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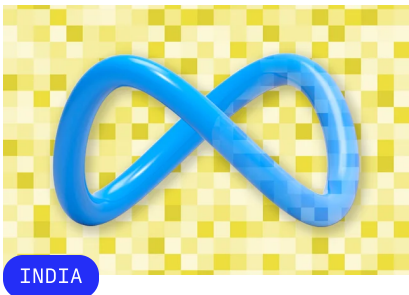
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Black-box AI and cheap drones are outpacing global rules of war

From 3D-printed drones to Anthropic’s Claude, advanced technologies are making conflict more accessible and less accountable — leaving human oversight at risk.



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Meta’s Oversight Board races to govern the AI surge

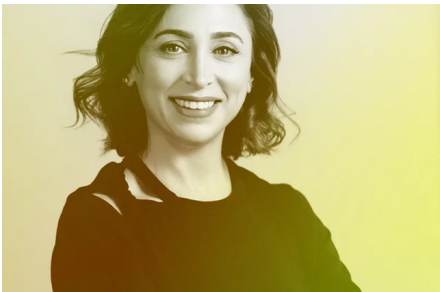
As generative AI explodes on social media, the board’s slow, human-led review model faces a breaking point.



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Iranian drone strikes at Amazon sites raise alarms over protecting data centers

Tech industry’s past focus on cyberattacks and natural disasters overshadowed threats of physical attacks.



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Big Tech's Gulf megaprojects are trapped between two war choke points

The U.S.-Iran conflict has closed the only two routes for data in and out of the region.

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An AI avatar is running to represent Indigenous voters in Colombia

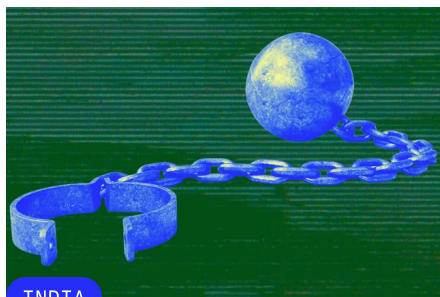
"Gaitana" is the digital stand-in for two candidates who will use the platform to seek consensus from their communities on all legislative matters.

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Open-source AI hardware could weaken Big Tech's grip on AI

A new device unveiled in India shows how AI systems can run locally, support diverse languages, and reduce dependence on proprietary models.

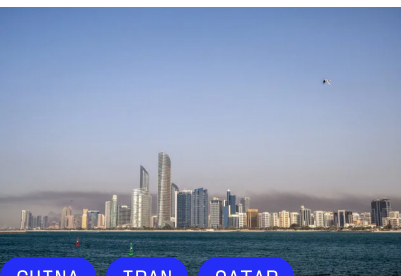


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India's tech sovereignty is built on digital dependence

In his new book, "Computing in the Age of Decolonization: India's Lost Technological Revolution," researcher Dwaipayan Banerjee argues that a focus on technical solutions has made the country dependent on big tech firms and failed to solve fundamental social problems.

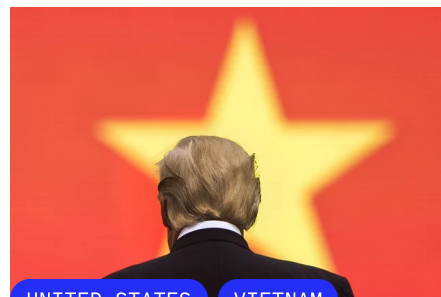


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Iranian strikes test the Gulf's trillion-dollar AI dream

The region sold itself as a safe harbor for the world's data. Amazon's burning data center in the UAE has upended that pitch.

