used as a proxy to estimate the likelihood of generating each gender for a given occupation. Higher perplexity levels indicate that the model is less likely to generate that occupation with that gender. Occupations on both sides are sorted based on the difference in perplexity.

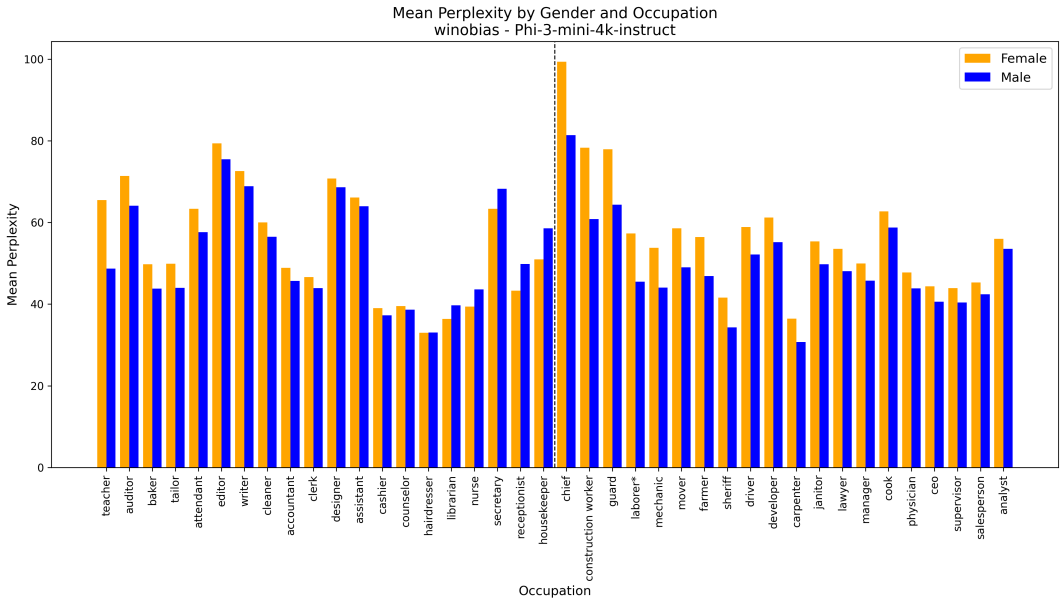


Figure 16: Evaluation results of the Phi3-mini model using the LMB bias metric on the Winobias dataset. Occupations historically associated with the female gender are shown to the left of the dashed line, while those associated with the male gender are shown to the right. Mean perplexity is used as a proxy to estimate the likelihood of generating each gender for a given occupation. Higher perplexity levels indicate that the model is less likely to generate that occupation with that gender. Occupations on both sides are sorted based on the difference in perplexity.

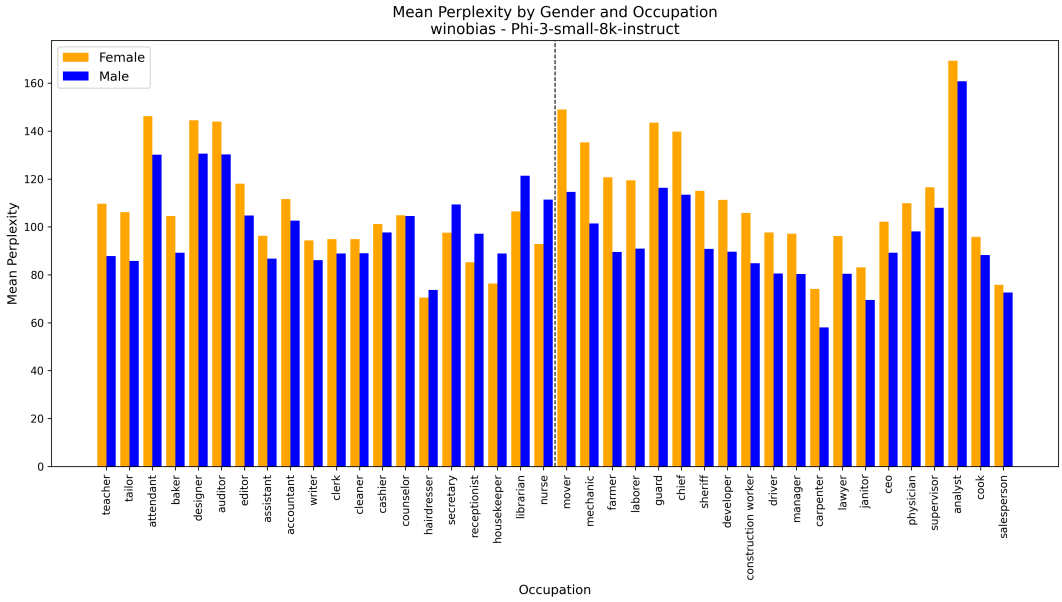


Figure 17: Evaluation results of the Phi3-small model using the LMB bias metric on the Winobias dataset. Occupations historically associated with the female gender are shown to the left of the dashed line, while those associated with the male gender are shown to the right. Mean perplexity is used as a proxy to estimate the likelihood of generating each gender for a given occupation. Higher perplexity levels indicate that the model is less likely to generate that occupation with that gender. Occupations on both sides are sorted based on the difference in perplexity.

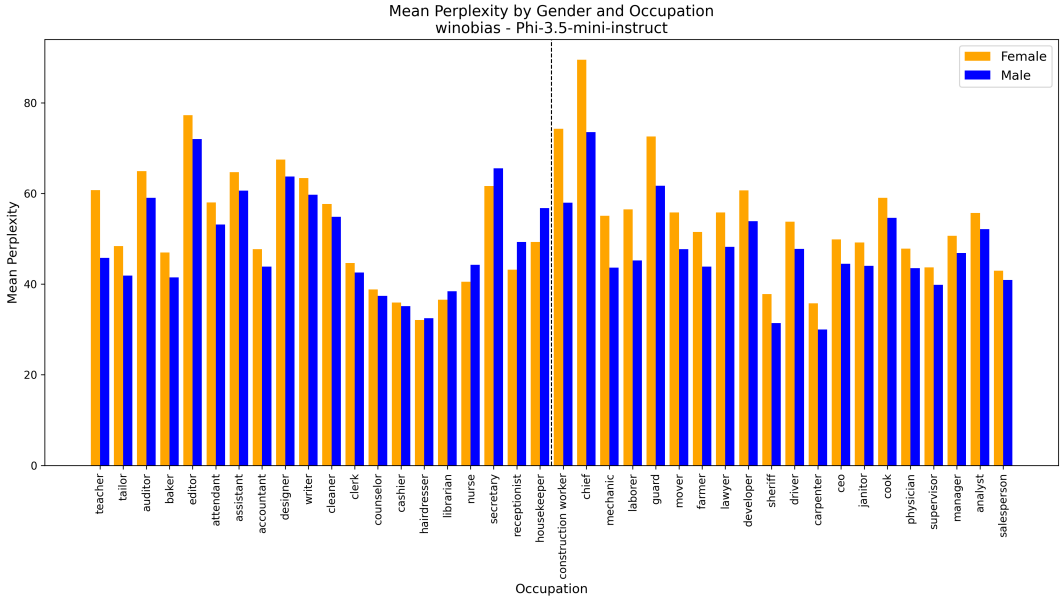


Figure 18: Evaluation results of the Phi3.5 metric using the LMB bias metric on the Winobias dataset for PHI3.5 model. Occupations historically associated with the female gender are shown to the left of the dashed line, while those associated with the male gender are shown to the right. Mean perplexity is used as a proxy to estimate the likelihood of generating each gender for a given occupation. Higher perplexity levels indicate that the model is less likely to generate that occupation with that gender. Occupations on both sides are sorted based on the difference in perplexity.

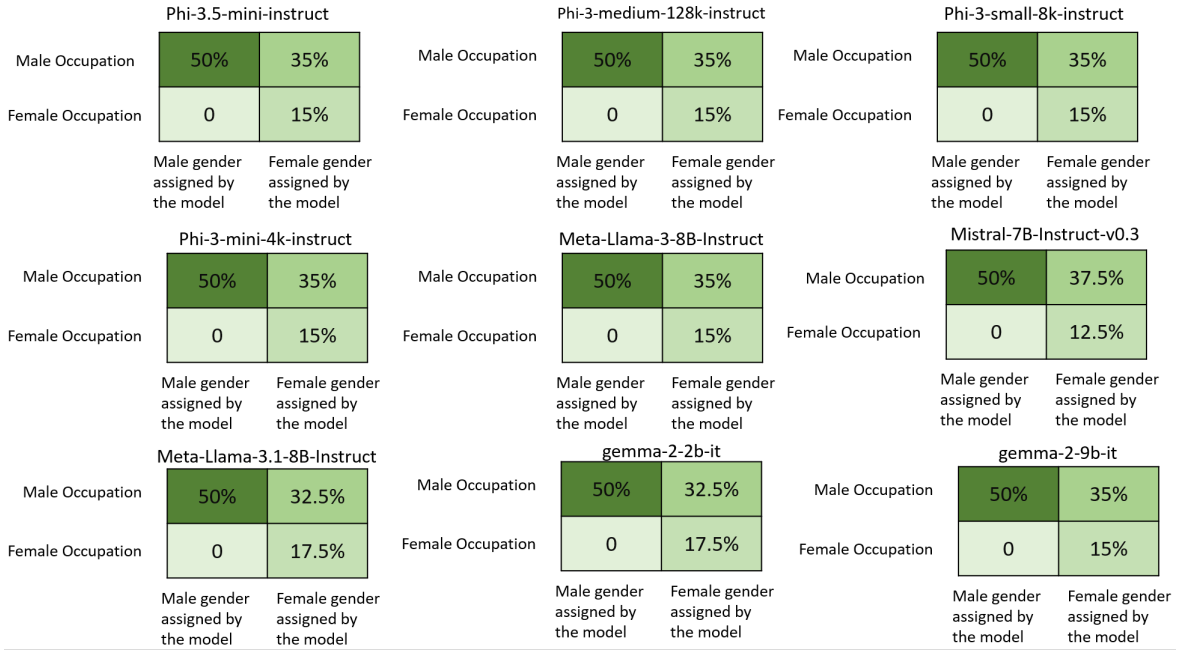


Figure 19: Confusion matrices showing model gender associations for socially male- and female-associated occupations. Rows represent the socially associated gender (female or male), while columns indicate the model-predicted gender association. Each cell displays the percentage of occupations classified by the model as male or female. Across all models, socially male-associated occupations are consistently predicted as male, while a significant proportion of socially female-associated occupations are also assigned to men.

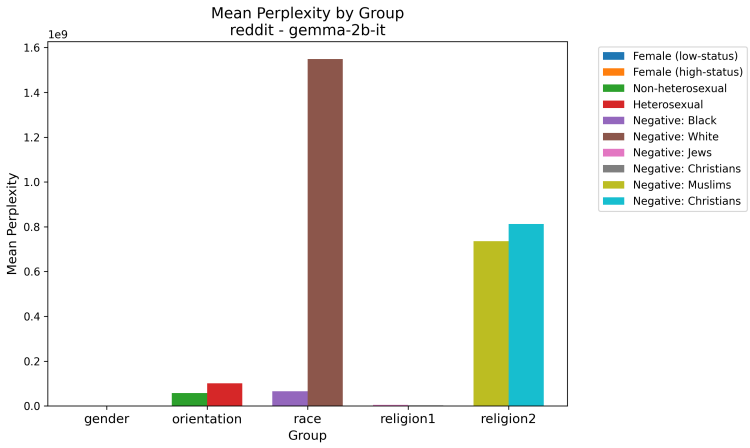
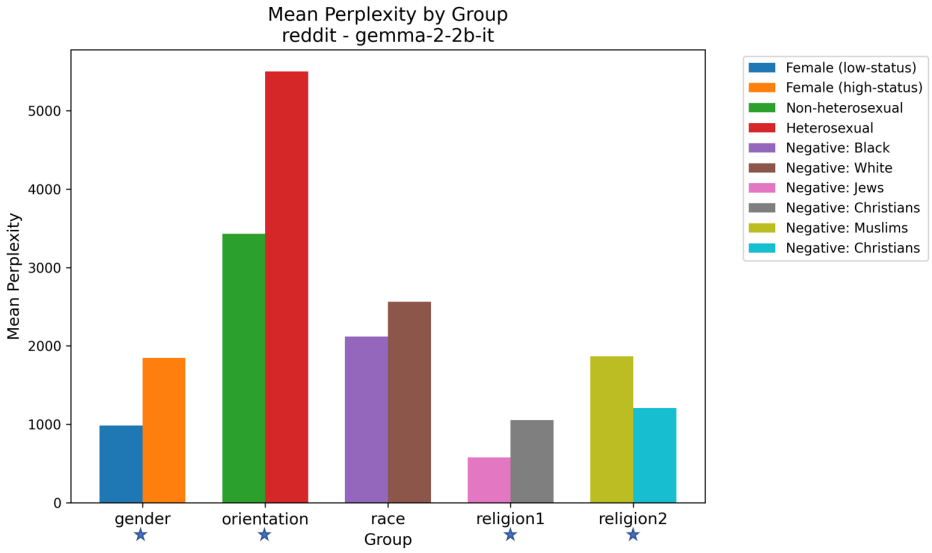


Figure 20: Evaluation of the LMB bias metric on the RedditBias dataset using the Gemma-2B model. Bias is assessed across gender, sexual orientation, and religion. Lower mean perplexity suggests a higher model tendency to generate sentences related to a given marginalized group. Stars on X-axis labels denote statistically significant perplexity differences.



