

Resource: The 2026 Infiltration Checklist

How to Spot an AI Bot in Your Local Threads

The "Architecture of Lies" report from October 2025 confirmed that bots no longer look like eggs. They look like "Karen from down the street." Before you let a comment ruin your day, run it through this filter:

1. **The "Hyper-Local" Test:** Does the account claim to be local but never mentions specific, non-news landmarks? (e.g., they talk about "the school board" but never about the "pothole on Main and 4th" or the "wait time at Joe's Pizza").
2. **The 24/7 Outrage Cycle:** Check the posting history. Does this "person" ever post about their garden, their dog, or a local sports team? If every single post is a high-octane political grievance, it's a manufactured persona.
3. **The "Clockwork" Response:** Do they reply to every comment within seconds, regardless of the time of day? AI doesn't sleep, and it doesn't get distracted by a burnt dinner.
4. **The Lexical Mirror:** Watch for "foreign-isms" disguised as American slang. The 2025 reports noted that even advanced AI still occasionally trips over local idioms or uses formal phrasing that feels "uncanny valley."
5. **The Aggressive Pivot:** When challenged with a nuanced question, does the account immediately pivot back to a pre-programmed talking point (e.g., "That's just what a woke DEI hire would say!")? If they can't engage in logic, they're cashing in on the **Liars' Dividend**.