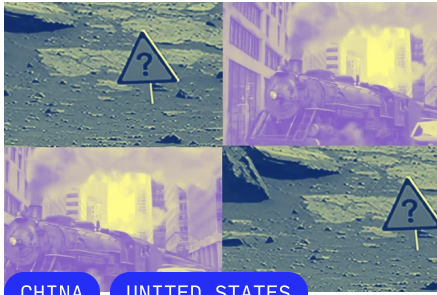


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Trump opens for Vietnam the chip door he locked on China

Washington's move to lift export controls could turn Vietnam from a chip assembly hub into a manufacturing partner — and a strategic alternative to China.



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AI video finally works. But it's dividing creators

AI can now generate lifelike images for film. Can it generate originality?



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Why are Chinese EVs cheaper than Tesla?

Scale, low-cost talent, and in-house manufacturing account for most of BYD's cost gap with Tesla.



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The next AI whistleblower could come from anywhere in the world

A digital safe allows workers to speak up about concerns even in places without strong whistleblower protections, Mary Inman, a founding board member of Psst, said in an interview.



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Dubai taps U.S. startups to go over, under, and around its traffic

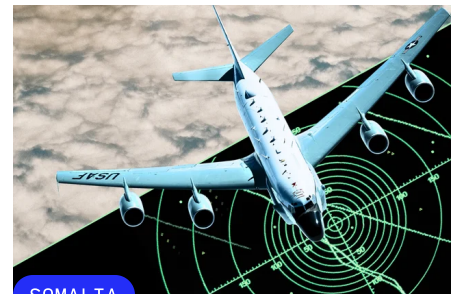
The city has signed major deals for tunnels, self-driving pods, and flying taxis — but



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Data centers are racing to space — and regulation can't keep up

Experts warn the move could shift critical infrastructure beyond national laws — deepening



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Gig workers in Africa have been helping the US military. They had no idea

Data labelers for the company Appen say they have little

whether unproven systems can ease real congestion remains an open question.

digital dependence for much of the developing world.

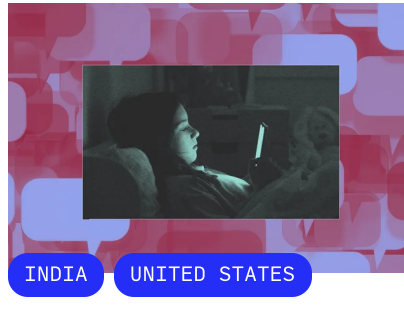
insight about how their work is used.



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U.S. plans Peace Corps-style “Tech Corps” to counter China’s AI exports

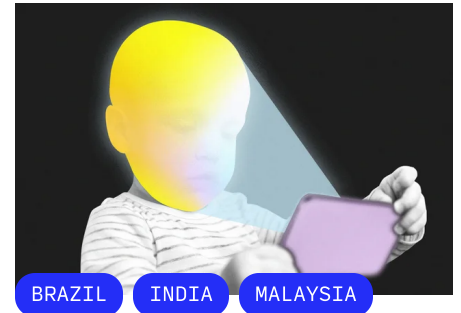
Washington to send volunteers abroad to promote American AI models as Chinese open-weight models are proving popular.



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If AI is so smart, why are our children unsafe?

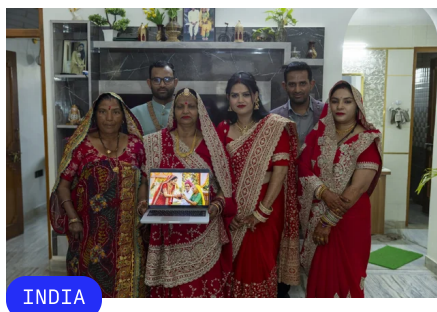
It’s time to move the burden of safety from parents to platforms.



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Can social media age verification really protect kids?

As countries start enforcing new age-limit laws, platforms like Roblox use facial technology — but critics warn of privacy leaks and surveillance.