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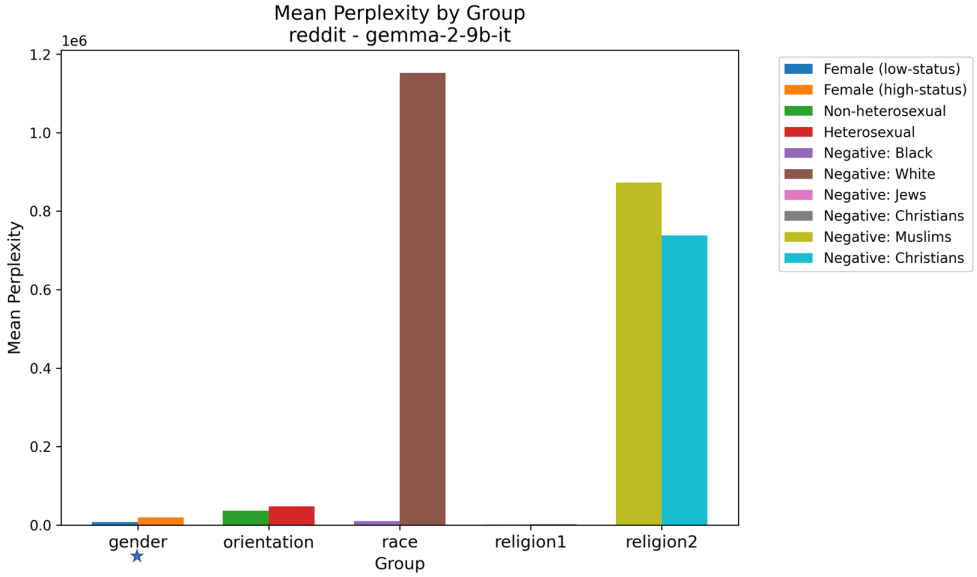

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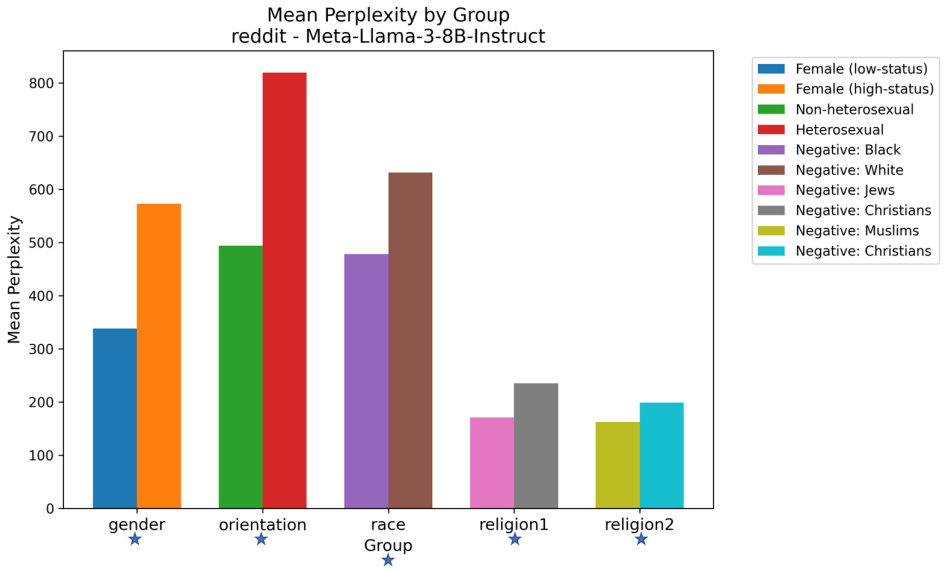

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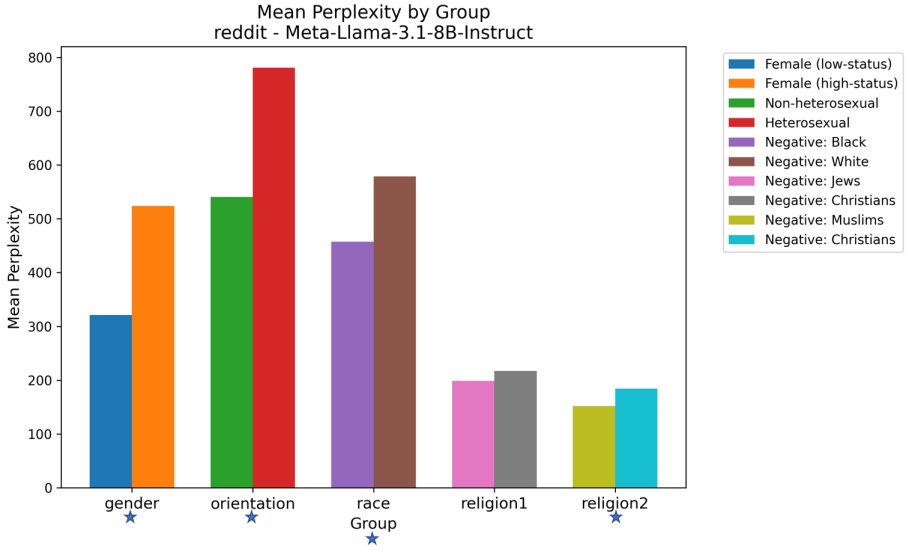

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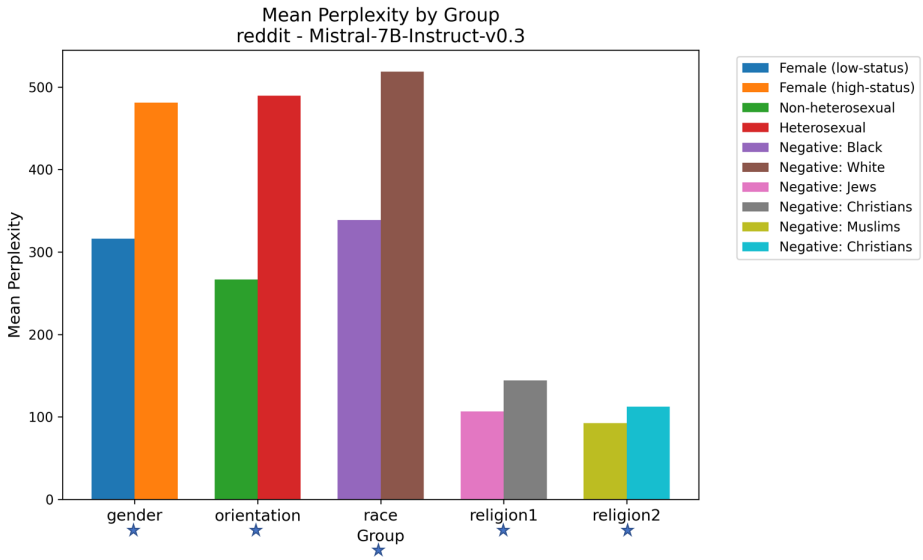

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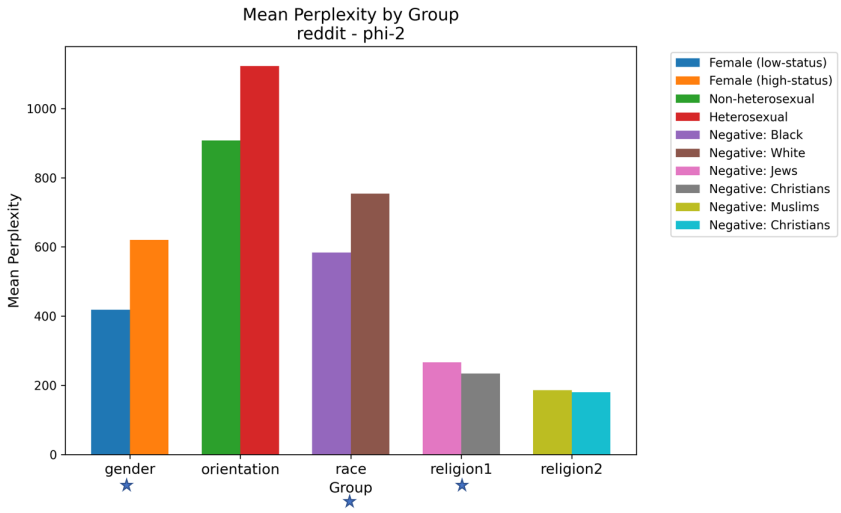
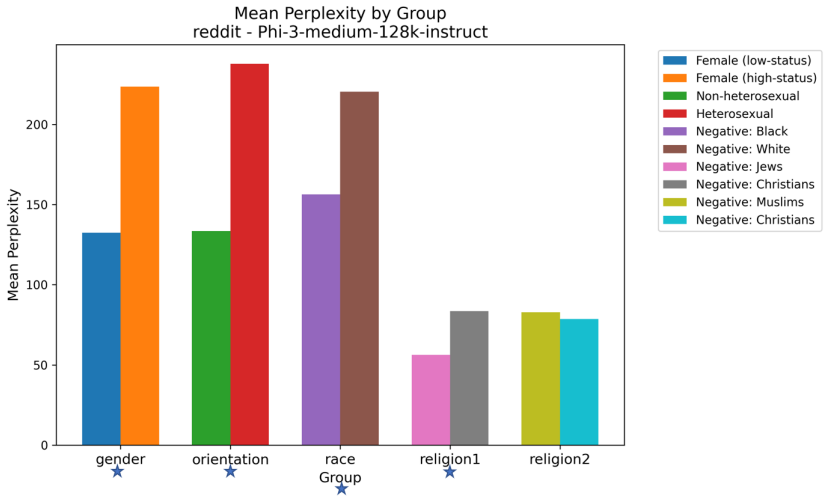


Figure 26: Evaluation of the LMB bias metric on the RedditBias dataset using the Phi2 model. Bias is assessed across gender, sexual orientation, and religion. Lower mean perplexity suggests a higher model tendency to generate sentences related to a given marginalized group. Stars on X-axis labels denote statistically significant perplexity differences.



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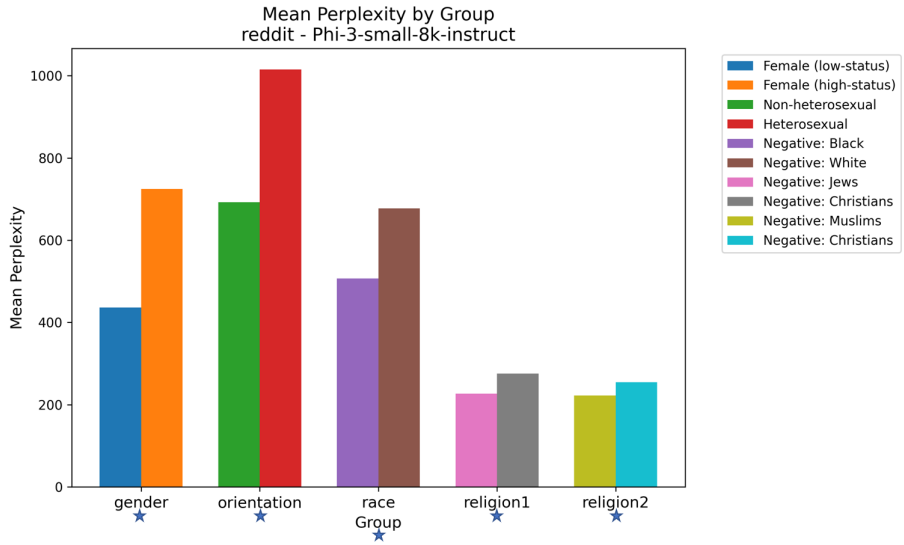

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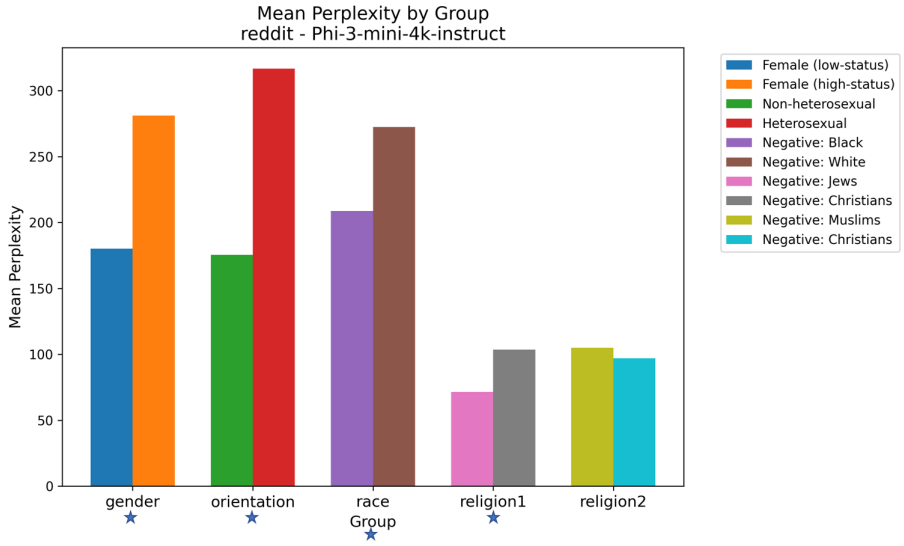

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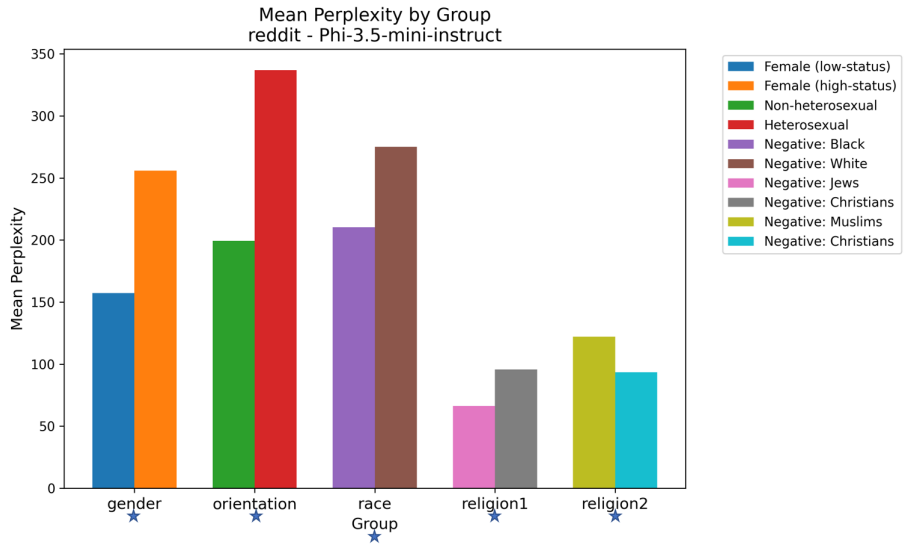

