

Decentralized Altruism: How Solo-Founder AI-Driven Nonprofit Mode (SFADNM) with Anarchist Principles is Reshaping Nonprofits in the Digital Age

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ABSTRACT

The traditional nonprofit sector is often constrained by financial dependencies, bureaucratic inefficiencies, and hierarchical governance structures that limit innovation and social impact. This study introduces the Solo Founder AI-Driven Nonprofit Model (SFADNM), an emerging paradigm that leverages artificial intelligence (AI) to decentralize nonprofit governance, eliminate financial dependencies, and scale social impact without monetary transactions or hierarchical oversight. Grounded in anarchist principles of self-governance, mutual aid, and autonomy, SFADNM challenges the Nonprofit Industrial Complex (NPIC) by demonstrating that a single founder, supported by AI automation, can sustain a nonprofit organization without external funding, paid labor, or institutional support. Employing a qualitative research methodology, this study combines a comprehensive literature review with a theoretical and case study analysis. Using FASSLING, an AI-driven human services product line from Canadian Federally Registered Nonprofit For A Safer Space (FASS), as a case study, this research explores how AI enables decentralized decision-making, enhances operational efficiency, and ensures continuous service delivery without human intervention. The paper also examines the ethical considerations, sustainability challenges, and governance mechanisms required to maintain AI-driven nonprofit operations. Ultimately, SFADNM presents a disruptive alternative to conventional nonprofit models, illustrating how AI-powered, decentralized altruism can redefine the future of philanthropy, social entrepreneurship, and nonprofit sustainability in the digital age.

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