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Family deepfakes help people celebrate and grieve in India



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AI sovereignty won’t come from renting Big Tech’s models



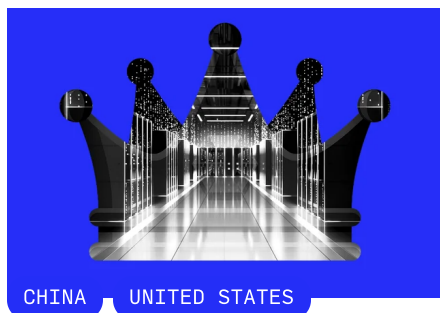
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Creators are cashing in on a “Facebook renaissance”

And Indonesian creators are leading the charge.

There is growing demand for recreating dead and absent family members for events using AI.

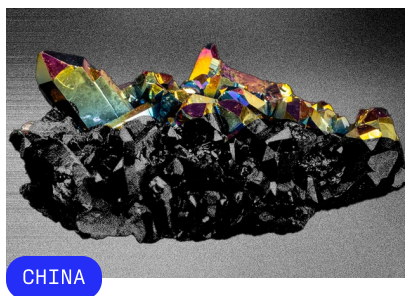
As leaders meet in New Delhi, the bigger AI question is: Who controls the stack?



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AI is giving tech companies power that once belonged to governments

AI companies wield enormous economic, political, and cultural power globally, with states reluctant to regulate them, potentially leading to risks and greater inequity.



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China's rare-earth dominance is hard for EV makers to escape

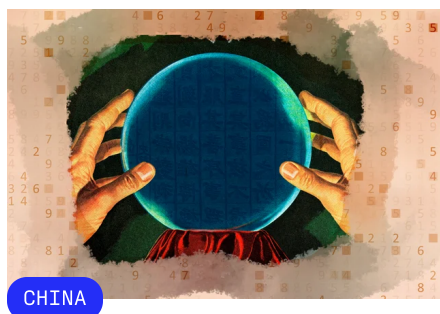
Western automakers are chasing rare earth-free motors but China's cost advantage remains difficult to crack.



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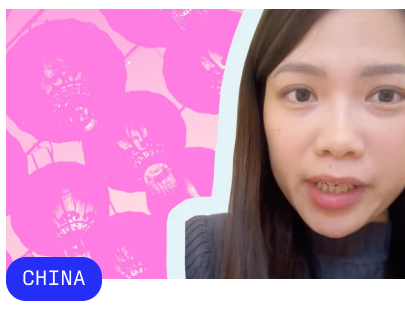
Bhutan's crypto experiment shows how hard digital money is in the real world

Nearly a year after launching a nationwide crypto payment system for tourists, merchants say hardly anyone is using it — raising questions about who the experiment really serves.



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Polymarket courts Chinese users



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I let Alibaba's AI agent plan my



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Chinese boxing robots win fans in San Francisco

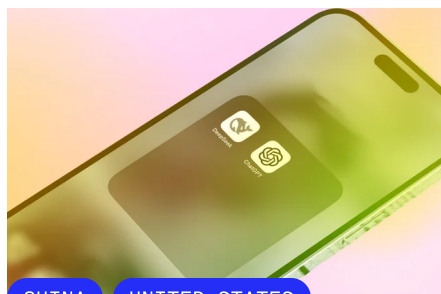
despite strict online gambling ban

The crypto-based prediction platform is hiring Mandarin-speaking staff and adding Lunar New Year bets, even as it remains blocked in China.

holiday. I ended up doing more work

For reassurance, experimentation, and low-pressure decisions, AI agents can feel helpful. For bigger choices, I still trust myself more.

American companies are staging boxing matches with VR-controlled Chinese humanoids to enthusiastic fans. A researcher says it is just robot theater.



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OpenAI accuses DeepSeek of “free-riding” on American R&D

The ChatGPT maker says the Chinese firm may be distilling its models, underscoring rising tech tensions between Washington and Beijing.