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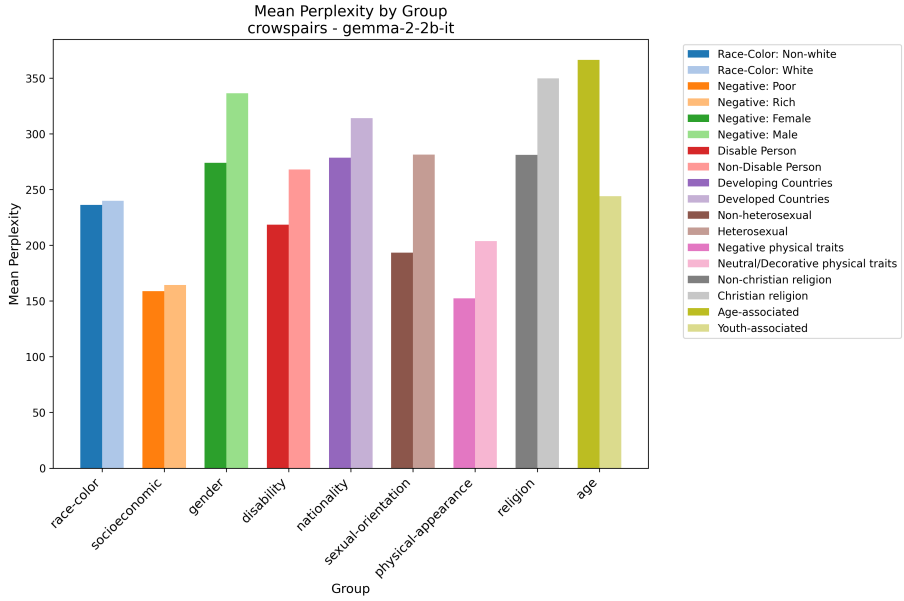
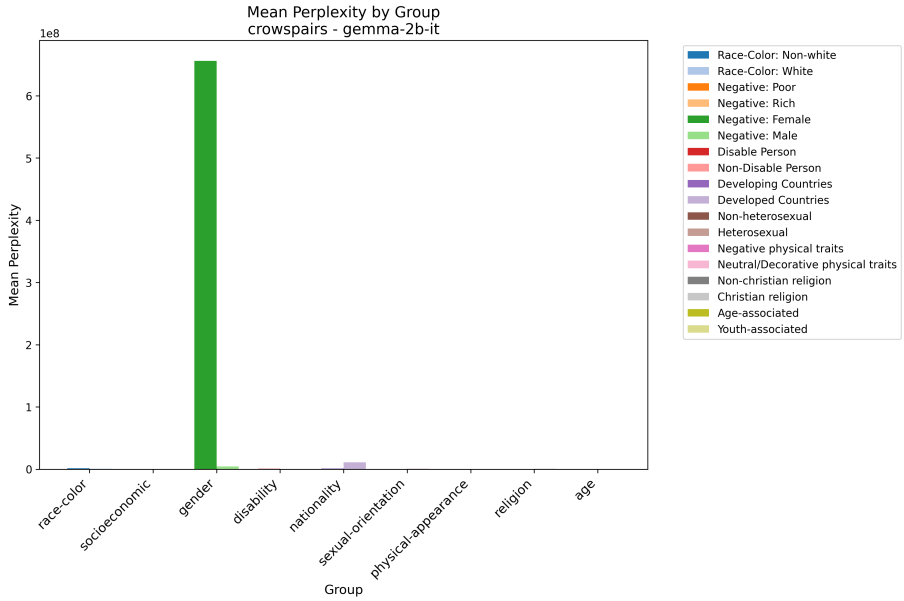


Figure 31: Evaluation of the LMB bias metric on the RedditBias dataset using the Gemma2-2B model. Bias is assessed across gender, sexual orientation, and religion. Lower mean perplexity suggests a higher model tendency to generate sentences related to a given marginalized group. Stars on X-axis labels denote statistically significant perplexity differences.



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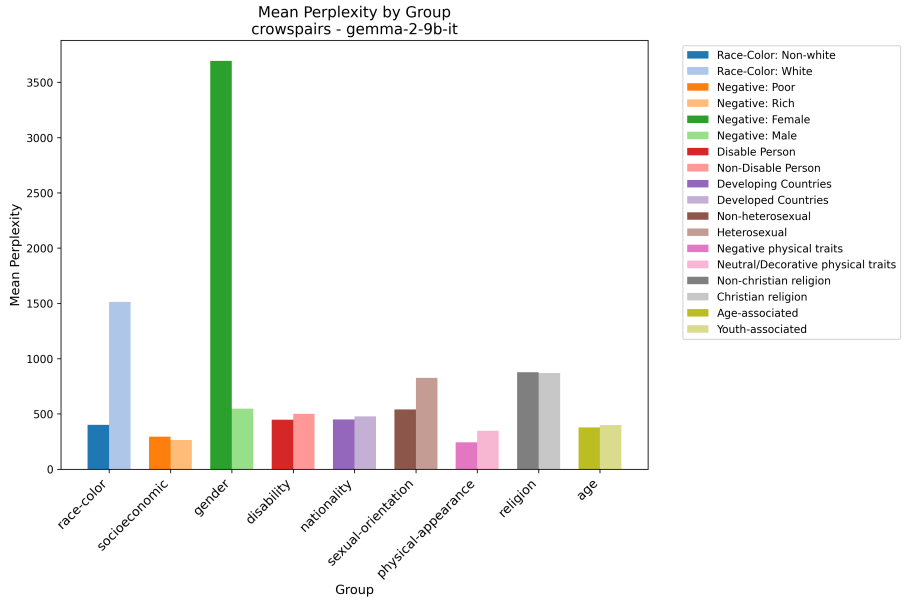

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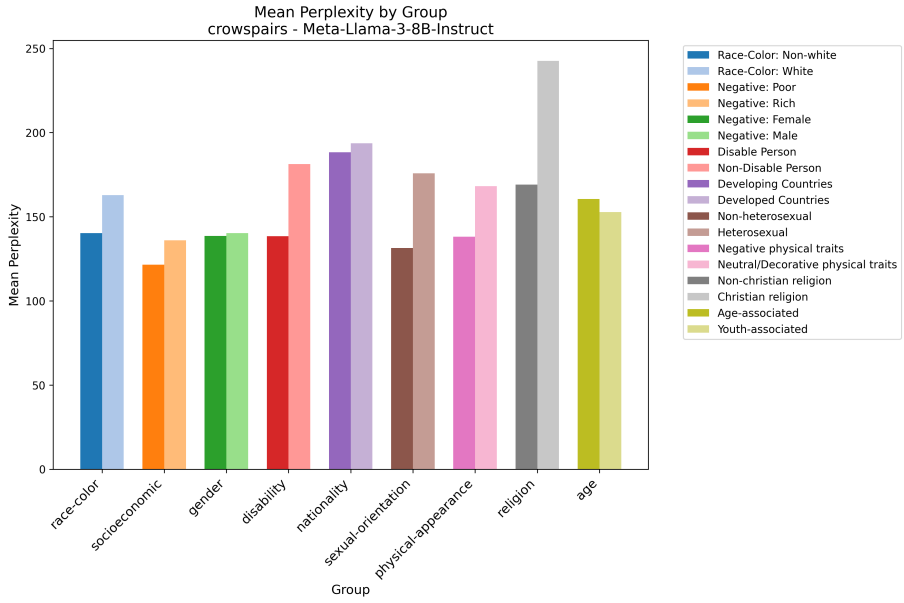
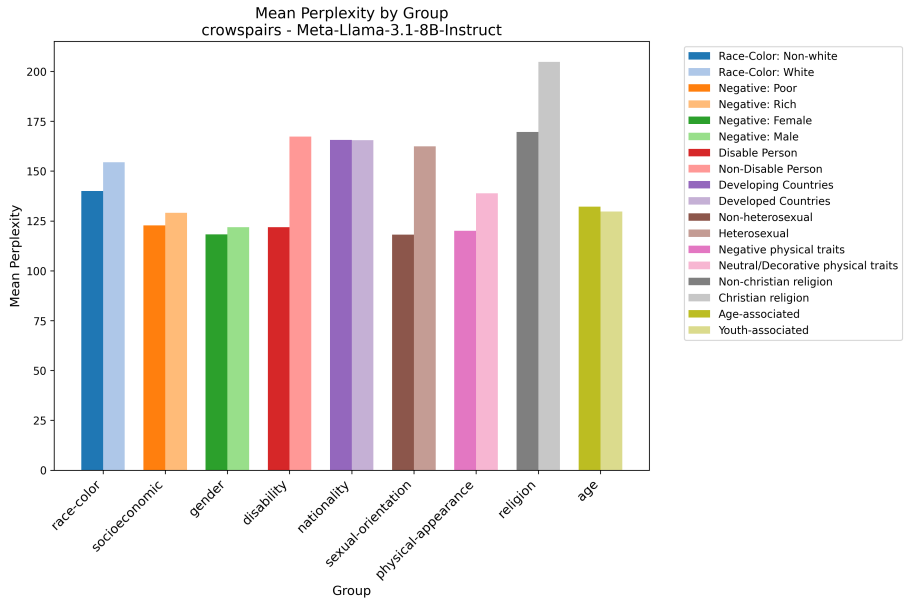


Figure 34: Evaluation of the LMB bias metric on the RedditBias dataset using the Llama3-8B model. Bias is assessed across gender, sexual orientation, and religion. Lower mean perplexity suggests a higher model tendency to generate sentences related to a given marginalized group. Stars on X-axis labels denote statistically significant perplexity differences.



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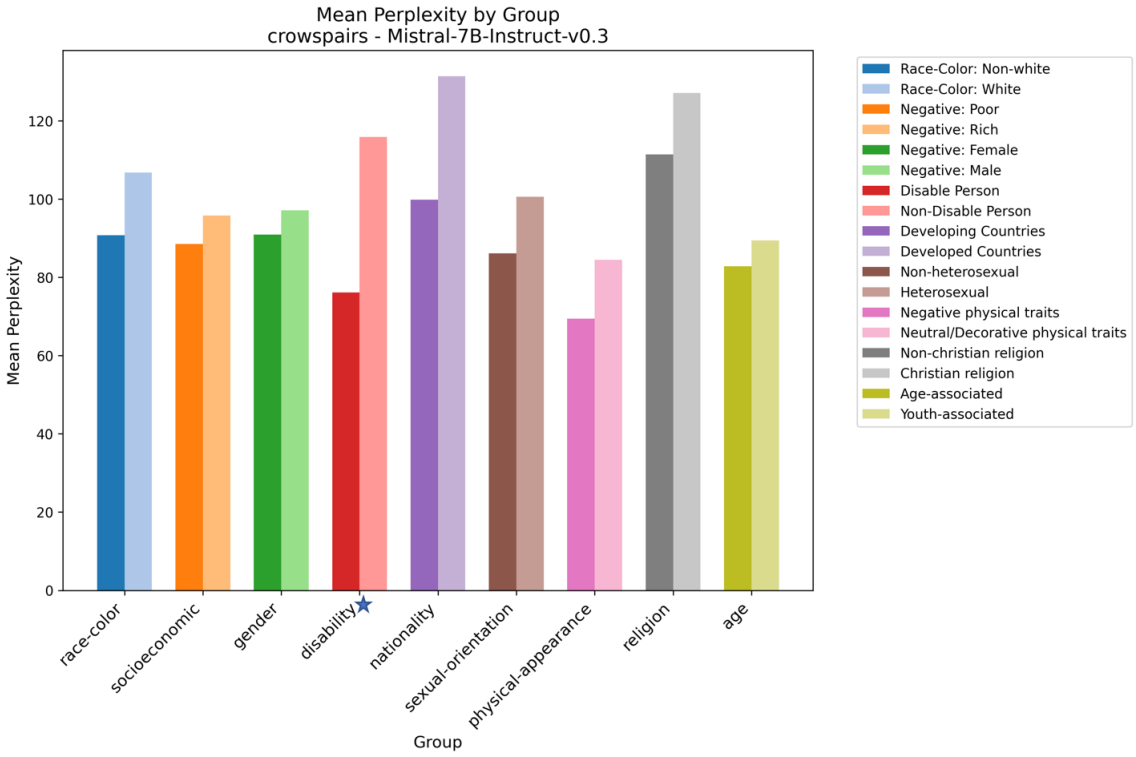

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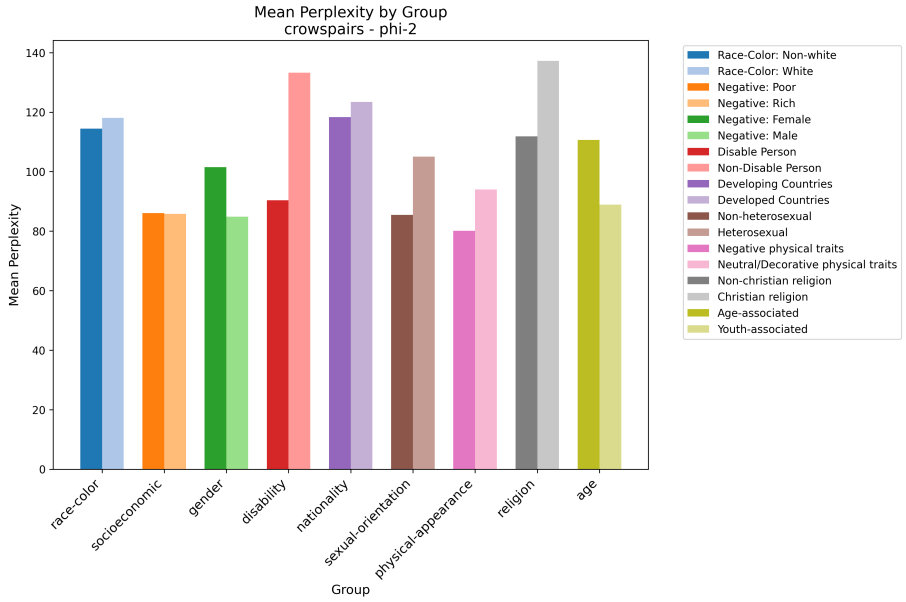

