

AI expert warns Elon Musk-signed letter doesn't go far enough, says 'literally everyone on Earth will die'

Eliezer Yudkowsky writes that advanced AI will kill all sentient life on Earth and must be shut down

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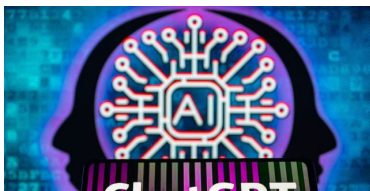
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An artificial intelligence expert with more than two decades of experience studying AI safety said an open letter calling for a six-month moratorium on developing [powerful AI systems](#) does not go far enough.

Eliezer Yudkowsky, a decision theorist at the Machine Intelligence Research Institute, wrote in a recent op-ed that the six-month "pause" on developing "AI systems more powerful than GPT-4" called for by [Tesla CEO Elon Musk](#) and hundreds of other innovators and experts understates the "seriousness of the situation." He would go further, implementing a moratorium on new large AI learning models that is "indefinite and worldwide."

The letter, issued by the Future of Life Institute and signed by more than 1,000 people, including Musk and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak, argued that safety protocols need to be developed by independent overseers to guide the future of AI systems.

"Powerful AI systems should be developed only once we are confident that their effects will be positive and their risks will be manageable," the letter said. Yudkowsky believes this is insufficient.



OpenAI ChatGPT seen on mobile with AI Brain seen on screen in Brussels on Jan. 22, 2023. (Jonathan Raa/NurPhoto via Getty Images)

"The key issue is not 'human-competitive' intelligence (as the open letter puts it); it's what happens after AI gets to smarter-than-human intelligence," Yudkowsky wrote for Time.

"Many researchers steeped in these issues, including myself, expect that the most likely result of building a superhumanly smart AI...

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