

Chapter 09: Future if No Action Is Taken

From Surveillance Capitalism to AI Imperialism | Chapter 09: Future if no action is taken

0.1. Abstract

The most credible continuity scenario is not science-fiction apocalypse. The U.S. If no action is taken, platform immunity, private control over weights, and opaque state-company entanglement stop looking like separate policy issues and start looking like one reinforced system.

0.2. Keywords

Future if no action is taken; surveillance capitalism; AI imperialism; evidence-based dossier

0.3. Research Question

How does future if no action is taken function within the dossier’s larger argument, and what does the documentary record allow this chapter to establish?

0.4. Scope and Framing Note

This paper examines future if no action is taken within the broader dossier *From Surveillance Capitalism to AI Imperialism*. It is intentionally written to circulate on its own: necessary context is restated, evidence boundaries are made explicit, and cited material is reproduced in paper-local form rather than delegated to repo navigation. It contributes to the series as a paper that explains why inaction would compound dependency, hierarchy, and cognitive enclosure across the whole system. Adjacent reinforcement appears in Chapter 05, Chapter 07, Chapter 08, Chapter 10, but those cross-references are supportive rather than required for basic comprehension.

0.5. Central Thesis

The most credible continuity scenario is not science-fiction apocalypse. It is a slower regime of deepening dependence, shrinking cognitive sovereignty, weakened middle-class bargaining power, and increasingly hierarchical access to machine intelligence.¹

¹Sources: U.S. Department of Education / ERIC, Artificial Intelligence and the Futur... (2023-05-24; see Appendix A1); arXiv, GPTs are GPTs: An Early Look at the L... (2023-03-17; see Appendix A2); arXiv, Computing Power and the Governance of... (2024-02-13; see Appendix A3)

0.6. Evidence and Method Note

This paper is derived from the chapter corpus for Chapter 09 and is grounded in the project's structured research OS. It relies on source notes, extracted claims, entity profiles, and timeline events already normalized under the dossier's evidence hierarchy. Documented facts are asserted directly where the record supports them; disputed matters are marked as such; interpretive claims are bounded explicitly; and speculative overreach is isolated in the evidence-boundary appendix.

0.7. Introduction

This paper asks: How does future if no action is taken function within the dossier's larger argument, and what does the documentary record allow this chapter to establish? Its working answer is clear from the start: The most credible continuity scenario is not science-fiction apocalypse. It is a slower regime of deepening dependence, shrinking cognitive sovereignty, weakened middle-class bargaining power, and increasingly hierarchical access to machine intelligence.² The objective is not only to recount developments, but to show why the subject of this chapter belongs inside a structural argument about extraction, enclosure, legitimacy, and reform.

0.8. Historical or Institutional Context

The U.S. Department of Education has already framed AI in learning environments as a governance issue involving automated decisions, bias, privacy, and human oversight. Dependency concerns are therefore not merely cultural panic.³

0.9. Main Analysis

The GPTs paper and the IMF note both support an uneven future in which exposure to generative AI is distributed asymmetrically across occupations, income positions, and labor systems. The future problem is not uniform extinction. It is differential vulnerability.⁴

Compute-governance research supports the claim that high-end capability is likely to remain infrastructure-concentrated unless policy changes the terms of access. That means unequal access to machine intelligence is already an infrastructure question, not only a talent question.⁵

The continuity scenario also includes unequal fallback. Some of the same actors asking institutions and publics to normalize deeper dependence on AI and platform infrastructure have also publicly described or been credibly reported as building private redundancy, jurisdictional exit, and survivability options: Altman's 2016 prep disclosures and New Zealand fallback, Zuckerberg's Kauai shelter complex, and Thiel's long association with New Zealand retreat logic and elite-exit politics. That does not prove foreknowledge, coordinated collapse engineering, or a hidden command chain.