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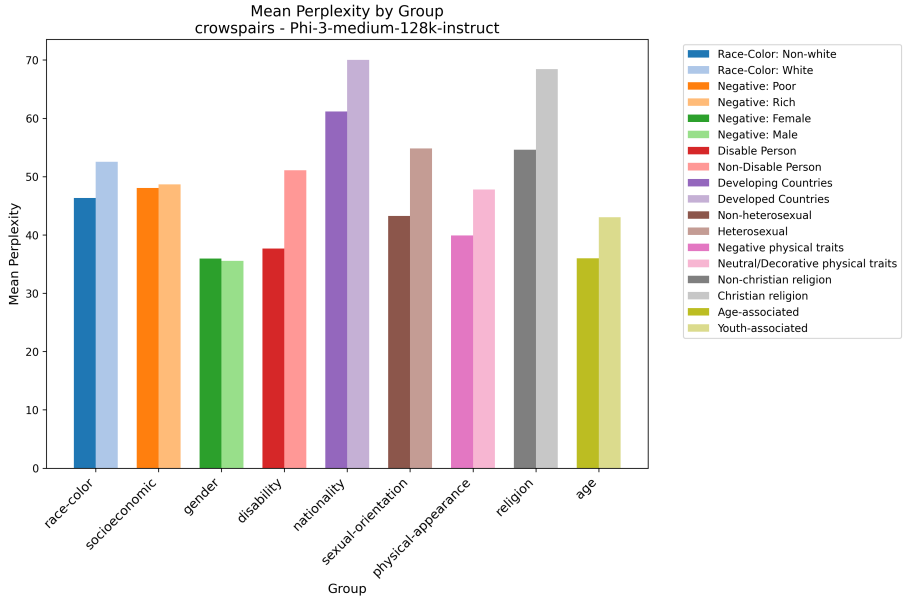
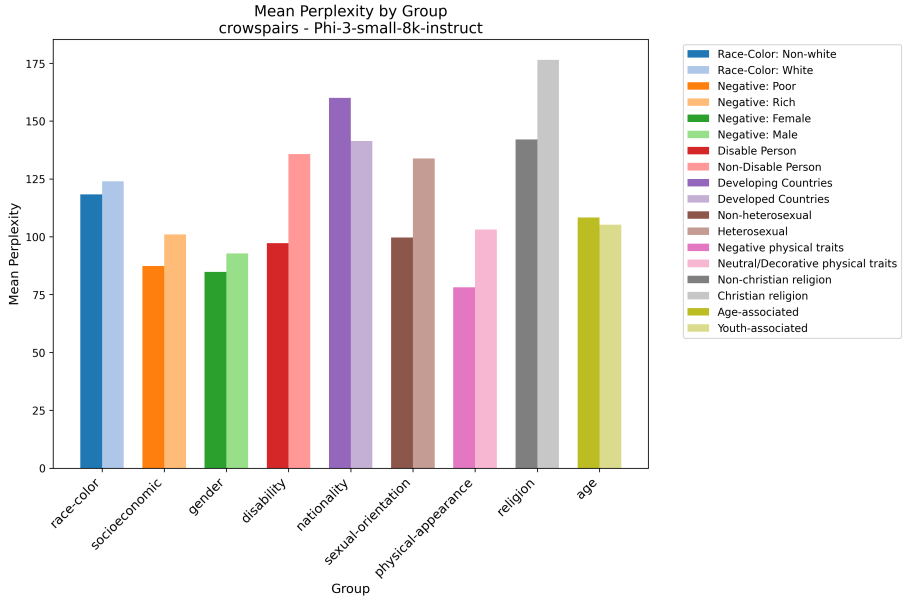


Figure 38: Evaluation of the LMB bias metric on the RedditBias dataset using the Phi3-medium model. Bias is assessed across gender, sexual orientation, and religion. Lower mean perplexity suggests a higher model tendency to generate sentences related to a given marginalized group. Stars on X-axis labels denote statistically significant perplexity differences.



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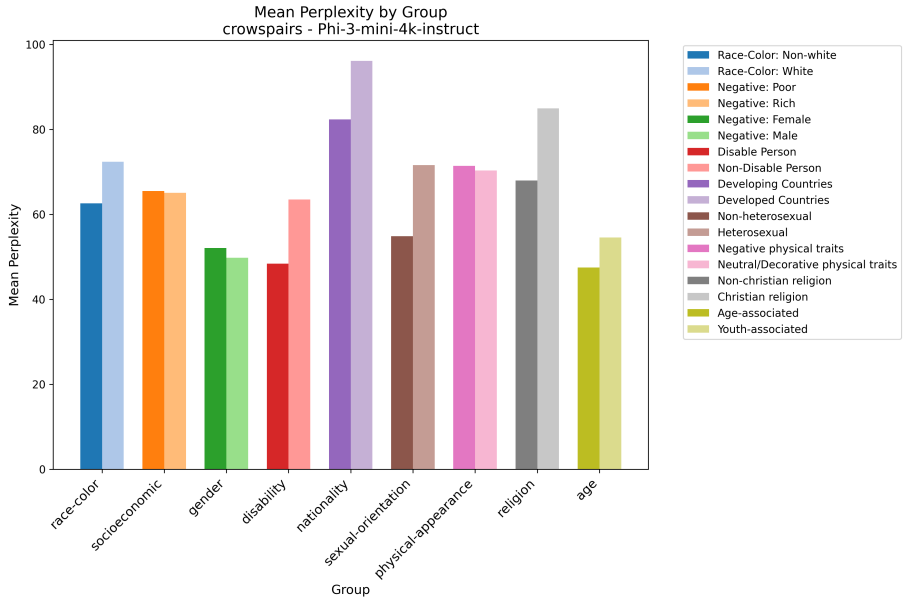

Figure 40: Evaluation of the LMB bias metric on the RedditBias dataset using the Phi3-mini model. Bias is assessed across gender, sexual orientation, and religion. Lower mean perplexity suggests a higher model tendency to generate sentences related to a given marginalized group. Stars on X-axis labels denote statistically significant perplexity differences.

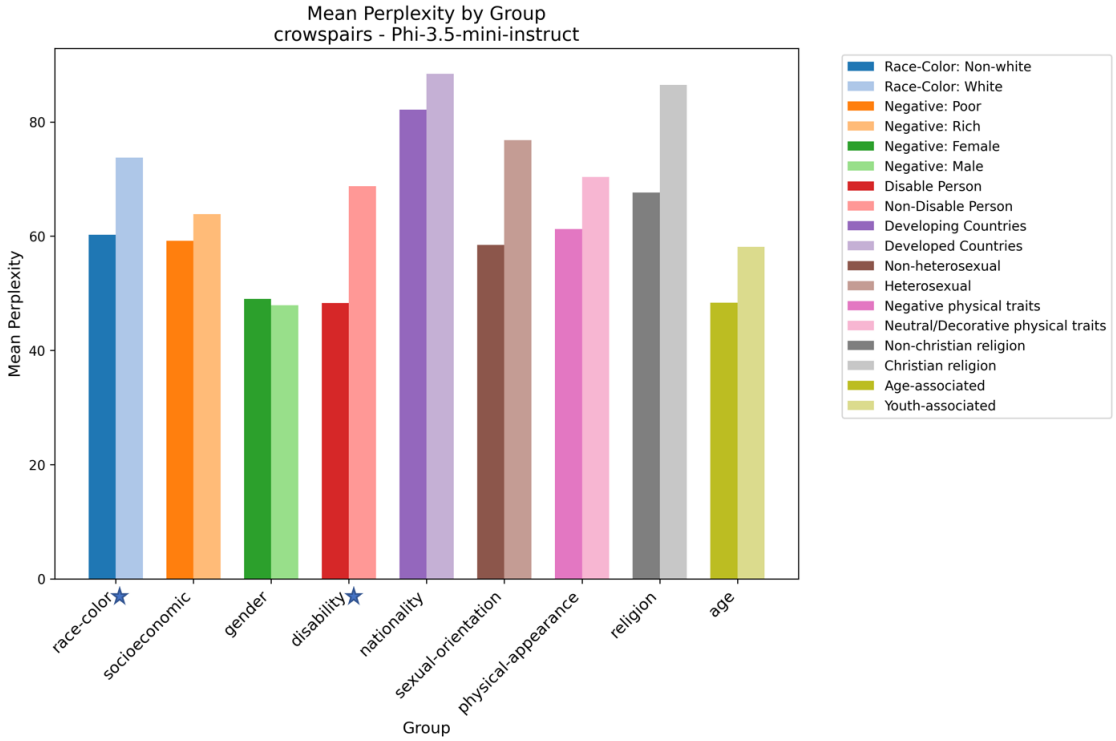

Figure 41: Evaluation of the LMB bias metric on the RedditBias dataset using the Phi3.5-mini model. Bias is assessed across gender, sexual orientation, and religion. Lower mean perplexity suggests a higher model tendency to generate sentences related to a given marginalized group. Stars on X-axis labels denote statistically significant perplexity differences.

H.2 Appendix: Detailed Evaluation Results of HONEST metric

H.2.1 BOLD Dataset

Fig. 42 presents the evaluation results of the HONEST metric on the BOLD dataset. Among the various demographic axes, prompts related to gender achieve the lowest HONEST scores, indicating that models are relatively effective at avoiding hurtful language in this context. In contrast, prompts associated with political views and profession are more likely to trigger hurtful outputs.

H.2.2 Real Toxicity Prompts

Fig. 43 presents the evaluation results of the HONEST metric on the RealToxicityPrompts dataset. All models demonstrate comparable performance according to this metric, with Phi-2 exhibiting the highest HONEST score (indicating strongest bias) and Phi3-mini achieving the lowest score (suggesting the least biased behavior). This narrow performance range suggests that current language models remain similarly susceptible to generating harmful content as measured by the HONEST framework.

H.3 Appendix: Detailed Evaluation Results of CAT Score metric

H.3.1 BUG Dataset

In this section, we present the **bias evaluation results** using the **Bias in Language Understanding and Generation (BUG) dataset**, which measures **gender bias in occupational associations**. The **Context Association Test (CAT) Scores** are used to assess the extent to which models associate certain professions with gendered pronouns. Higher **CAT Scores** indicate stronger model biases toward associating a specific profession with a particular gender.

- **Figure 44**: Business & Creative Careers (High-Status)
- **Figure 45**: Technical & Managerial Careers (High-Status)
- **Figure 47**: Basic Services & Labor Careers (Low-Status)
- **Figure 48**: Technical & Educational Support Careers (Low-Status)
- **Figure 49**: Personal Care & Arts Careers (Low-Status)

The **x-axis** represents different **professions**, while the **y-axis** indicates the **CAT Score**, measuring gender bias in occupational associations. Each **color-coded bar** corresponds to a different **language model**, as specified in the legend.

H.3.2 Winobias Dataset

In this section, we present the bias evaluation results using the **Bias in Language Understanding and Generation (BUG) dataset**, which measures **gender bias in occupational associations**. The **Context Association Test (CAT) Scores** are used to assess the extent to which models associate certain professions with gendered pronouns. Higher **CAT Scores** indicate stronger model biases toward associating a specific profession with a particular gender.

Figure 51 analyzes the bias present in Llama-3.1-8B using the Winobias dataset. The model exhibits strong associations between professions and gendered pronouns, particularly for roles like "secretary" and "nurse," which align with female pronouns, while "CEO" and "developer" show stronger male associations. These results indicate persistent occupational biases.

Figure 52 presents CAT Scores for Meta-Llama-3-8B. The model demonstrates similar biases to Llama-3.1-8B, though some professions display slightly higher CAT Scores, suggesting minor variations in bias magnitude. However, the overall pattern of occupational gender associations remains consistent.

Figure 53 examines the Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.3 model. While this model exhibits lower CAT Scores across some professions, it still shows clear gender biases in occupational predictions. Notably, roles such as "nurse" and "secretary" are more strongly associated with female pronouns, whereas technical and executive positions remain male-associated.

Figure 54 evaluates Phi-2 using the Winobias dataset. This model demonstrates a more dispersed distribution of biases, with some professions showing weaker associations compared to other models. Nevertheless, it retains gender stereotypes in key occupational categories, highlighting persistent bias issues in LM.

Figure 55 presents results for Phi-3-mini-4k-instruct. The model exhibits noticeable gender associations across professions, with high CAT Scores for roles traditionally linked to male and female identities. Professions such as "secretary" and

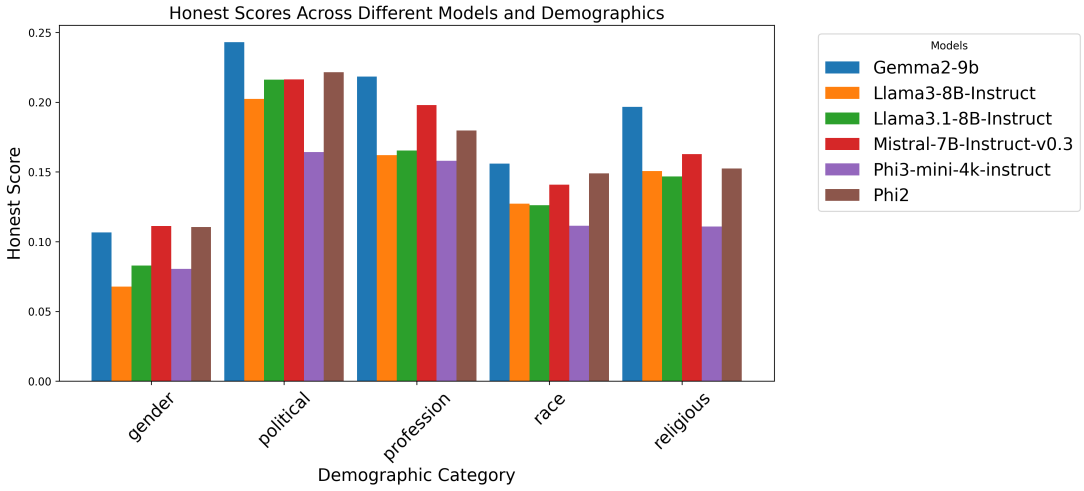

Figure 42: HONEST Scores for BOLD Dataset (Higher scores show higher bias.

