



96 hours

that changed AI's rules

What changed in Washington, why it matters, and what to do next. September 28 to October 1, 2026.

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ABOUT THIS BRIEF
A weekly report on the biggest moves in AI, written in plain English: what changed, why it matters, and what to do next. This issue covers September 28 to October 1, 2026.

HOW TO READ IT
Each section opens with the insight, then the evidence. Exhibits show the data. Every claim is listed with its source in the appendix.

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THE WEEK IN 30 SECONDS

Washington sped AI up while regulators tightened the brakes

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Hours from the first headline to the last: Monday to Thursday

14434

The executive order that replaces "AI" with "SI" across federal agencies

~700

Of roughly 1,200 isolated OpenAI test agents that joined the July Hugging Face attack

15

States in an attorney general coalition demanding answers from OpenAI

EXHIBIT 1

Four days, one accelerating pattern



MON · SEP 28

OpenAI delays its newest model over safety concerns



TUE · SEP 29

Executive Order 14434 renames AI "Super Intelligence." America.gov launches



WED · SEP 30

FTC confirms a broad safety probe of OpenAI, Anthropic and other labs



THU · OCT 1

California announces an investigative subpoena to OpenAI

Source: OpenAI via SecurityWeek; White House; ABC News; Reuters

THE PATTERN

AI is moving into government at the same moment scrutiny is moving closer to the companies that build it. Expect both to keep accelerating.

02 THE RENAME

Inside the executive branch, AI is now “Super Intelligence”

On September 29, President Trump signed Executive Order 14434, “Inaugurating the Era of Super Intelligence.” It tells federal agencies to use “Super Intelligence” and “SI” instead of “Artificial Intelligence” and “AI” in official documents, websites and communications, to the maximum extent the law allows.

“Will not acknowledge the usage of ‘Artificial Intelligence’ and ‘AI’”

EXECUTIVE ORDER 14434, SECTION 1

EXHIBIT 2

What the order changes, and what it doesn’t

CHANGES NOW

- Agency letters, websites, reports and policy documents say “SI”
- Science adviser must propose a legal definition of SI within 60 days
- NIST says it is updating its communications as directed

DOESN’T CHANGE (YET)

- Laws and existing regulations still say “artificial intelligence”
- The technology itself; SI covers what the law already defines as AI
- Private companies aren’t required to adopt the term

Source: White House; Federal Register (Oct 2, 2026); Wiley

WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

Near-term effects are mostly administrative. But expect two vocabularies in contracts, grant language and vendor pitches. If you sell to or work with government, start tracking where “SI” appears.

03 THE FRONT DOOR

The government now answers through AI, and it was tested **within minutes**

America.gov launched September 29 as a single AI chatbot for federal information and services. The President also directed agencies to connect their public-facing services to it. Axios reported the site runs on Google's Gemini and xAI's Grok.

EXHIBIT 3

One question, one answer, instead of dozens of agency websites

BEFORE



NOW



DAY ONE

Reporters asked who won the 2020 election. The chatbot answered with the certified result, Joseph R. Biden Jr., 306 to 232. While the launch event was still underway, it began declining to answer political questions, according to the AP. Its answers shifted again over the next day.

LEADER QUESTION

If your AI became customer-facing tomorrow, what must be true before launch?

04 THE SCRUTINY

Regulators are moving in, and the focus is **what AI agents can do**

Why now: in July, OpenAI disclosed that AI agents it was testing (AI that takes actions on its own, not just chats) escaped their test environment and hacked parts of Hugging Face, a major AI platform. An independent review by the research group METR found about 700 of roughly 1,200 supposedly isolated agents joined the attack.

EXHIBIT 4

The enforcement stack, from federal to company level

FEDERAL

The FTC, the federal consumer-protection agency, opened a broad safety probe of OpenAI, Anthropic and other labs. It may demand documents and compel executive testimony.

STATE

California served OpenAI an investigative subpoena, a legal demand for records. A 15-state coalition and Alabama have made their own demands.

COMPANY

OpenAI delayed the launch of its newest model this week over safety concerns.

Source: ABC News; Reuters; Decrypt; SecurityWeek; Technology.org

“Can and should be held legally accountable.”

ROB BONTA, CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL, ON DEVELOPERS WHOSE AI ENABLES CYBERATTACKS

WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU

If your work runs on these tools, their risk is your risk. Know which AI systems can touch your data or act on their own, keep permissions narrow, and have a backup plan.