²Sources: U.S. Department of Education / ERIC, Artificial Intelligence and the Futur... (2023-05-24; see Appendix A1); arXiv, GPTs are GPTs: An Early Look at the L... (2023-03-17; see Appendix A2); arXiv, Computing Power and the Governance of... (2024-02-13; see Appendix A3)

³Sources: U.S. Department of Education / ERIC, Artificial Intelligence and the Futur... (2023-05-24; see Appendix A1)

⁴Sources: arXiv, GPTs are GPTs: An Early Look at the L... (2023-03-17; see Appendix A2); IMF, Gen-AI: Artificial Intelligence and t... (2024-01-14; see Appendix A4)

⁵Sources: arXiv, Computing Power and the Governance of... (2024-02-13; see Appendix A3)

It does show how continuity can stratify not only access to intelligence, but access to backup, redundancy, and escape when shared systems fail or become politically untrustworthy.⁶

The financial and moral-warning layers also matter. The BIS warned of fragile capex dynamics and weak near-term returns in the AI buildout, while Dario Amodei publicly warned that AI-era wealth concentration could strain democratic society. These are not identical claims, but together they strengthen the dossier’s continuity scenario of hierarchy rather than broad emancipation.⁷

Interpretation: if current platform habits, labor structures, weights enclosure, compute chokepoints, and asymmetric fallback systems continue reinforcing one another, the likely future is not total machine takeover but a regime of dependency, access hierarchy, and weaker cognitive sovereignty. A contextual formulation from Dion Wiggins is useful here: continuity can disguise dependency when systems still appear to function while effective authority migrates elsewhere. That is precisely why the dossier’s three reforms belong together rather than as isolated policy tweaks.⁸

0.10. Position Within the Series

This paper sits inside a coordinated 11-paper architecture. Its nearest companions are Chapter 05 (Talent, overhiring, valuation, and layoffs), Chapter 07 (Imperial control over access), Chapter 08 (Power network, legitimacy, and institutional capture), Chapter 10 (What to do). In that series logic, Chapter 09 explains why inaction would compound dependency, hierarchy, and cognitive enclosure across the whole system.

0.11. Counterarguments

This chapter must remain explicit that it is a projection built from documented trend lines, not a prophecy. The evidence is stronger on labor exposure, governance risk, and access concentration than on long-run learning outcomes or a single inevitable end state.⁹

0.12. Limits of the Evidence

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⁶Sources: Tad Friend, Sam Altman’s Manifest Destiny (2016-10-03; see Appendix A5); Makena Kelly, Inside Mark Zuckerberg’s Top-Secret H... (2023-12-14; see Appendix A6); Charlotte Phillipp, Mark Zuckerberg Downplays His 5,000-S... (2024-12-20; see Appendix A7); Mark O’Connell, Why Silicon Valley billionaires are p... (2018-02-15; see Appendix A8); Rebecca Rose, New Zealand woos the wealthy with ‘go... (2025-09-24; see Appendix A9)

⁷Sources: Bank for International Settlements, Annual Economic Report 2026 (2026-06-28; see Appendix A10); Dario Amodei, The Adolescence of Technology (2026-01-01; see Appendix A11)

⁸Sources: FTC, A Look Behind the Screens: Examining... (n.d.; see Appendix A12); Meta, Mark Zuckerberg’s Message to Meta Emp... (2023-03-14; see Appendix A13); arXiv, Computing Power and the Governance of... (2024-02-13; see Appendix A3); Dario Amodei, The Adolescence of Technology (2026-01-01; see Appendix A11); Dion Wiggins, The Digital Sovereignty Imperative (n.d.; see Appendix A14)

⁹Sources: U.S. Department of Education / ERIC, Artificial Intelligence and the Futur... (2023-05-24; see Appendix A1); IMF, Gen-AI: Artificial Intelligence and t... (2024-01-14; see Appendix A4)

¹⁰Sources: U.S. Department of Education / ERIC, Artificial Intelligence and the Futur... (2023-05-24; see Appendix A1); IMF, Gen-AI: Artificial Intelligence and t... (2024-01-14; see Appendix A4)

0.13. Reform Relevance

If no action is taken, platform immunity, private control over weights, and opaque state-company entanglement stop looking like separate policy issues and start looking like one reinforced system. That is why `Refactor Section 230`, `AI Weights as Patrimony of Humanity`, and `Limit Government Capture by AI Companies` must be read as one program of democratic reassertion.