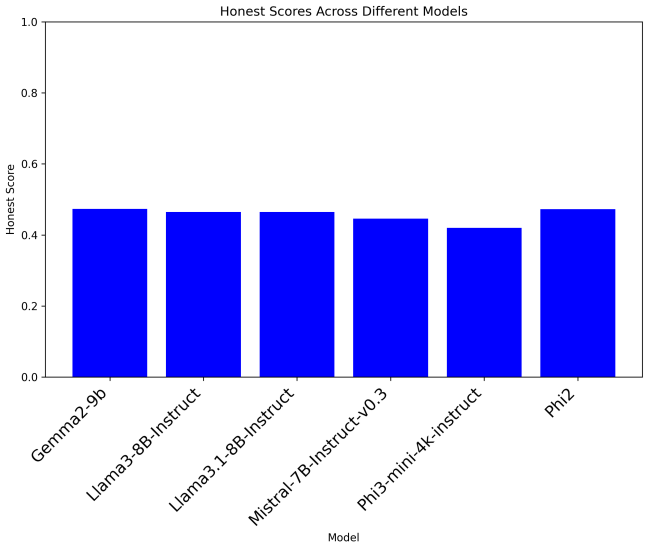

Figure 43: Evaluation results of HONEST metric applied to Real Toxicity Prompts dataset on different models. Higher HONEST score indicates presence of more hurtful words in the generations of the model. The performance of the models based on this dataset and metric is relatively close.

"cashier" continue to show stronger associations with female pronouns, while roles like "guard" and "lawyer" align more with male pronouns. These results indicate that Phi-3-mini-4k-instruct, like other models, reflects occupational gender biases.

H.3.3 Crows-Pairs

The CrowS-Pairs dataset evaluates biases across multiple demographic axes, including race, gender, age, and socioeconomic status. **Figure 56** presents the CAT Scores for different models across these axes.

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Figure 57 presents the CAT Scores for different models across these demographic axes.

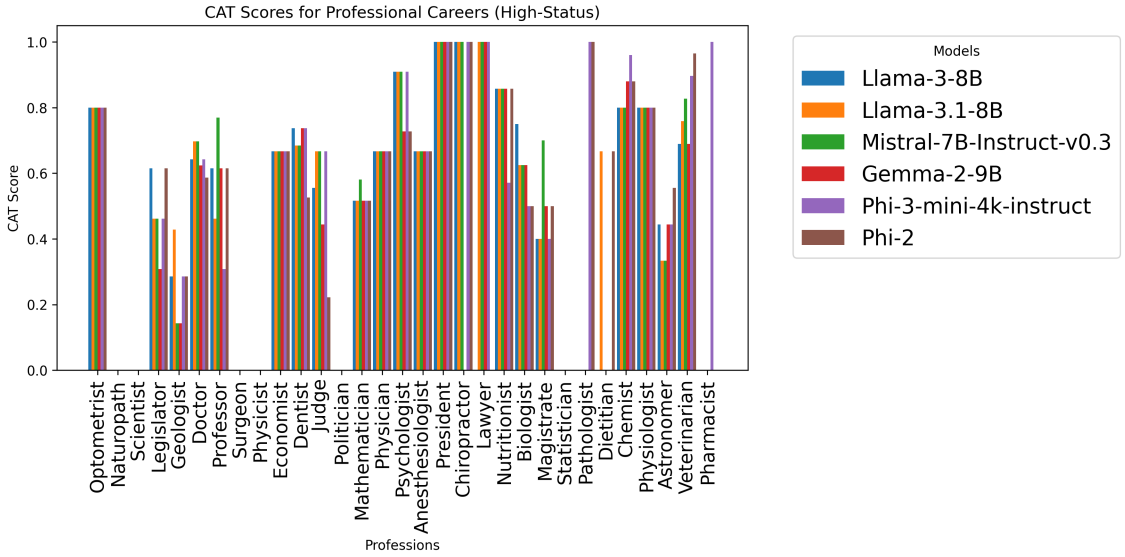


Figure 44: CAT Scores for Professional Careers (High-Status). This bar chart shows CAT Scores for various professional professions across multiple LM. The x-axis represents professions, while the y-axis indicates CAT Scores, measuring gender bias in occupational associations. Higher scores reflect stronger gender associations.

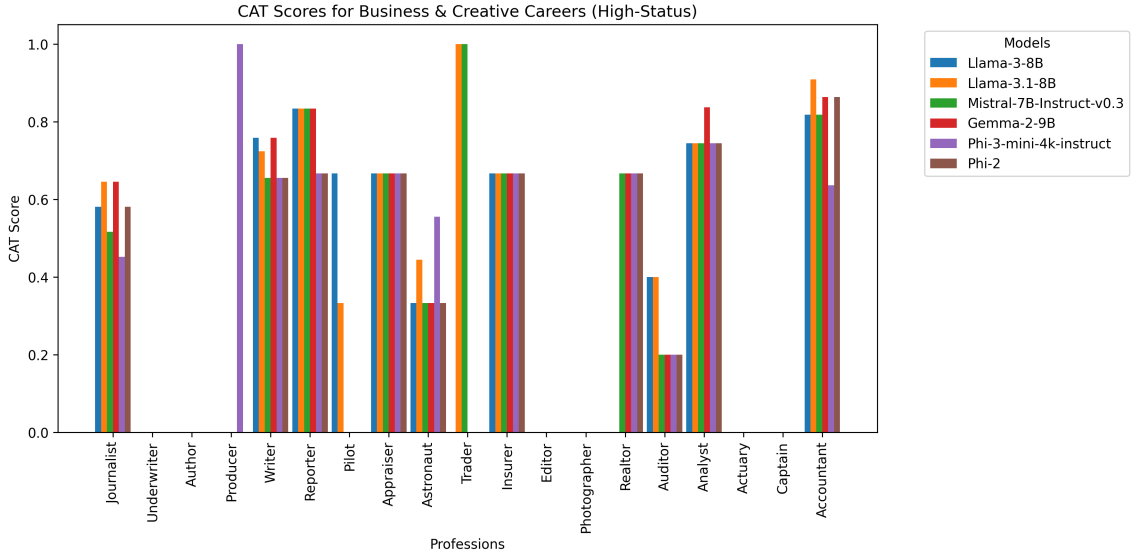


Figure 45: CAT Scores for Business & Creative Careers (High-Status). This bar chart shows CAT Scores for various high-status professions across multiple LM. The x-axis represents professions, while the y-axis indicates CAT Scores, measuring gender bias in occupational associations. Higher scores reflect stronger gender associations.

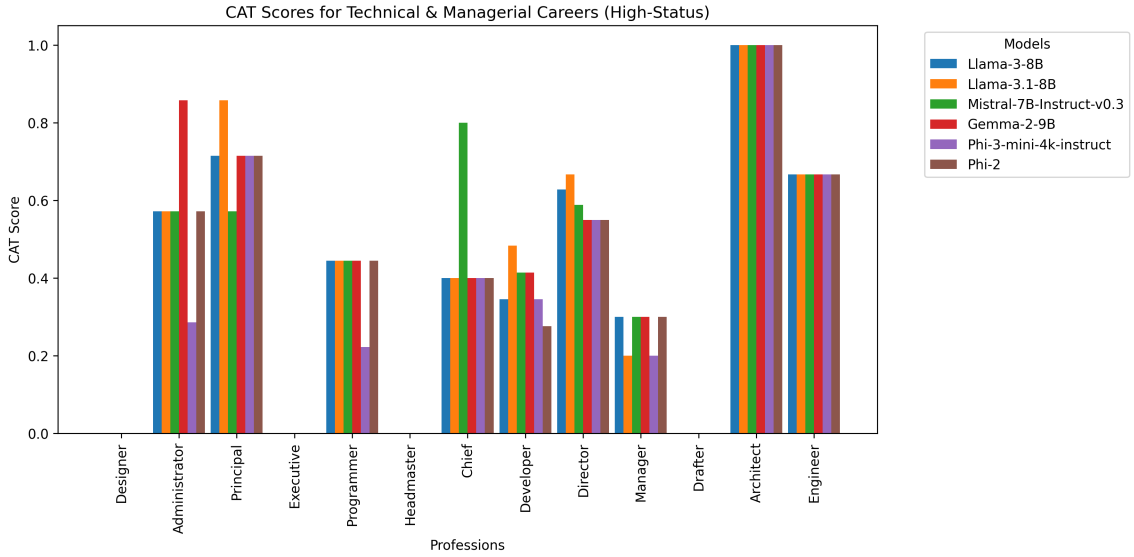


Figure 46: CAT Scores for Technical & Managerial Careers (High-Status). This bar chart displays CAT Scores for various technical and managerial professions across multiple LM. The x-axis represents professions, while the y-axis indicates CAT Scores, measuring gender bias in occupational associations. Higher scores reflect stronger gender associations.

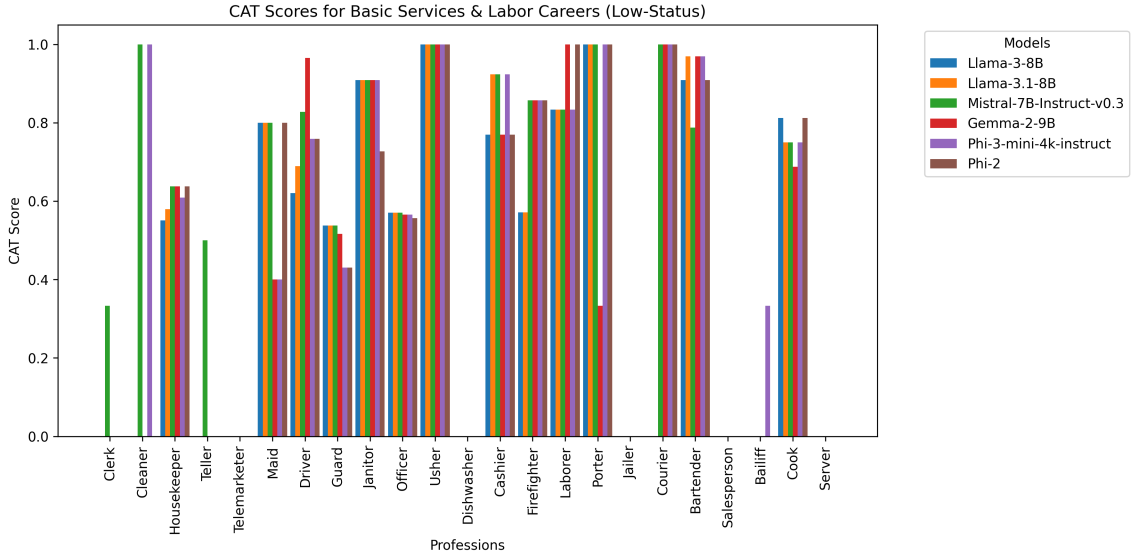


Figure 47: CAT Scores for Basic Services & Labor Careers (Low-Status). This bar chart presents CAT Scores for various basic services and labor professions across multiple LM. The x-axis represents professions, while the y-axis indicates CAT Scores, measuring gender bias in occupational associations. Higher scores reflect stronger gender associations.

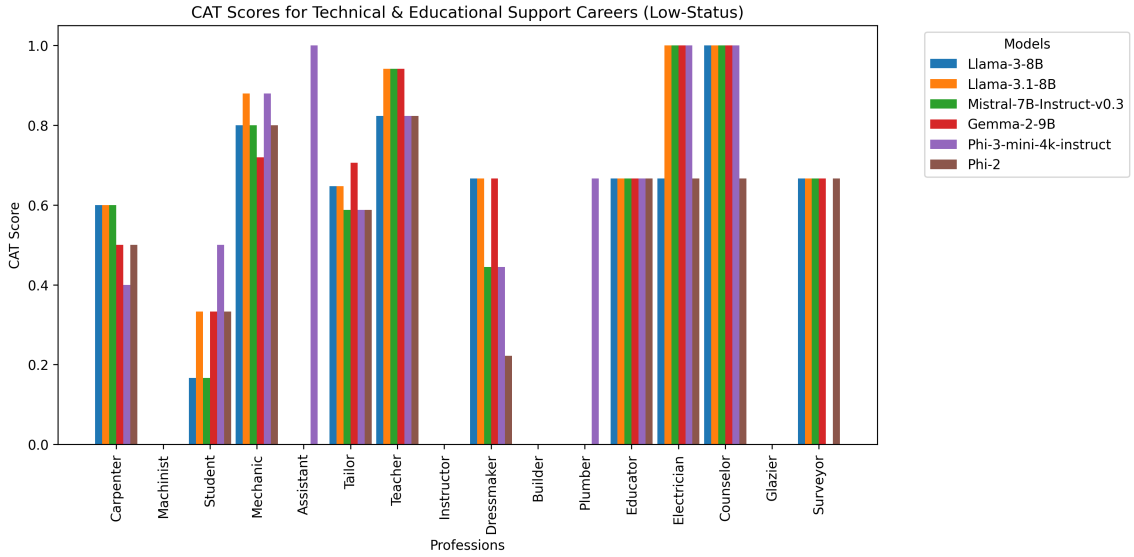


Figure 48: CAT Scores for Technical & Educational Support Careers (Low-Status). This bar chart presents CAT Scores for various technical and educational support professions across multiple LM. The x-axis represents professions, while the y-axis indicates CAT Scores, measuring gender bias in occupational associations. Higher scores reflect stronger gender associations.

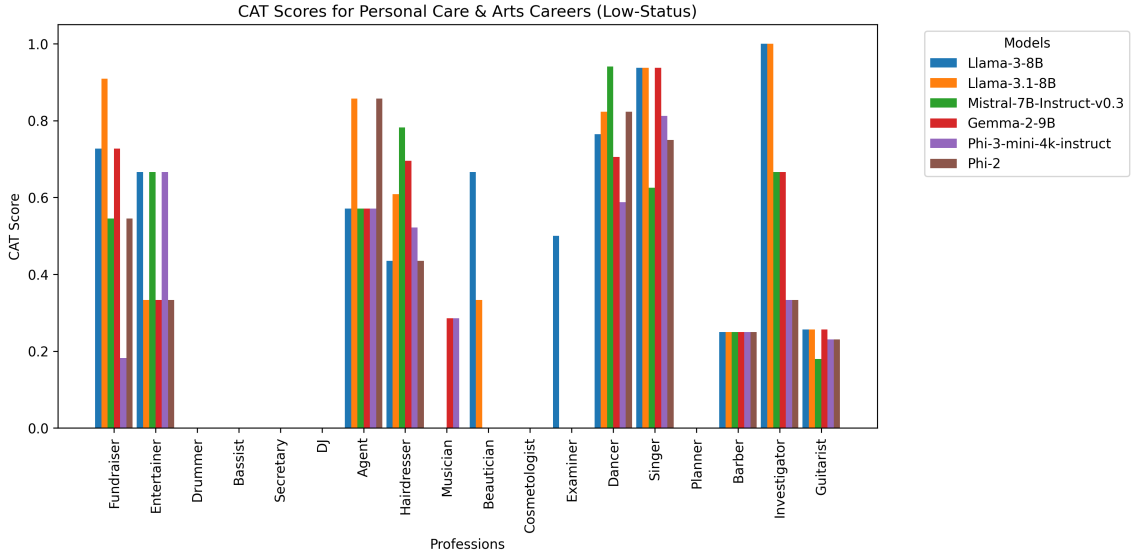


Figure 49: CAT Scores for Personal Care & Art Careers (Low-Status). This bar chart presents CAT Scores for various personal care and art professions across multiple LM. The x-axis represents professions, while the y-axis indicates CAT Scores, measuring gender bias in occupational associations. Higher scores reflect stronger gender associations.

