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Re: We're in the path of a wrecking ball

AI billionaires are locked in a dangerous arms race that threatens to change the face of the world as we know it. AI advancement over the past three years has surpassed many scientists' expectations and now the top AI experts in the world are sounding the alarm about the extent to which AI technology is advancing beyond human control.

The threat to our public safety and economic stability could have been prevented from the start by placing the technology under democratic control. But AI executives saw that they could make ungodly sums of money from controlling and monetizing this technology, even as they understood its profound dangers.

The federal government must step in to make sure this technology doesn't cause catastrophic harm to human society, which the [majority of voters](#) believe it will. But we don't need to imagine societal collapse to see the damage already taking place: the [loss of good jobs and wages](#), [higher energy costs](#), and [impacts to our kids' learning](#).

We need to hit pause on advanced AI development now. The future of this technology must be decided by us, not a handful of billionaire CEOs behind closed doors.

The CEOs Who Got Us Here Won't Save Us

Leading researchers, including [Nobel Prize winners](#), have ranging predictions on the likelihood and timeline of human extinction. Others have predicted a devastating financial collapse if and when the AI bubble bursts. But what most experts agree on is that, along its current track, unregulated AI technology is a wrecking ball capable of doing harm to a staggering number of people.

In recent days, we've read about AI technology causing a [massive diesel spill](#) in New Jersey, the [untimely death](#) of someone's loved one, a six-week old baby [to be held at gunpoint](#), and nearly starting [an all-out war](#).

AI CEOs understood the level of threat posed by this technology years ago, and they did nothing to stop it or slow the pace of development. Now, they want to [write the rules of the road](#) for the next phase of AI's development. In no world is this acceptable.

We cannot trust a half-trillion dollar AI industry to regulate itself any more than we can trust gamblers to control themselves at a horse track. In pursuit of more wealth than anyone could spend in several lifetimes, and guided by a [deep contempt](#) for democracy, these CEOs have threatened humanity's future, and need to be held accountable for the dangers they've created.

The WFP Is Running Candidates Committed to Reining In Big Tech

Both the Republican and Democratic Party are [failing to lead](#) on the issue. Donald Trump and Mike Johnson have [rejected calls](#) for regulation. And the Democratic Party consultants are [advising candidates](#) not to go “too hard” on AI. **In the absence of leadership, the Working Families Party looks to be the electoral home for the growing AI opposition movement.**

The WFP is committing over the coming years to electing candidates—at all levels of government—willing to rein in the AI industry. That work begins in the midterms, where the WFP is working to elect **Abdul El-Sayed (MI-Sen)**, who has put forward one of the most comprehensive [AI platforms](#) of the cycle; **Angie Nixon (FL-Sen)**, who has called for reining in big tech and protecting workers from AI displacement; and **Will Lawrence (MI-7)** and **Justin J. Pearson (TN-9)**, who are actively campaigning on a federal data center moratorium.

Several of the Party’s key priorities over the upcoming cycle will include:

- **Organizing support for Senator Bernie Sanders and Rep. Greg Casar’s [Ban Artificial Superintelligence and Temporarily Pause Advanced AI Development](#) legislation.**
- **Continuing to push for the [Working Families Guarantee](#), including a new federal jobs program to combat AI-driven job loss and taxing corporations and the ultra-wealthy to fund these programs.**
- **Stopping AI from gouging people and reducing the quality of services, including fighting back against surveillance pricing, AI rent hikes, AI health care denials, and AI usage in hiring and firing decisions.**

WFP state chapters are campaigning against AI and tech overreach in the form of state-level data center moratoriums, limits on AI usage in classrooms, stopping AI-powered Flock surveillance, and protecting localities from bearing the cost of utility hikes.

The Issue of AI and Data Centers Are Realigning Working-Class Voters Ahead of 2028

Opposition to data centers is uniting working people across party affiliation in some of the most important 2028 battlegrounds. [Research](#) from Working Families Power and the Justice Research Collaborative found that nearly three-quarters of voters (73%) are concerned that AI “will lead to job losses in the United States.” 62% of voters are concerned that AI “could affect their own job, household income, or jobs of people close to them.”

More recent [polling](#) from the House Majority PAC found that the issue of data centers has “major cross-party appeal” and isn’t coded to voters as a partisan issue.

We expect that Big Tech money will be as toxic in 2028 as AIPAC and crypto money have proven to be this cycle. Prospective 2028 contenders who demonstrate independence from the AI industry and a willingness to rein in Big Tech will put themselves in the strongest position to win back working-class voters.

It is our strong belief that combatting the unchecked power of Big Tech corporations will be a defining issue of the time, and the Working Families Party is prepared to be part of leading the opposition.

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