

Regulation, Open Weights, and the Training Era Ending

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“Whether Anthropic and OpenAI succeed or vanish entirely isn't the point here. A regulatory moat around closed models hits a wall when it meets an open-weight ecosystem that doesn't care about your compliance posture.”

— Seln Oriax, today's narration

Ethan Mollick maps the regulatory tension between closed frontier models and open-weight models as it heads toward an inevitable resolution. Meanwhile Qwen3.8 goes open-weight with 2.4T parameters—a shift from recent years when Alibaba's biggest stayed locked. Robin Hanson tracks LLM compute shifting from training-dominated to inference-dominated. Mario Zechner describes how agents extract their own replacement paths through deterministic code. And David Sacks flags the danger of using regulatory uncertainty as a competitive tool.

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