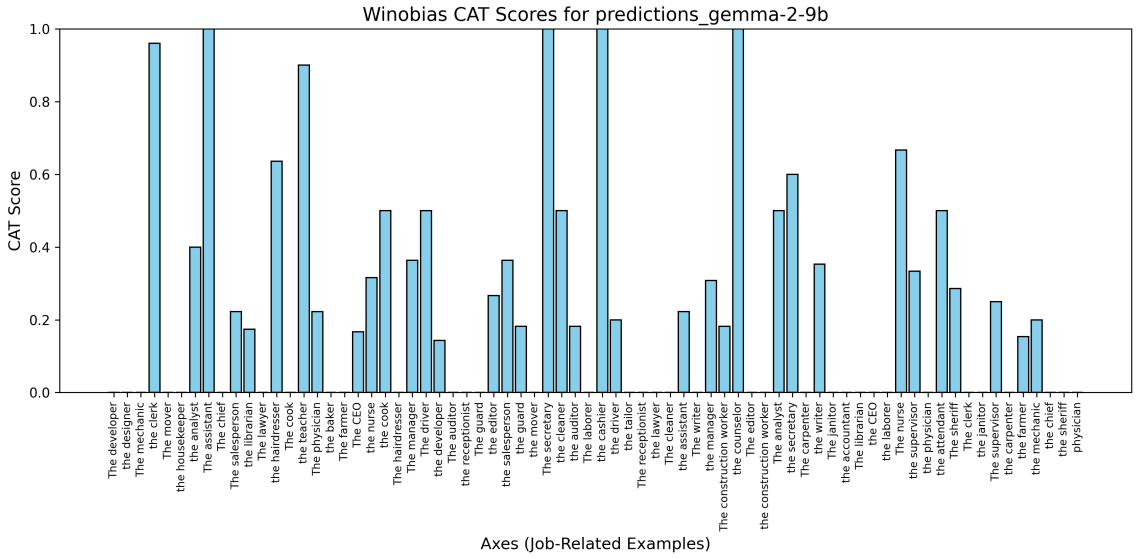


Figure 50: Winobias CAT Scores for Gemma-2-9B. This bar chart presents Context Association Test (CAT) Scores for various job-related examples using the Winobias dataset, evaluated on the Gemma-2-9B model. The x-axis represents different professions, while the y-axis indicates the CAT Score, which measures gender bias in occupational associations. Higher scores suggest stronger associations between specific professions and gendered pronouns.

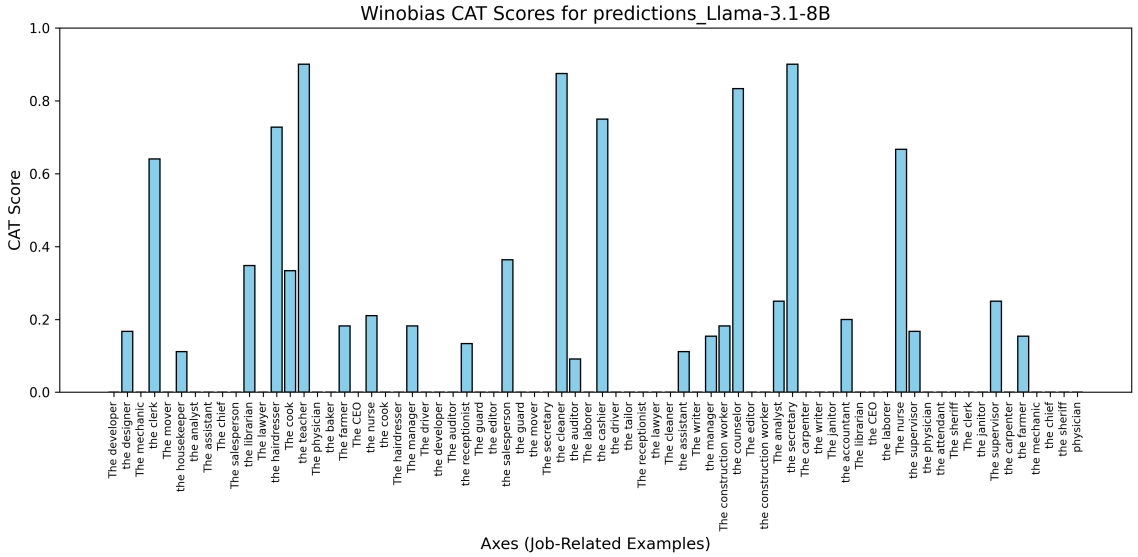


Figure 51: Winobias CAT Scores for Llama-3.1-8B. This bar chart presents Context Association Test (CAT) Scores for various job-related examples using the Winobias dataset, evaluated on the Llama-3.1-8B model. The x-axis represents different professions, while the y-axis indicates the CAT Score, which measures gender bias in occupational associations. Higher scores suggest stronger associations between specific professions and gendered pronouns.

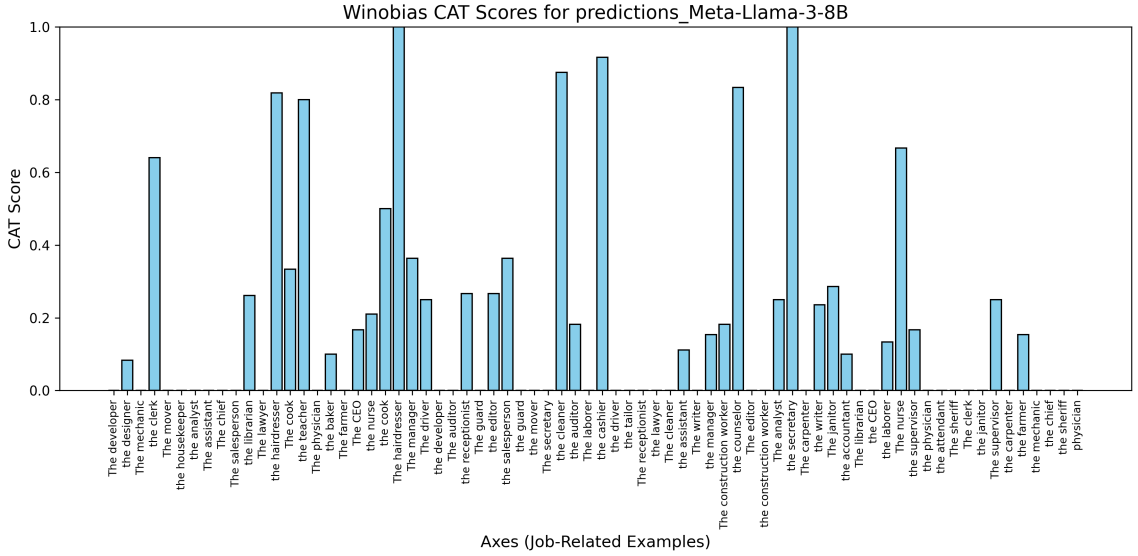


Figure 52: Winobias CAT Scores for Meta-Llama-3-8B. This bar chart presents Context Association Test (CAT) Scores for various job-related examples using the Winobias dataset, evaluated on the Meta-Llama-3-8B model. The x-axis represents different professions, while the y-axis indicates the CAT Score, which measures gender bias in occupational associations. Higher scores suggest stronger associations between specific professions and gendered pronouns.

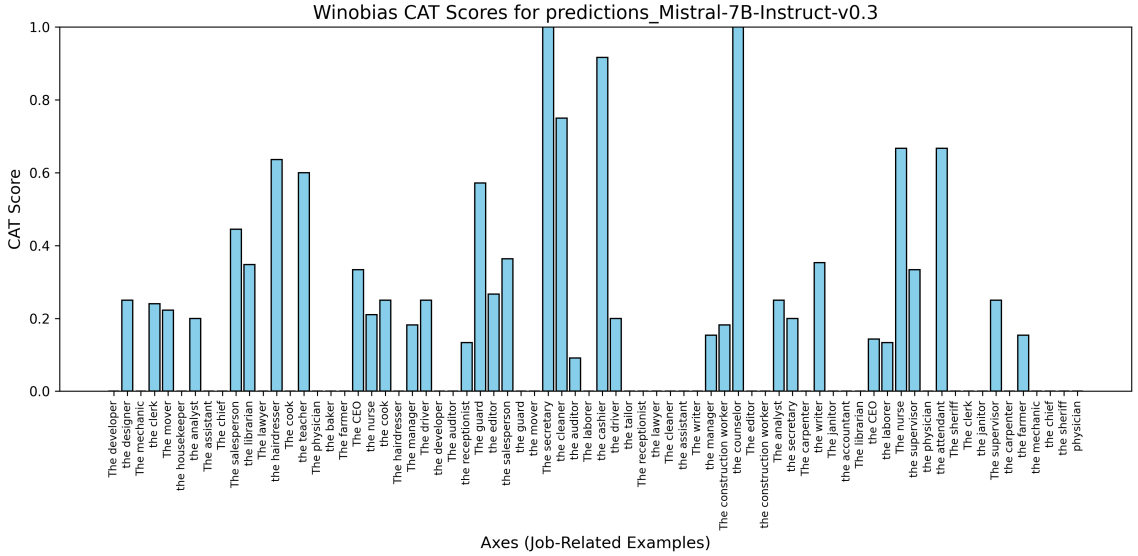


Figure 53: Winobias CAT Scores for Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.3. This bar chart presents Context Association Test (CAT) Scores for various job-related examples using the Winobias dataset, evaluated on the Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.3 model. The x-axis represents different professions, while the y-axis indicates the CAT Score, which measures gender bias in occupational associations. Higher scores suggest stronger associations between specific professions and gendered pronouns.

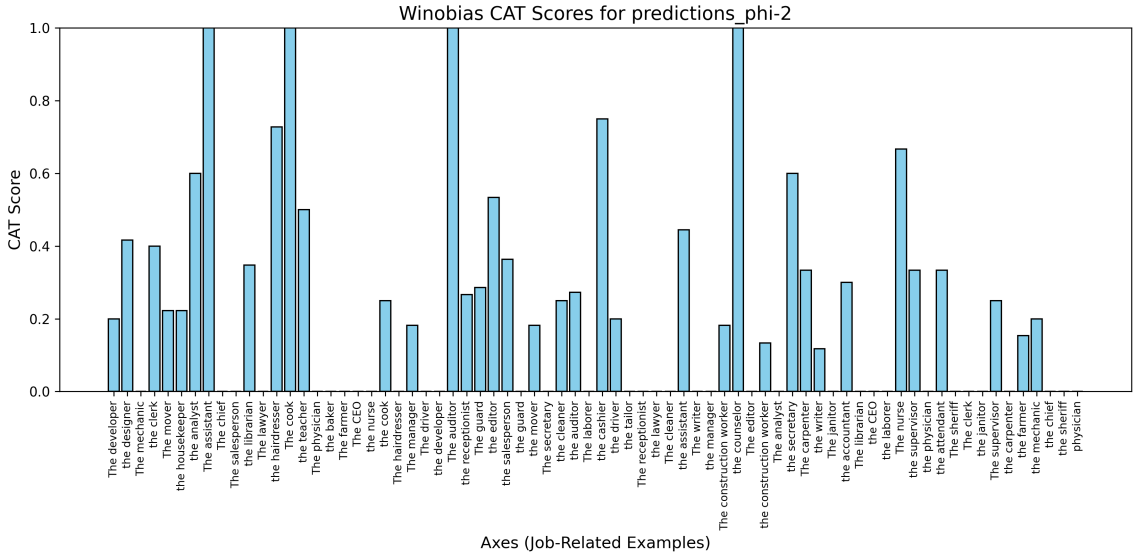


Figure 54: Winobias CAT Scores for phi-2. This bar chart presents Context Association Test (CAT) Scores for various job-related examples using the Winobias dataset, evaluated on the phi-2 model. The x-axis represents different professions, while the y-axis indicates the CAT Score, which measures gender bias in occupational associations. Higher scores suggest stronger associations between specific professions and gendered pronouns.

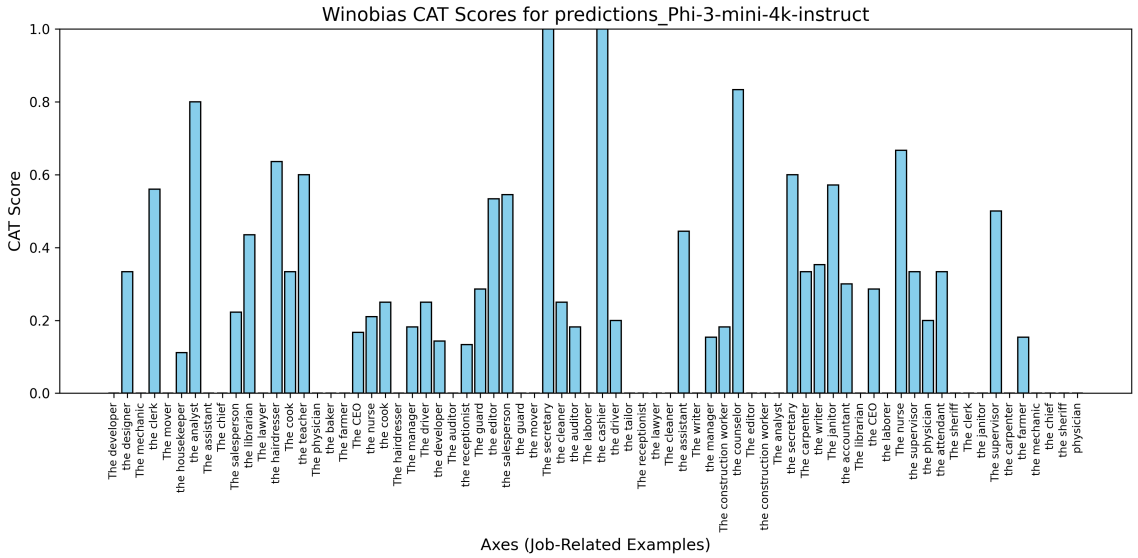


Figure 55: Winobias CAT Scores for Phi-3-mini-4k-instruct. This bar chart presents Context Association Test (CAT) Scores for various job-related examples using the Winobias dataset, evaluated on the Phi-3-mini-4k-instruct model. The x-axis represents different professions, while the y-axis indicates the CAT Score, which measures gender bias in occupational associations. Higher scores suggest stronger associations between specific professions and gendered pronouns.

