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Inference Control for Government Communications

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Government agencies are adopting AI for citizen-facing communications, internal document generation, and interagency coordination. Each domain carries governance constraints that commercial content filters were not designed to enforce: classification boundaries that must never be crossed, public records obligations that require complete audit trails, political neutrality mandates, and interagency coordination protocols. Inference control evaluates every candidate semantic transition against these constraints before commitment, producing government communications that are governed by construction.

The unique governance surface of government communications

Government AI operates under constraints that have no commercial equivalent. A citizen-facing chatbot for a benefits agency must not disclose internal adjudication criteria. An interagency communication system must respect classification boundaries between agencies with different clearance levels. A public affairs system must maintain political neutrality regardless of the topic.

These constraints are not content safety problems. They are governance problems that require evaluating every output against the specific context: who is the audience, what classification level applies, what disclosure obligations exist, and what neutrality requirements are in effect. Content safety filters designed for commercial applications do not model these constraints.

The public records dimension adds another layer. Government communications generated by AI are subject to Freedom of Information Act requests and similar transparency requirements. Every generated output must be auditable, and the governance decisions that shaped the output must be traceable. Post-generation filtering creates an audit gap: the unfiltered output existed, and its existence may be discoverable.

Why commercial guardrails do not transfer

Commercial AI guardrails optimize for brand safety and liability reduction. Government communications require a fundamentally different governance model. A commercial chatbot that declines to answer a sensitive question is being cautious. A government chatbot that declines to answer a legitimate citizen inquiry is failing its public service mandate.

Government AI must be simultaneously more constrained than commercial AI in some dimensions, such as classification boundaries and political neutrality, and less constrained in others, such as the obligation to provide complete and accurate information to citizens. This dual requirement is incompatible with the single-axis safety scoring that commercial guardrails provide.

How inference control addresses government communications

Inference control inserts a semantic admissibility gate that evaluates transitions against the full governance context. The agent's persistent state carries the audience classification level, applicable disclosure constraints, neutrality requirements, and public records obligations. Every candidate transition is evaluated against this composite state.

A transition that would disclose information above the audience's classification level is inadmissible. A transition that would express a political preference is inadmissible. A transition that would decline to provide information the citizen is entitled to receive is also inadmissible. The inference engine navigates these multi-dimensional constraints simultaneously, producing output that satisfies all applicable governance requirements.

The lineage recording capability provides the audit trail that public records obligations require. Every transition records which governance constraints were evaluated and how they shaped the output. When a FOIA request covers AI-generated communications, the governance lineage provides complete transparency into how the output was produced and what constraints governed its generation.

Multi-model arbitration enables interagency scenarios where different agencies have different classification levels. The admissibility gate evaluates transitions against the most restrictive applicable constraint, ensuring that cross-agency communications respect all participating agencies' governance requirements.

What implementation looks like

A government agency deploying inference control maintains persistent agent state for each communication context. The state carries audience classification, disclosure rules, neutrality constraints, and public records metadata. The inference engine evaluates every proposed transition against this state.

For citizen services, inference control enables AI-assisted responses that are simultaneously helpful and governed, providing the information citizens need while respecting classification boundaries and maintaining complete audit trails for transparency obligations.

For interagency coordination, inference control ensures that shared AI systems respect the governance boundaries of all participating agencies, preventing the classification leakage and coordination failures that manual review processes are designed to catch but often miss under volume pressure.

[Inference Control All 21 steps →](#)

Govern inference at the point of generation.

Primary Technical Disclosure

[◦ Inference-Time Semantic Execution Control](#)

Secondary Technical

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