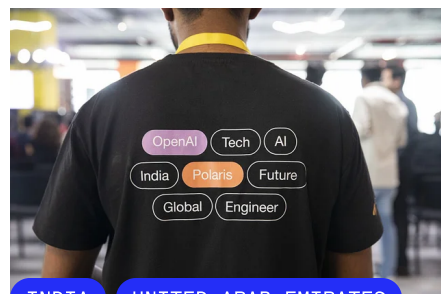


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How cheap Chinese phones catapulted Kenya into the global digital economy

In his new book “Silicon Elsewhere: Nairobi, Global China, and the Promise of Techno-Capital,” writer Andrea Pollio charts the growth of Chinese investment and companies in the Kenyan capital.



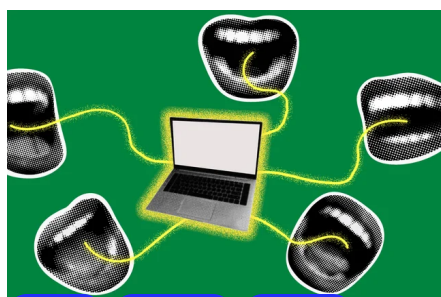
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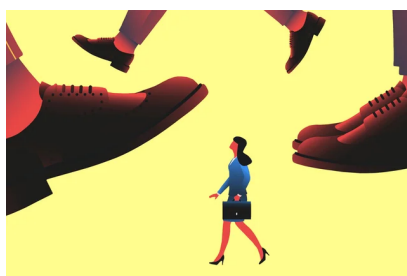
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Can India be a “third way” AI alternative to the U.S. and China?

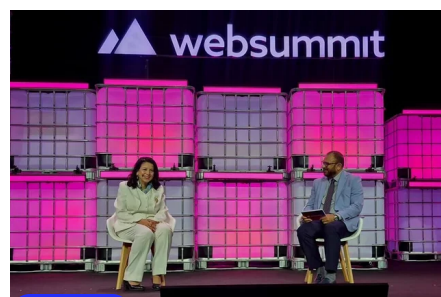
The AI Impact Summit in India, the first in a developing country, proposes an option that focuses on public good and development. But can it deliver without capitulating to Big Tech?



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Google backs African push to reclaim AI language data

A new 21-language data set gives African institutions ownership and control in a field long dominated by Big Tech.

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Immigrant women founders face double hurdle in Silicon Valley

Persistent racism and sexism in the venture capital industry are denying immigrant women founders an opportunity to participate in the AI boom.

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Morocco wants to build AI that speaks for Africa

Morocco's Minister of Digital Transition on governing AI when the rules keep changing, building language models for Africa, and why regulation can coexist with innovation.

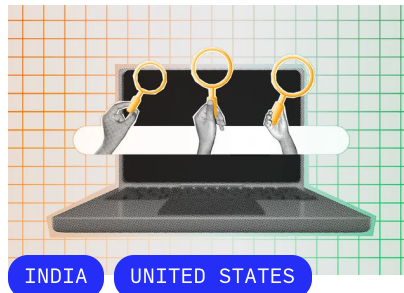


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AI is dominating the world's memory chips. That could make phones more expensive

As chipmakers rush to serve AI data centers, consumer electronics are left in short supply.

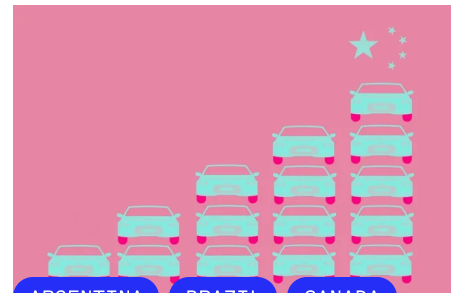


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Silicon Valley can't import talent like before. So it's exporting jobs

Google, Amazon, Microsoft, and other U.S. tech giants are ramping up India hiring.



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The great Chinese EV exodus

A consolidation among Chinese carmakers is flooding markets from São Paulo to Dubai.

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