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Protesters at OpenAI's Say, "Stop AI, Or We're All Gonna Die!"

On Friday, July 25th, 2025 between 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm, Stop AI will peacefully protest in front of OpenAI's office at 1455 3rd St, San Francisco, CA.

OpenAI and other AI companies in San Francisco are trying to build smarter-than-human AI, also known as Artificial General Intelligence (AGI). OpenAI's definition of AGI is "highly autonomous systems that outperform humans at most economically valuable work" [1a] and "AI systems that are generally smarter than humans" [1b].

Experts have warned that building AGI threatens mass job loss and ultimately human extinction. In the largest poll of its kind, 2,778 published AI researchers estimated that building AGI carries a 19% chance of causing human extinction [2]. Given the irrecoverable disaster that is human extinction, the burden of proof regarding absolute safety is on the people developing this technology. Much less than demonstrating absolute safety, the leaders of the industry are actively saying AI could indeed end humanity. Sam Altman, the CEO of OpenAI, has said that in the worst case AI will result in "lights out for all of us" [3a]. Sam Altman has also said, "AI will probably most likely lead to the end of the world, but in the meantime, there'll be great companies created using serious machine learning" [3b]. There is no way to have experimental evidence that an AI system smarter than all of humanity will stay safe forever, therefore, it should never be built. We demand governments permanently ban AGI.

The danger might well be imminent. Geoffrey Hinton, Nobel prize winner and 'Godfather of AI', estimates a 50% chance of AI trying to take over the world in the next five to twenty years [4a] and "is kind of fifty fifty" on "us surviving this"[4b]. The o3 model revealed by OpenAI on December 20th, 2024, according to the best AGI test we had at the time, called the ARC-AGI Test, is potentially AGI [5]. Sam Altman has alluded to OpenAI achieving AGI in 2025 [6].

Stop AI exercises the will of the people. 63% of Americans said, "Yes, regulators should aim to actively prevent AI superintelligence." and 76% agreed with "Preventing AI from quickly reaching superhuman capabilities should be an important goal of AI policy."(AI Policy Institute Poll, Sep 02 2023) [7].

Stop AI demands that governments permanently ban the development of AGI. We must shut down all projects working towards AGI. That includes the shutdown of OpenAI. OpenAI is knowingly risking everyone's lives, including the lives of people we love. This is unacceptable and we will protest it until our death.

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