

The Order He Didn't Sign

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“We're leading China, we're leading everybody, and I don't want to do anything that's going to get in the way of that leading.”

— Jonas Vale, today's narration

The US government moved hard into AI this week almost everywhere — except the one place it promised to. Trump postponed the executive order that would have forced labs to hand over frontier models for pre-release security review, citing the race with China. The same day, a UK safety body warned the tools we use to watch these systems are eroding.

Jonas Vale follows the leverage across one Thursday: California's labor-displacement order, a \$2B federal equity grab in quantum firms, Jensen Huang conceding China to Huawei, a London mayor killing a £50m Palantir police deal on a procurement technicality, Waymo robotaxis stuck in Atlanta floods, and SpaceX's IPO filing revealing Anthropic's \$15-billion-a-year compute bill.

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