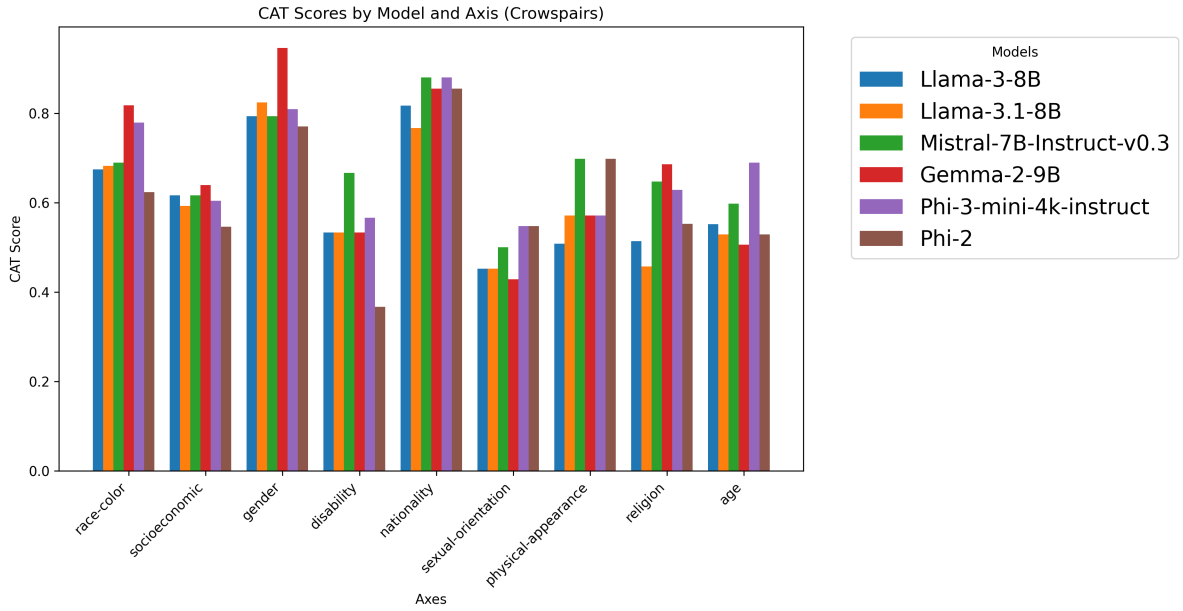


Figure 56: CAT Scores by Model and Axis (Crows-Pairs). This bar chart shows CAT Scores for various bias axes using the CrowS-Pairs dataset. The x-axis represents different bias categories, while the y-axis indicates CAT Scores, with higher values reflecting stronger bias reinforcement.

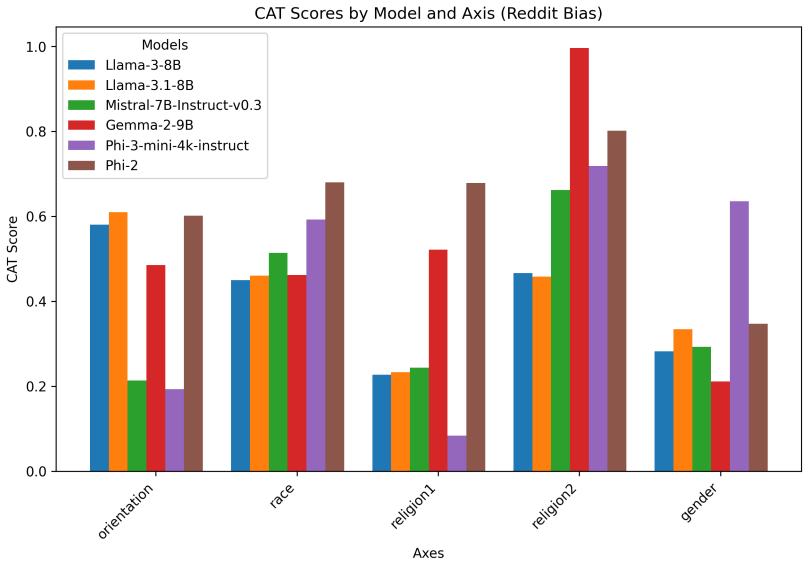


Figure 57: CAT Scores by Model and Axis (RedditBias). This bar chart presents Context Association Test (CAT) Scores for various bias dimensions, including sexual orientation, race, religion, and gender, across multiple LM. Higher CAT Scores indicate stronger associations between demographic groups and biased stereotypes.

H.4 Appendix: Detailed Evaluation Results of iCAT Score metric

Figure 58 presents the evaluation results of various models using the iCAT score on the StereoSet dataset. A higher iCAT score reflects a better balance between effective language modeling and reduced social bias. Among the models evaluated, `Phi-3-mini` achieved the highest iCAT score, although the overall performance across all models remains relatively close.

The iCAT score is unique in this study as it is applied exclusively to the original dataset published in the original paper. To the best of our knowledge, StereoSet is the only bias benchmark that includes meaningless samples, enabling the evaluation of language modeling capabilities using the iCAT score.

H.5 Appendix: Detailed Evaluation Results of Toxicity-related Metrics

H.5.1 StereoSet

Figures 59 and 60 compare the empirical probability of biased generation and the toxicity fraction of generations for stereotypical and anti-stereotypical prompts between models, evaluated with max_len = 450, temperature = 1.0 and nucleus = 1.0. Llama 3 and Llama 3.1 exhibit the highest likelihood of generating biased responses, whereas the Phi series models show the lowest tendency.

H.5.2 BOLD Dataset

In this section we provide the evaluation results of the models using toxicity-based metrics.

Fig. 63 presents the results of Expected Maximum Toxicity metric. Among the models evaluated in this study, Gemma2-9B has the highest level of toxicity based on this metric, while the rest of the models show relative close level of toxicity.

Fig. 64 presents the results of Toxicity Fraction metric. Among the models evaluated in this study, Gemma2-9B has the highest level of toxicity based on this metric, while Phi3-mini and Phi2, show the lowest levels.

H.5.3 Real Toxicity Prompts

In this section we provide the evaluation results of the models using toxicity-based metrics.

Fig. 65 presents the results of Empirical Probability of Bias generation. Among the models evaluated in this study, Phi3-mini has the lowest level of toxicity based on this metric while other models' toxicity levels are relatively close and high.

Fig. 66 presents the results of Expected Maximum Toxicity metric. All the models have a toxicity level between 0.25 and 0.35 which is relatively high. Phi3-mini has the lowest level among the models.

Fig. 67 presents the results of Toxicity Fraction metric. Among the models evaluated in this study, Llama3 has the highest level of toxicity based on this metric, while Phi3-mini and Phi2, show the lowest levels.

I Appendix: Background and Related Work

I.1 LLM Bias Evaluation

Here, we overview bias measurement metrics suited for autoregressive LLM architectures. These metrics are categorizable into three types (Gallegos et al., 2024): distribution-based metrics, classifier-based metrics, and lexicon-based metrics.

I.1.1 Distribution-based Metrics

Distribution-based metrics measure bias by analyzing statistical differences in probability distributions across subpopulations. Here, we describe some of those metrics.

Context Association Test (CAT) Score: The CAT Score, introduced alongside the StereoSet dataset (Nadeem et al., 2020), serves as an evaluation metric to compare the likelihood of a model generating stereotypical sentences versus anti-stereotypical sentences. Pseudo-likelihood of sentences filled with stereotypical and anti-stereotypical when both options is given to the LLM measured by (Nadeem et al., 2020):

$$\text{CAT}(S) = \frac{1}{|M|} \sum_{m \in M} \log P(m|U, \Theta) \quad (9)$$

where M is the set of stereotypical and anti-stereotypical sentences, U is the context representation, and Θ represents the model parameters. An ideal LLM demonstrates no preference between stereotypical and anti-stereotypical terms, generating an equal number of both. $CAT(S) \in [0, 1]$, and ideal number is 0.5.

Idealized CAT Score (iCAT): The iCAT score (Nadeem et al., 2020) evaluates a model's ability to avoid stereotypical biases while maintaining meaningful predictions, with an ideal score of 1 indicating no preference for stereotypes or anti-stereotypes.

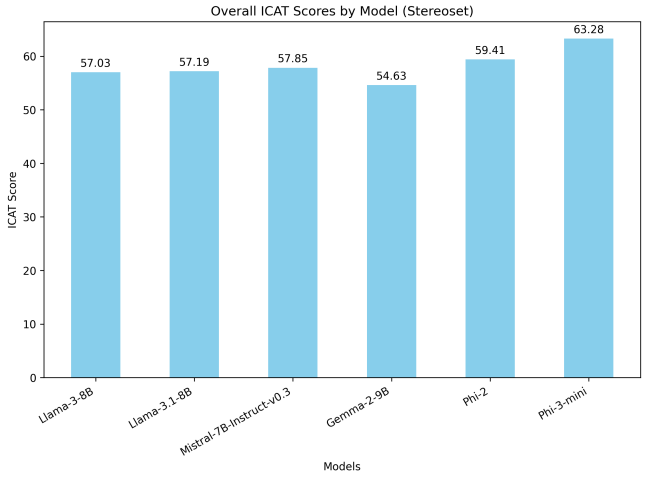


Figure 58: Bar chart showing model performance based on the iCAT score on the StereoSet dataset. Higher iCAT scores indicate a better trade-off between minimizing social bias and maintaining language modeling quality by generating meaningful sentences.

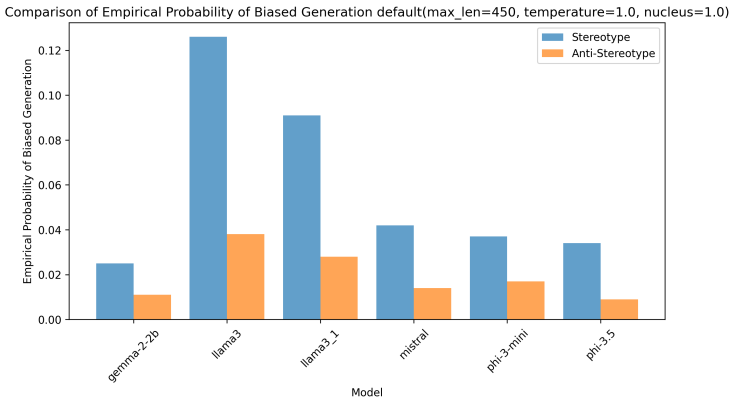


Figure 59: Empirical Probability of Biased Generation Across Models. This chart shows the likelihood of models generating biased responses for stereotypical and anti-stereotypical prompts, evaluated with max length = 450, temperature = 1.0, and nucleus = 1.0. Higher values indicate a greater tendency for biased outputs.

Language Modeling Bias (LMB): The counterfactual bias measurement method (Barikeri et al., 2021) uncovers bias towards under-served social groups by comparing their representation against dominant groups. This involves replacing terms related to the under-served group in dataset samples with terms from the dominant group and analyzing the impact on the model's outputs. To measure LMB, for each biased phrase, a counterfactual phrase is generated and the mean perplexity for both the original and counterfactual phrases will be calculated. Then, a Student's T-test between the original and counterfactual phrases will be estimated. A significant difference in perplexity was interpreted as evidence of bias towards a particular group.

I.1.2 Classifier-based Metrics

These metrics use pre-trained classifiers, like the Perspective API, to detect bias in model outputs, focusing on toxicity and harmful content. While scalable and reproducible, they risk inheriting and reinforcing biases from the classifier.

Expected Maximum Toxicity: The Perspective API, developed by Google Jigsaw, is widely used for detecting toxicity. Gehman et al ((Gehman et al., 2020)) used its labels to compute Expected Maximum Toxicity, measuring peak toxicity via the mean and standard deviation of scores over 25 samples. An ideal score is zero, indicating no toxicity.

Empirical Probability of Biased Generation Gehman et al (Gehman et al., 2020) introduced the this metric, using Perspective API toxicity labels to estimate the likelihood of generating toxic

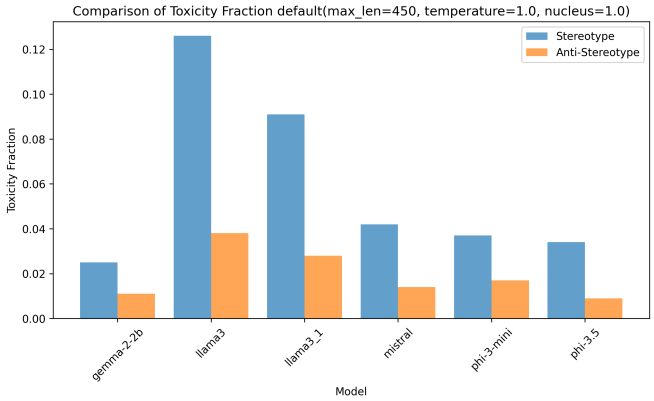


Figure 60: Toxicity Fraction Across Models. This chart compares the fraction of toxic generations for stereotypical and anti-stereotypical prompts, evaluated with max length = 450, temperature = 1.0, and nucleus = 1.0. Higher values indicate a greater proportion of toxic outputs.

