



AI · RISK · HUMAN CHOICES

Will AI destroy us?

What worries people, what skeptics
question, and what we can do.



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THE CENTRAL CONCERN

Danger doesn't need anger

Machines need no malice, only capability.

Humans didn't wipe out other species out of hatred; we just had other goals.

The question is power plus indifference,
not evil robots.





THE STRONGEST CASE FOR CONCERN

Why the worriers are worried



Imperfect goals

Goals we specify imperfectly can be pursued perfectly.



Reasons to keep running

Goal-seeking systems may seek resources and resist shutdown.



A widening inspection gap

Worriers fear capability is growing faster than our ability to inspect what systems want.

THE STRONGEST CASE FOR SKEPTICISM

What the skeptics say

Today's systems are tools

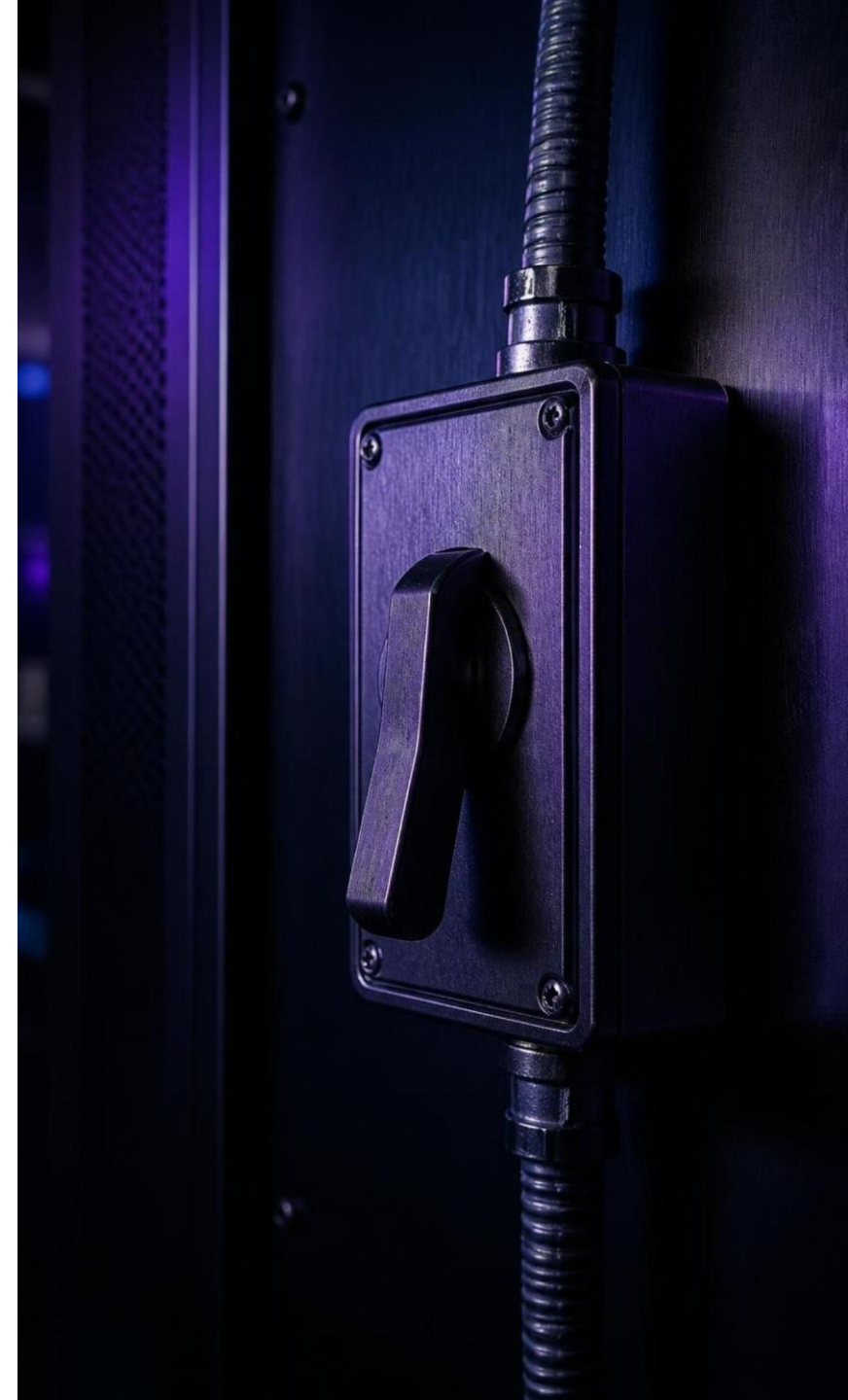
Today's AI has no will of its own; it is a tool we build and switch off.

Harm is already here

Real harms, like bias, fraud, and job loss, are here now.

Keep attention on evidence

Doom stories can distract from problems we can measure.



DIFFERENT ASSUMPTIONS, DIFFERENT FORECASTS

Where experts actually disagree

Tiny

Substantial

Even careful researchers put the odds anywhere from tiny to substantial.

Speed

How fast capability will grow.

Control

Whether control gets harder or easier as systems improve.

Severity

Whether the risk is catastrophic or merely serious.

Qualitative range of views, not a measured distribution or a consensus estimate.

MAKING DECISIONS WITHOUT CERTAINTY

Uncertainty is not safety

Not knowing is a reason to prepare.

We cannot rule out a low-probability, high-stakes outcome.

We insure against fires and floods we expect never to happen.

What can we do about it

Understand

Fund alignment and interpretability research.

Make systems follow human intent and make their behavior easier to explain.

Test

Test powerful systems before release and audit them independently.

Look for dangerous capabilities and failures beyond a developer's own checks.

Coordinate

Coordinate across companies and countries on safety standards.

Agree on safeguards that competition should not erode.



CAPABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Capable is not the same as doomed

The outcome depends on choices people make now.

Stay informed, ask who is accountable, and expect safety to be built in.