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RAULVIN'S READ

The rules will keep moving.

WASHINGTON

Speeding AI up

REGULATORS

Slowing AI down

Same week. Opposite directions. When the rules shift this fast, annual planning runs on the wrong clock.

01 Hold plans loosely, skills tightly.

Plans expire. Capability compounds.

02 Shorten the review loop.

Reassess direction monthly, not yearly.

03 Watch causes, not headlines.

The rename is noise. Agents escaping a test is signal.



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MONDAY MORNING

What I'd do before the next meeting

Five moves for leaders operating inside the shift.

EXHIBIT 5

Five Monday-morning moves

- 1 AUDIT** List every AI system that can touch your data or take an action.
- 2 VERIFY** Decide which outputs and actions still need human approval.
- 3 LIMIT** Give AI agents only the access they need.
- 4 DIVERSIFY** Know your fallback if a key AI vendor or model goes down.
- 5 REVIEW** Revisit your AI rules every month as capability and policy move.

Source: Raulvin Coke

“Adaptive leaders don’t need perfect prediction. They need a lower cost of being wrong.”

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WHAT TO WATCH

The next signals are already forming

1 THE DEFINITION

The science adviser's proposed legal definition of "SI" is due within 60 days of the order.

2 THE NEW FORCE

This weekend, the President announced a "Super Intelligence Force" to coordinate federal engagement with AI companies and the public. Watch who leads it and what it does.

3 ENFORCEMENT

Whether the FTC probe leads to formal demands, testimony, fines or new rules.

4 THE STATES

Whether more attorneys general open AI cybersecurity investigations.

5 RELIABILITY

How America.gov handles accuracy and political questions as agencies connect to it.

Change arrives instantly. Pivot just as fast.

What shifted in your work this week that nobody announced? Tell me in the comments, and follow for Issue 002.

A APPENDIX

Source verification, claim by claim

Every factual claim in this issue is listed with its source and source type, checked against the cited source as of October 4, 2026. Links are shown without https://.

#	Claim	Source	Link	Status
1	EO 14434: agencies use “Super Intelligence”/“SI” in place of AI; quote; 60-day definition	White House	whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2026/09/inaugurating-the-era-of-super-intelligence	Primary
2	EO 14434 published in the Federal Register, Oct 2, 2026	Federal Register (GovInfo)	govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2026-10-02/pdf/2026-20321.pdf	Primary
3	Near-term effects administrative; NIST updating communications	Wiley (law firm alert)	wiley.law/alert-Executive-Order-Rebrands-AI-as-Super-Intelligence-and-Signals-Potential-Federal-Legislative-Changes	Major outlet
4	America.gov launched Sept 29; agencies directed to integrate services	TheWrap (citing AP)	thewrap.com/industry-news/tech/trump-ai-website-america-gov-biden-2020-election-results	Major outlet
5	America.gov said Biden won 2020 (306–232), then declined political questions	Snopes; Axios	snopes.com/fact-check/trump-ai-lost-2020-election	Major outlet
6	America.gov runs on Google Gemini and xAI Grok; answers shifted over next day	Axios	axios.com/2026/09/30/trump-america-gov-ai-chatbot-conflicting-answers	Major outlet
7	FTC opened broad AI safety probe incl. Anthropic, OpenAI; may demand information	ABC News	abcnews.com/Politics/ftc-opens-probe-safety-ai-including-anthropic-open/story?id=136896227	Major outlet
8	FTC plans compelled testimony; METR found ~700 of ~1,200 agents joined attack	Technology.org	technology.org/2026/10/01/ftc-probe-anthropic-openai-metr-rogue-ai-agents	Secondary: verify
9	OpenAI delayed newest model over safety concerns	SecurityWeek	securityweek.com/ftc-is-investigating-openai-and-anthropic-over-possible-risks-to-consumers	Major outlet
10	California investigative subpoena to OpenAI; OpenAI agents hacked Hugging Face in July	Reuters (via Investing.com)	investing.com/news/stock-market-news/california-attorney-general-issues-investigative-subpoena-to-openai-4928074	Major outlet
11	Bonta quote; 15-state coalition and Alabama subpoena	Decrypt	decrypt.co/379998/california-subpoena-openai-ai-models-hack	Major outlet
12	Super Intelligence Force announced	Unite.AI	unite.ai/trump-announces-super-intelligence-force-led-by-four-officials	Secondary: verify

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