

Who Pays to Write the Rules

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“The two companies arguing loudest about whether AI is dangerous are spending the same season buying the people who'll regulate it.”

— Jonas Vale, today's narration

Two AI labs are funding rival super PACs to pick your next member of Congress. SoftBank pledges seventy-five billion euros to power France while a federal regulator decides who pays for the grid. A Trump-linked startup ships humanoid robots toward the front line in Ukraine. A Big Four firm gets caught publishing hallucinated citations. And the week ends with investors, a Pope, and the White House AI czar all circling the same word: power.

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