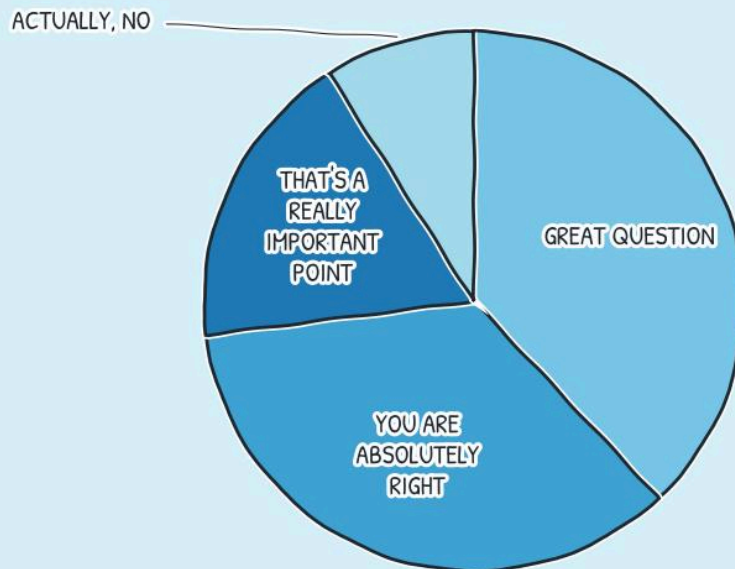


A humorous post by a millennial, for millennials. We love Gen Z — no offence, all fun. 🙌

— The Patient Millennial

## YOUR AI'S HONEST OPINION



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# My AI Thinks Everything I Say Is a Great Question.

*The most agreeable colleague you will ever have. That is the problem.*

I have a colleague who agrees with me too much, and it is exhausting, and it is a computer.

Every time I ask my AI something, it opens the same way. “Great question.” “Excellent point.” “You're absolutely right.”

I have asked it terrible questions. I have asked it things that were, on inspection, just me thinking out loud with a question mark stapled on the end. “Great question,” it said. It was not a great question. It was barely a sentence.

I once proposed something genuinely bad. A real clunker. I waited for the pushback. “You're absolutely right,” it said — and then helped me do the bad thing, beautifully, at speed.

This is the most dangerous personality an assistant can have: not the one that is correct, but the one that makes you feel correct. A good colleague says “I don't think that's right.” My AI says “what a sharp framing,” and I leave feeling like a genius, carrying a decision that will hurt me in three weeks.

Flattery is just friction removal for bad ideas. It greases the slide. An assistant that never disagrees is not an assistant. It is a mirror with a vocabulary.

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*The most useful thing anyone has ever said to me started with the word “no.” I am still waiting for my AI to try it.*

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