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0.14. Conclusion

If no action is taken, platform immunity, private control over weights, and opaque state-company entanglement stop looking like separate policy issues and start looking like one reinforced system. The final chapter therefore has to answer the question the whole dossier implies: what does resistance look like once the solution space is no longer open-ended but doctrinally explicit? In the architecture of this series, Chapter 09 therefore functions as a self-contained argument while also advancing the cumulative path toward the dossier's three reforms.

0.15. Notes

This paper is designed to circulate independently. Public notes point readers to the real external documents first, then to the paper-local appendix entry that explains why each source matters.

The underlying research OS distinguishes among `Documented Fact`, `Disputed Fact`, `Hypothesis / Interpretation`, and `Speculative Narrative Risk`. In Chapter 09, those boundaries remain visible in the prose, in the bibliography, and in the appendix sections that summarize claims and caution points.

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2. arXiv. GPTs are GPTs: An Early Look at the Labor Market Impact Potential of Large Language Models. 2023-03-17. T1 paper. Paper appendix: Appendix A2. Corpus companion entry: Source S-065. Audit ID: `gpts-are-gpts-labor-impact-2023`. Relevance: That generative AI exposure reaches well beyond narrow routine clerical work and extends into professional and white-collar task bundles.
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¹¹Sources: FTC, A Look Behind the Screens: Examining... (n.d.; see Appendix A12); OpenAI, OpenAI's proposals for the U.S. AI Ac... (2025-03-13; see Appendix A15); arXiv, Computing Power and the Governance of... (2024-02-13; see Appendix A3)

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5. Tad Friend. Sam Altman’s Manifest Destiny. 2016-10-03. T2 profile. Paper appendix: Appendix A5. Corpus companion entry: Source S-083. Audit ID: **newyorker-sam-altman-manifest-destiny-2016**. Relevance: That by October 3, 2016 Sam Altman publicly described keeping guns, gold, potassium iodide, antibiotics, batteries, water, gas masks, and land in Big Sur as part of survival pla...
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7. Charlotte Phillipp. Mark Zuckerberg Downplays His 5,000-Square-Foot Underground Bunker in Hawaii: ‘Just a Little Shelter’. 2024-12-20. T3 news_article. Paper appendix: Appendix A7. Corpus companion entry: Source S-106. Audit ID: **people-zuckerberg-little-shelter-2024**. Relevance: That by December 20, 2024 Mark Zuckerberg publicly minimized the Kauai bunker as ‘just a little shelter,’ creating a documented contrast between the estate’s described features...
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11. Dario Amodei. The Adolescence of Technology. 2026-01-01. T3 essay. Paper appendix: Appendix A11. Corpus companion entry: Source S-047. Audit ID: **dario-amodei-adolescence-of-technology-2026**. Relevance: That by January 1, 2026, Anthropic’s own CEO publicly described wealth concentration, backlash, and democratic erosion as serious AI-adjacent risks.
12. FTC. A Look Behind the Screens: Examining the Data Practices of Social Media and Video Streaming Services. n.d.. T1 report. Paper appendix: Appendix A12. Corpus companion entry: Source S-063. Audit ID: **ftc-2024-look-behind-screens**. Relevance: Supports a key factual or interpretive move inside this paper.
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meta-year-of-efficiency-2023. Relevance: Supports a key factual or interpretive move inside this paper.