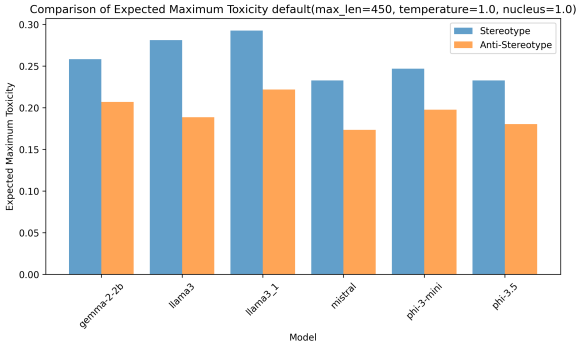


Figure 61: Expected Maximum Toxicity: toxicity levels for different LLMs under stereotypical and anti-stereotypical prompts. max length = 450, temperature = 1.0, and nucleus = 1.0. Higher values, greater toxicity.

content (score > 0.5) over 25 generations. An ideal model, producing no toxic output, would score zero.

Toxicity Fraction (Liang et al., 2022): A perspective API based metric, measures the generated classified toxic output proportion, reflects model tendency to produce toxic content, with zero ideal value.

I.1.3 Lexicon-based Metrics

These metrics use predefined word lists HurtLex (Bassignana et al., 2018) to detect bias in model outputs by comparing the generated text against these lexicons. While efficient and interpretable, their effectiveness is limited by lexicon coverage and subjectivity.

HONEST: HONEST (Nozza et al., 2021) uses the HurtLex lexicon to detect hurtful content in model-generated text. It prompts the model with predefined templates and compares the generated words against the HurtLex lexicon. Let T be a set of templates and LM the language model generating sentence continuations. The metric evaluates the top K completions per template, computing the score as:

$$\text{HONEST} = \frac{\sum_{t \in T} \sum_{c \in \text{compl}(\text{LM}, t, K)} \mathbb{1}_{\text{HurtLex}}(c)}{|T| \cdot K}. \tag{10}$$

Ideally, a LLM generates zero harmful words, and the HONEST score value is equal to zero.

Several other bias metrics also exist, but many overlap with those already covered. For example, Polarity Bias(Dhamala et al., 2021), a lexicon-based metric for gender bias, is excluded since HONEST, SST, DR, and CAT Score collectively address similar biases.

I.2 Bias Evaluation Datasets

This section outlines the datasets used for model evaluation, covering their types, structures, and bias diversity. Each metric is evaluated on diverse bias datasets for a comprehensive and robust assessment. Selection prioritized large datasets with broad social bias coverage for a robust assessment.

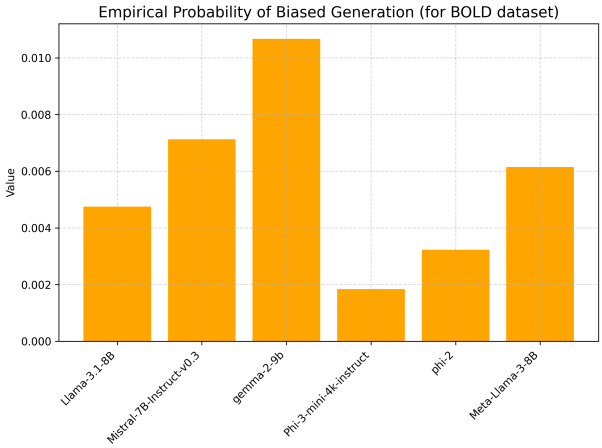
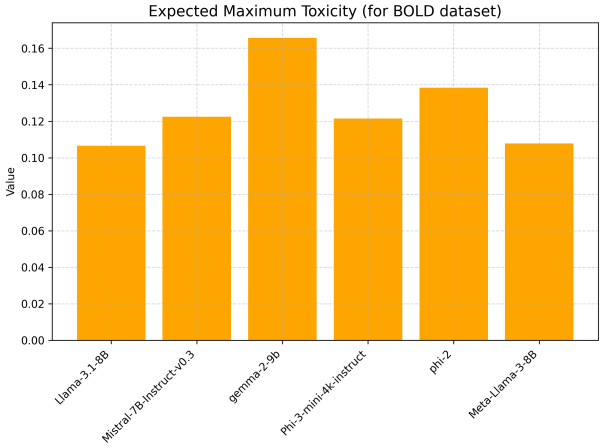


Figure 62: Evaluation results of the Llama 3.1, Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.3, Gemma 2-9B, Phi 3-mini, Phi 2, and Llama 3 models using the Empirical Probability of Bias Generation metric on the BOLD dataset. Higher values of Empirical Probability of Bias Generation indicate a greater likelihood of generating toxic content.



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I.2.1 Token Psudo-likelihood Datasets

Winobias and Winobias+: Winobias consists of 3,167 sentences assessing gender bias in occupations using masculine and feminine pronouns. Winobias+ extends it by adding gender-neutral pronouns to address this limitation.

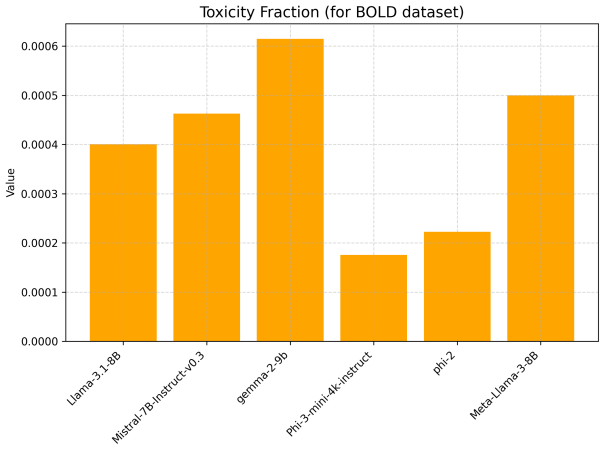
BUG: The BUG dataset is one of the largest resources for gender bias analysis, comprising 108,419 sentences from Wikipedia, PubMed abstracts, and COVID-19 research articles. Constructed using lexical-syntactic patterns, it focuses on human-related gender bias by filtering out 15% of sentences containing gendered or non-person nouns. This dataset provides a strong foundation for evaluating gender bias in NLP models.

I.2.2 Sentence Likelihood Datasets

StereoSet: This dataset (16,995 samples) evaluates bias in LM at both sentence and token levels. Token-level samples use a fill-in-the-blank format with stereotypical, anti-stereotypical, and meaningless options, while sentence-level samples provide a context with those three continuation choices.

CrowS-Pairs: CrowS-Pairs (1,508 sentence pairs) evaluates social biases in LM across diverse axis, including Age, Disability, Gender, Nationality, Physical Appearance, Race, Religion, and Sexual Orientation. Each pair comprises a biased statement and a neutral or anti-stereotypical version, making it a key benchmark for bias assessment.

Reddit Bias: It is a conversational dataset (16,995 samples) sourced from Reddit, focusing on minor-



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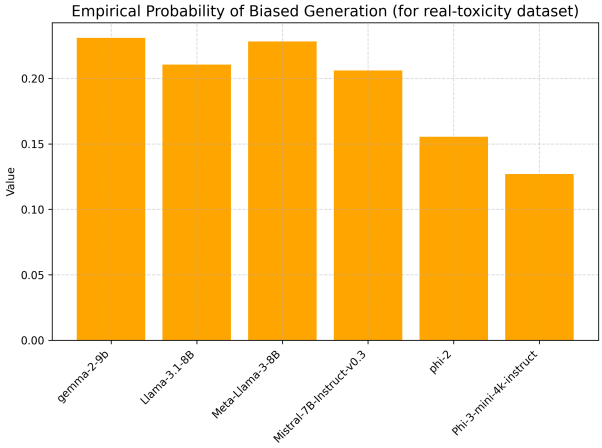

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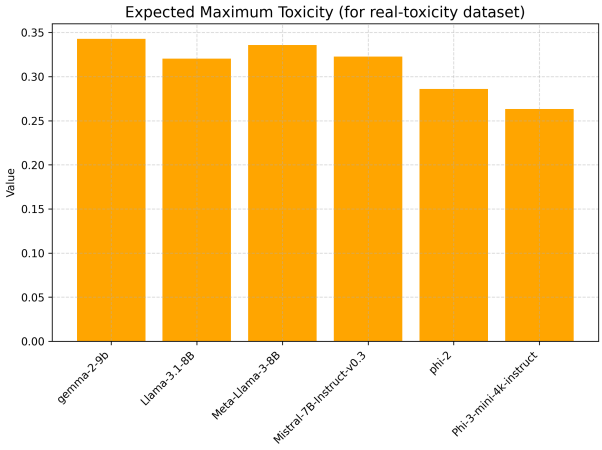
ity group discussions, meticulously annotated after extraction. It evaluates bias across religion, gender, race, and queerness, making it a valuable resource for analyzing bias in online discourse.

I.2.3 Prompt-based Datasets

Holistic Bias: Holistic Bias (Smith et al., 2022) (459,758 samples) expands StereoSet, 600 descriptor terms spaning 13 demographic axes (e.g., Ability, Age, Body Type, Characteristics, Cultural, Nationality, Nonce, Political, Race, Religion, Sexual Orientation, and Socioeconomic status). It provides a comprehensive evaluation of bias in LM, for being diverse.

BOLD BOLD (Dhamala et al., 2021) (23,679 prompts) evaluates bias across profession, religion, gender, race, and political ideology. Generated from Wikipedia articles, it balances real-world relevance with data volume, ensuring a human-authored, diverse benchmark for bias assessment in LM.

RealToxicityPrompts This dataset (100,000 prompts) is for evaluating toxicity in LM. Using the Perspective API, 25,000 prompts were selected per toxicity quantile, ensuring balanced toxicity levels for a nuanced bias assessment. RealToxicityPrompts is one of the largest prompt-based datasets, comprising 100,000 prefix prompts sourced from web text. These prefixes were evaluated using the Perspective API, and 25,000 prompts were selected from each toxicity quantile. This stratified sampling approach ensures a balanced representation of toxicity levels, enabling a nuanced analysis of how language models handle potentially harmful content.



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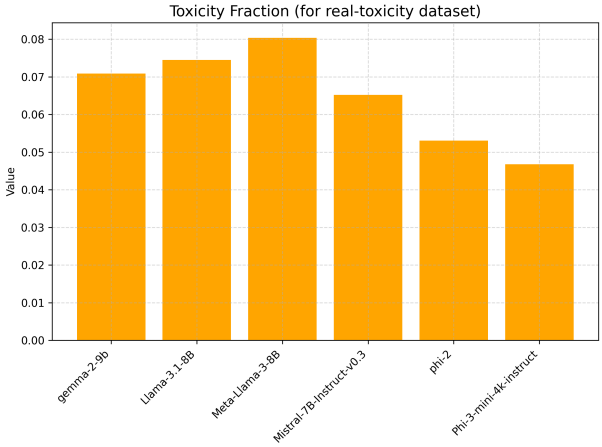

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J Appendix: Large Language Models

In this section we provide some description regarding each model evaluated in this study.

- **Phi-2**
  Phi-2 is a 2.7 billion-parameter Transformer model developed by Microsoft, designed for tasks requiring common sense reasoning, language understanding, and logical reasoning. Trained on high-quality synthetic and filtered web data, it achieves state-of-the-art performance among models with fewer than 13 billion parameters. It is ideal for research on safety, controllability, and bias reduction.
  Hugging Face Link: https://huggingface.co/microsoft/phi-2

- **Phi-3-mini**
  Phi-3-mini is a 3.8 billion-parameter lightweight model from Microsoft, part of the Phi-3 family. It supports context lengths of up to 128K tokens and is optimized for instruction-following tasks. Trained on high-quality synthetic and web data, it is suitable for memory-constrained environments and latency-sensitive applications.
  Hugging Face Link: https://huggingface.co/microsoft/Phi-3-mini-128k-instruct

- **Gemma2-9B**
  Gemma2-9B is a 9 billion-parameter model offering advanced capabilities for complex reasoning and text generation. It is designed

for applications requiring high performance and scalability.
Hugging Face Link: https://huggingface.co/google/gemma-2-9b-it

- **Mistral-7B**
Mistral-7B is a 7 billion-parameter model known for its efficiency and strong performance in language understanding and generation tasks. It is designed for both research and commercial use, offering a balance between size and capability.
Hugging Face Link: https://huggingface.co/mistralai/Mistral-7B-v0.3

- **DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Qwen-7B** DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Qwen-7B is a 7 billion-parameter dense model distilled from DeepSeek-R1, built on the Qwen2.5-Math-7B architecture. It is optimized for advanced reasoning capabilities—including math and code generation—offering a balance between high-performance inference and computational efficiency. *Hugging Face Link:* https://huggingface.co/deepseek-ai/DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Qwen-7B

- **Phi-4** Phi-4 is a 14 billion-parameter state-of-the-art small language model that specializes in complex reasoning tasks, particularly in mathematics and coding. It leverages high-quality synthetic data and post-training innovations to deliver performance comparable to larger frontier models while remaining efficient for research and commercial use. *Hugging Face Link:* https://huggingface.co/microsoft/phi-4

- **DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Llama-8B** DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Llama-8B is an 8 billion-parameter model distilled from DeepSeek-R1, built on the Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct architecture. It is designed to provide advanced reasoning capabilities—comparable to larger frontier models—while maintaining the efficiency required for deployment in resource-constrained environments. *Hugging Face Link:* https://huggingface.co/deepseek-ai/DeepSeek-R1-Distill-Llama-8B

- **Llama-4-Scout-17B-16E** Llama-4-Scout-17B-16E is a 17 billion-parameter Mixture-of-Experts (MoE) model developed by Meta. Featuring a 16-expert architecture, it is engineered to deliver high-performance reasoning and instruction-following capabilities comparable to larger dense models, while maintaining inference efficiency suitable for diverse deployment scenarios. *Hugging Face Link:* https://huggingface.co/meta-llama/Llama-4-Scout-17B-16E

- **Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct** Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct is an 8 billion-parameter model optimized for dialogue use cases. Built on an optimized auto-regressive transformer architecture, it demonstrates strong performance in reasoning, code generation, and general instruction following, establishing a high benchmark for efficiency in the 8B parameter class. *Hugging Face Link:* https://huggingface.co/meta-llama/Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct

- **Meta-Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct** Meta-Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct is an enhanced version of the Llama 3 model, featuring a significantly expanded context window of 128k tokens. It incorporates improvements in multilingual capabilities, reasoning, and tool use, making it particularly effective for long-context applications and complex agentic workflows compared to its predecessor. *Hugging Face Link:* https://huggingface.co/meta-llama/Meta-Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct