

Munster Speech Meet Discussion Prompts

Round 1

AI is rising at a rapid pace, developing technology but also making our world more dangerous. Phone scammers, for example, are using audio deepfakes to trick people, and fake voices of Taylor Swift, Scarlett Johansson, Donald Trump, Kamala Harris, and numerous other influential people are flooding the Internet. Misinformation becomes easier to swallow, especially when there are no warnings on AI-generated content.

AI is further being used in education as a tool to assist teachers, but at the same time, it is utilized by students to write essays, solve homework problems, and cheat on exams. In healthcare, predictions are being made that AI could potentially replace doctors and diagnose patients instead. Applications, such as Teladoc, are becoming increasingly popular, as people can communicate with doctors online, who use generative AI to examine patients.

With the rise of this technology, the federal government has yet to react. Many states, though, have. California requires generative AI companies and systems to provide detailed information about the data they are collecting and using. They have also enacted measures to protect citizens' voices from being used in audio recordings, require companies to watermark AI-generated images, and deploy AI ethically. Other states, including Colorado, Maryland, and Illinois, have passed similar sweeping legislation.

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Round 2:

Google has been under plenty of backlash lately. Earlier in 2024, the company was brought into court over an antitrust lawsuit. Present evidence from the Department of Justice showed that Google was trying to monopolize the search engine competition to gain profit and take control over the tech ad industry. Google was seen enhancing its power through exclusive agreements with ad companies and computer companies, making it the most dominant search engine company. A federal court has already ruled largely in favor of the Department of Justice, but Google is expected to appeal.

Around the same time, Google has also been losing billions of dollars due to the rise in AI. Microsoft Edge had invested in ChatGPT and other AI technologies in their infant stages; now that they've boomed, Edge is rapidly developing and advancing. Google strived to develop its own AI model, Gemini, but has had to refine it multiple times due to errors and biases in its datasets. In comparison, Gemini is still behind ChatGPT and other AI companies in terms of functionality, accessibility, and accuracy.

Most recently, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) has placed Google's payment division under federal supervision to avoid any fraud or problems. This action has led to a lawsuit from Google's side, claiming that the federal government is overreaching its power and should not interfere with Google's finances. This legal battle is the next step in a series of bruising fights that has left Google weaker than ever.

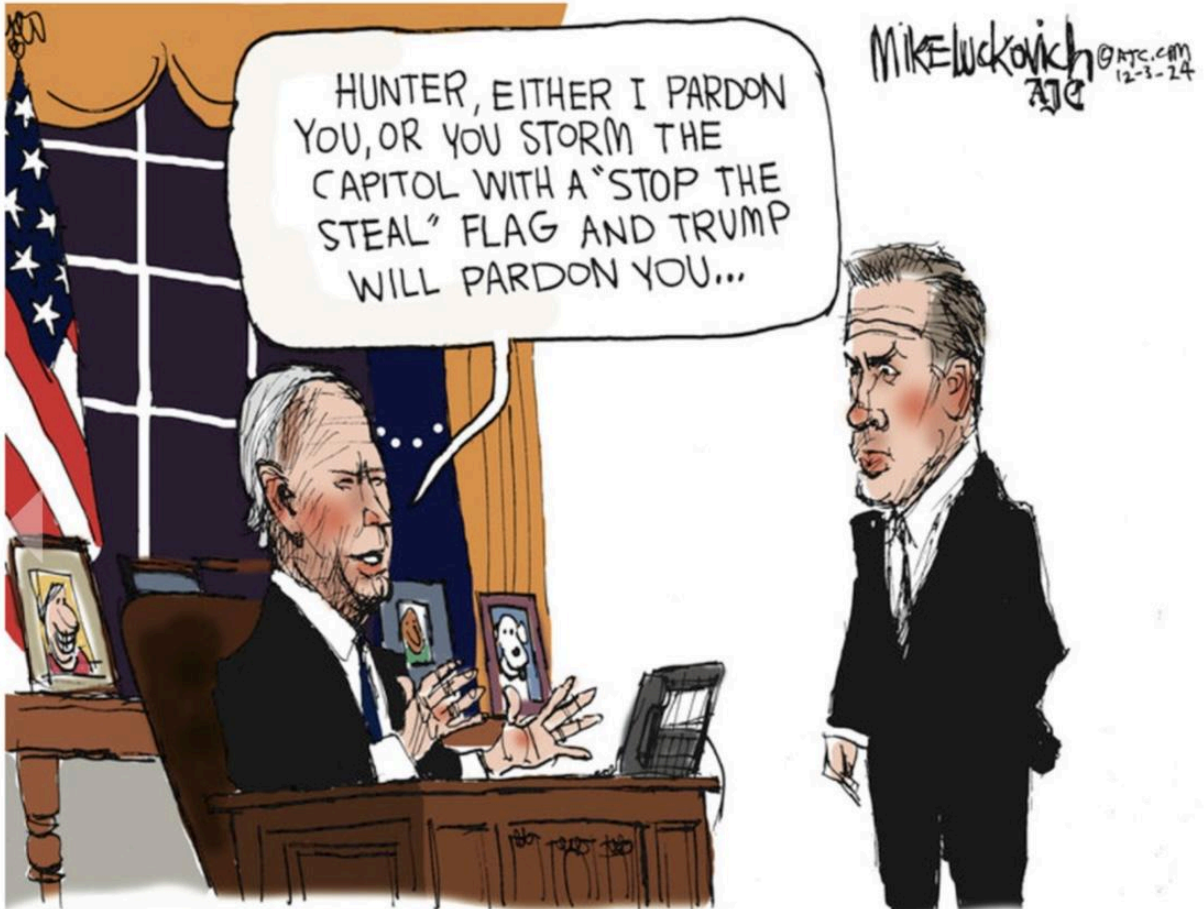
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Round 3



Round 4

"Have you ever seen the rain" Lyrics

Someone told me long ago
There's a calm before the storm I know
It's been comin' for some time
When it's over, so they say
It'll rain a sunny day, I know
Shining down like water
I want to know, have you ever seen the rain?
I want to know, have you ever seen the rain?
Comin' down on a sunny day?
Yesterday, and days before
Sun is cold and rain is hot I know
Been that way for all my time
Till forever, on it goes
Through the circle, fast and slow I know
It can't stop, I wonder
I want to know, have you ever seen the rain?
I want to know, have you ever seen the rain?
Comin' down on a sunny day?
Yeah! I want to know, have you ever seen the rain?
I want to know, have you ever seen the rain?
Comin' down on a sunny day?