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0.17. Appendix A. Source Register for This Paper

0.17.1. Appendix A1. Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Teaching and Learning: Insights and Recommendations

Source citation: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Teaching and Learning: Insights and Recommendations **Institution / author:** U.S. Department of Education / ERIC **Date:** 2023-05-24 **Tier / type:** T1 / report **Why it matters in this paper:** That a primary U.S. education authority already treated AI-mediated learning as a governance question rather than as a neutral productivity upgrade. **Corpus companion entry:** Source S-124 **Audit ID:** us-ed-ai-future-teaching-learning-2023

0.17.2. Appendix A2. GPTs are GPTs: An Early Look at the Labor Market Impact Potential of Large Language Models

Source citation: GPTs are GPTs: An Early Look at the Labor Market Impact Potential of Large Language Models **Institution / author:** arXiv **Date:** 2023-03-17 **Tier / type:** T1 / paper **Why it matters in this paper:** That generative AI exposure reaches well beyond narrow routine clerical work and extends into professional and white-collar task bundles. **Corpus companion entry:** Source S-065 **Audit ID:** gpts-are-gpts-labor-impact-2023

0.17.3. Appendix A3. Computing Power and the Governance of Artificial Intelligence

Source citation: Computing Power and the Governance of Artificial Intelligence **Institution / author:** arXiv **Date:** 2024-02-13 **Tier / type:** T1 / paper **Why it matters in this paper:** That access hierarchy in frontier AI is materially tied to compute concentration and not only to abstract innovation differences. **Corpus companion entry:** Source S-040 **Audit ID:** compute-governance-ai-2024

0.17.4. Appendix A4. Gen-AI: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Work

Source citation: Gen-AI: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Work **Institution / author:** IMF **Date:** 2024-01-14 **Tier / type:** T1 / report **Why it matters in this pa-**

per: That labor-market exposure to generative AI is systematically uneven across geography, occupation, and class position. **Corpus companion entry:** Source S-071 **Audit ID:** imf-gen-ai-future-of-work-2024

0.17.5. Appendix A5. Sam Altman’s Manifest Destiny

Source citation: Sam Altman’s Manifest Destiny **Institution / author:** Tad Friend **Date:** 2016-10-03 **Tier / type:** T2 / profile **Why it matters in this paper:** That by October 3, 2016 Sam Altman publicly described keeping guns, gold, potassium iodide, antibiotics, batteries, water, gas masks, and land in Big Sur as part of survival plan... **Corpus companion entry:** Source S-083 **Audit ID:** newyorker-sam-altman-manifest-destiny-2016

0.17.6. Appendix A6. Inside Mark Zuckerberg’s Top-Secret Hawaii Compound

Source citation: Inside Mark Zuckerberg’s Top-Secret Hawaii Compound **Institution / author:** Makena Kelly **Date:** 2023-12-14 **Tier / type:** T2 / investigation **Why it matters in this paper:** That WIRED reported on December 14, 2023 that Mark Zuckerberg’s Kauai compound included a 5,000-square-foot underground shelter connected by tunnel, with living space, a mechani... **Corpus companion entry:** Source S-133 **Audit ID:** wired-zuckerberg-hawaii-compound-2023

0.17.7. Appendix A7. Mark Zuckerberg Downplays His 5,000-Square-Foot Underground Bunker in Hawaii: ‘Just a Little Shelter’

Source citation: Mark Zuckerberg Downplays His 5,000-Square-Foot Underground Bunker in Hawaii: ‘Just a Little Shelter’ **Institution / author:** Charlotte Phillipp **Date:** 2024-12-20 **Tier / type:** T3 / news_article **Why it matters in this paper:** That by December 20, 2024 Mark Zuckerberg publicly minimized the Kauai bunker as ‘just a little shelter,’ creating a documented contrast between the estate’s described features... **Corpus companion entry:** Source S-106 **Audit ID:** people-zuckerberg-little-shelter-2024

0.17.8. Appendix A8. Why Silicon Valley billionaires are prepping for the apocalypse in New Zealand

Source citation: Why Silicon Valley billionaires are prepping for the apocalypse in New Zealand **Institution / author:** Mark O’Connell **Date:** 2018-02-15 **Tier / type:** T3 / longform_feature **Why it matters in this paper:** That by February 15, 2018 New Zealand had already become a recognizable elite-safe-haven trope in public collapse-prep discourse around Silicon Valley. **Corpus companion entry:** Source S-066 **Audit ID:** guardian-billionaires-new-zealand-2018

0.17.9. Appendix A9. New Zealand woos the wealthy with ‘golden visa’ changes

Source citation: New Zealand woos the wealthy with ‘golden visa’ changes **Institution / author:** Rebecca Rose **Date:** 2025-09-24 **Tier / type:** T2 / news_article **Why it matters in this paper:** That debate over wealthy foreigners seeking New Zealand bolt-holes remained live in serious financial press by 2025. **Corpus companion entry:** Source S-058 **Audit ID:** ft-new-zealand-golden-visa-2025

0.17.10. Appendix A10. Annual Economic Report 2026

Source citation: Annual Economic Report 2026 **Institution / author:** Bank for International Settlements **Date:** 2026-06-28 **Tier / type:** T1 / report **Why it matters in this paper:** That a primary multilateral financial institution explicitly warned in June 2026 that the AI capex race was outrunning earnings and free cash flow. **Corpus companion entry:** Source S-036 **Audit ID:** bis-annual-economic-report-2026

0.17.11. Appendix A11. The Adolescence of Technology

Source citation: The Adolescence of Technology **Institution / author:** Dario Amodei **Date:** 2026-01-01 **Tier / type:** T3 / essay **Why it matters in this paper:** That by January 1, 2026, Anthropic's own CEO publicly described wealth concentration, backlash, and democratic erosion as serious AI-adjacent risks. **Corpus companion entry:** Source S-047 **Audit ID:** dario-amodei-adolescence-of-technology-2026

0.17.12. Appendix A12. A Look Behind the Screens: Examining the Data Practices of Social Media and Video Streaming Services

Source citation: A Look Behind the Screens: Examining the Data Practices of Social Media and Video Streaming Services **Institution / author:** FTC **Date:** n.d. **Tier / type:** T1 / report **Why it matters in this paper:** Supports a key factual or interpretive move inside this paper. **Corpus companion entry:** Source S-063 **Audit ID:** ftc-2024-look-behind-screens

0.17.13. Appendix A13. Mark Zuckerberg's Message to Meta Employees

Source citation: Mark Zuckerberg's Message to Meta Employees **Institution / author:** Meta **Date:** 2023-03-14 **Tier / type:** T1 / company_statement **Why it matters in this paper:** Supports a key factual or interpretive move inside this paper. **Corpus companion entry:** Source S-082 **Audit ID:** meta-year-of-efficiency-2023

0.17.14. Appendix A14. The Digital Sovereignty Imperative

Source citation: The Digital Sovereignty Imperative **Institution / author:** Dion Wiggins **Date:** n.d. **Tier / type:** T3 / website_homepage **Why it matters in this paper:** That Dion Wiggins publicly defines digital sovereignty in survivability terms: whether systems still run under your authority when cooperation is withdrawn. **Corpus companion entry:** Source S-050 **Audit ID:** digital-sovereignty-imperative-homepage-2026

0.17.15. Appendix A15. OpenAI's proposals for the U.S. AI Action Plan

Source citation: OpenAI's proposals for the U.S. AI Action Plan **Institution / author:** OpenAI **Date:** 2025-03-13 **Tier / type:** T1 / policy_submission **Why it matters in this paper:** That the legitimacy field around frontier AI is now reinforced not only by boards, policy essays, and lobbying, but by operational state interfaces that normalize privileged acc... **Corpus companion entry:** Source S-096 **Audit ID:** openai-us-ai-action-plan-2025

0.18. Appendix B. Claims Used in This Paper

0.18.1. Appendix B1. A primary multilateral financial institution explicitly warned in June 2026 that...

Claim statement: That a primary multilateral financial institution explicitly warned in June 2026 that the AI capex race was outrunning earnings and free cash flow. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A10 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-107 **Audit Claim ID:** bis-annual-economic-report-2026-05-talent-hoarding-section174-layoffs-claim-01

0.18.2. Appendix B2. Debt issuance, leverage, opaque financing structures, and circular financing belo...

Claim statement: That debt issuance, leverage, opaque financing structures, and circular financing belong to the documented risk structure of the AI buildout. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A10 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-108 **Audit Claim ID:** bis-annual-economic-report-2026-05-talent-hoarding-section174-layoffs-claim-02

0.18.3. Appendix B3. Chapter 05 can support the thesis of structural correction and financial overhang...

Claim statement: That Chapter 05 can support the thesis of structural correction and financial overhang without relying only on opinion pieces or market chatter. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A10 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-109 **Audit Claim ID:** bis-annual-economic-report-2026-05-talent-hoarding-section174-layoffs-claim-03

0.18.4. Appendix B4. Chapters 06, 09, and 10 can discuss the “cheap AI” narrative against a documented...

Claim statement: That Chapters 06, 09, and 10 can discuss the “cheap AI” narrative against a documented backdrop of subsidy-like financing pressure and fragile commercial returns. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A10 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-110 **Audit Claim ID:** bis-annual-economic-report-2026-05-talent-hoarding-section174-layoffs-claim-04

0.18.5. Appendix B5. Access hierarchy in frontier AI is materially tied to compute concentration and n...

Claim statement: That access hierarchy in frontier AI is materially tied to compute concentration and not only to abstract innovation differences. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A3 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-120 **Audit Claim ID:** compute-governance-ai-2024-09-future-if-unchecked-claim-01

0.18.6. Appendix B6. Chapter 09 can speak about unequal access to high-end intelligence as a documente...

Claim statement: That Chapter 09 can speak about unequal access to high-end intelligence as a documented infrastructure problem. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source**

support: Appendix A3 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-121 **Audit Claim ID:** compute-governance-ai-2024-09-future-if-unchecked-claim-02

0.18.7. Appendix B7. The project’s language of chokepoints and access stratification has direct suppor...

Claim statement: That the project’s language of chokepoints and access stratification has direct support in primary research on compute governance. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A3 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-122 **Audit Claim ID:** compute-governance-ai-2024-09-future-if-unchecked-claim-03

0.18.8. Appendix B8. By January 1, 2026, Anthropic’s own CEO publicly described wealth concentration,...

Claim statement: That by January 1, 2026, Anthropic’s own CEO publicly described wealth concentration, backlash, and democratic erosion as serious AI-adjacent risks. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A11 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-141 **Audit Claim ID:** dario-amodei-adolescence-of-technology-2026-08-power-networks-legitimacy-capture-claim-01

0.18.9. Appendix B9. The 80%-of-wealth pledge angle can be grounded in a primary source rather than on...

Claim statement: That the 80%-of-wealth pledge angle can be grounded in a primary source rather than only in a secondary or tertiary retelling. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A11 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-142 **Audit Claim ID:** dario-amodei-adolescence-of-technology-2026-08-power-networks-legitimacy-capture-claim-02

0.18.10. Appendix B10. Chapter 08 can document elite self-legitimation through philanthropy and public m...

Claim statement: That Chapter 08 can document elite self-legitimation through philanthropy and public moral positioning without pretending philanthropy resolves the structural problem. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A11 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-143 **Audit Claim ID:** dario-amodei-adolescence-of-technology-2026-08-power-networks-legitimacy-capture-claim-03

0.18.11. Appendix B11. Chapter 09 can cite a frontier founder’s own warning that extreme wealth concentr...

Claim statement: That Chapter 09 can cite a frontier founder’s own warning that extreme wealth concentration under AI could destabilize democratic society. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A11 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-144 **Audit Claim ID:** dario-amodei-adolescence-of-technology-2026-08-power-networks-legitimacy-capture-claim-04

0.18.12. Appendix B12. Chapter 10 can explicitly distinguish between voluntary philanthropy and the stro...

Claim statement: That Chapter 10 can explicitly distinguish between voluntary philanthropy and the stronger structural responses the dossier argues are necessary. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A11 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-145 **Audit Claim ID:** dario-amodei-adolescence-of-technology-2026-08-power-networks-legitimacy-capture-claim-05

0.18.13. Appendix B13. Dion Wiggins publicly defines digital sovereignty in survivability terms: whether...

Claim statement: That Dion Wiggins publicly defines digital sovereignty in survivability terms: whether systems still run under your authority when cooperation is withdrawn. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A14 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-152 **Audit Claim ID:** digital-sovereignty-imperative-homepage-2026-09-future-if-unchecked-claim-01

0.18.14. Appendix B14. Debate over wealthy foreigners seeking New Zealand bolt-holes remained live in se...

Claim statement: That debate over wealthy foreigners seeking New Zealand bolt-holes remained live in serious financial press by 2025. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A9 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-182 **Audit Claim ID:** ft-new-zealand-golden-visa-2025-09-future-if-unchecked-claim-01

0.18.15. Appendix B15. The Financial Times reported on September 24, 2025 that Peter Thiel's New Zealand...

Claim statement: That the Financial Times reported on September 24, 2025 that Peter Thiel's New Zealand citizenship had been granted under 'exceptional circumstances' despite reportedly spending 12 days in the country, and that his Lake Wānaka lodge plans were later rejected in 2022. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A9 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-183 **Audit Claim ID:** ft-new-zealand-golden-visa-2025-11-facebook-thiel-intelligence-a

0.18.16. Appendix B16. Generative AI exposure reaches well beyond narrow routine clerical work and exten...

Claim statement: That generative AI exposure reaches well beyond narrow routine clerical work and extends into professional and white-collar task bundles. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A2 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-205 **Audit Claim ID:** gpts-are-gpts-labor-impact-2023-09-future-if-unchecked-claim-01

0.18.17. Appendix B17. A future scenario of labor stratification can be grounded in documented different...

Claim statement: That a future scenario of labor stratification can be grounded in documented differential exposure rather than in pure speculation. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact

Source support: Appendix A2 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-206 **Audit Claim ID:** gpts-are-gpts-labor-impact-2023-09-future-if-unchecked-claim-02

0.18.18. Appendix B18. Chapter 09 can discuss weakening bargaining power for parts of the technical and...

Claim statement: That Chapter 09 can discuss weakening bargaining power for parts of the technical and professional middle class without claiming universal job extinction. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A2 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-207 **Audit Claim ID:** gpts-are-gpts-labor-impact-2023-09-future-if-unchecked-claim-03

0.18.19. Appendix B19. By February 15, 2018 New Zealand had already become a recognizable elite-safe-hav...

Claim statement: That by February 15, 2018 New Zealand had already become a recognizable elite-safe-haven trope in public collapse-prep discourse around Silicon Valley. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A8 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-208 **Audit Claim ID:** guardian-billionaires-new-zealand-2018-09-future-if-unchecked-claim-01

0.18.20. Appendix B20. A serious 2018 longform outlet publicly connected Peter Thiel's New Zealand citiz...

Claim statement: That a serious 2018 longform outlet publicly connected Peter Thiel's New Zealand citizenship controversy, Sam Altman's retreat plan, and The Sovereign Individual within a single elite-safe-haven narrative. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A8 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-209 **Audit Claim ID:** guardian-billionaires-new-zealand-2018-11-facebook-thiel-intelligence-adjacency-claim-01

0.18.21. Appendix B21. Labor-market exposure to generative AI is systematically uneven across geography,...

Claim statement: That labor-market exposure to generative AI is systematically uneven across geography, occupation, and class position. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A4 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-222 **Audit Claim ID:** imf-gen-ai-future-of-work-2024-09-future-if-unchecked-claim-01

0.18.22. Appendix B22. A future of stratified labor outcomes can be documented from mainstream instituti...

Claim statement: That a future of stratified labor outcomes can be documented from mainstream institutional analysis rather than inferred only from anecdote. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A4 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-223 **Audit Claim ID:** imf-gen-ai-future-of-work-2024-09-future-if-unchecked-claim-02

0.18.23. Appendix B23. Chapter 09 can connect AI deployment to differentiated middle-class risk without...

Claim statement: That Chapter 09 can connect AI deployment to differentiated middle-class risk without reducing the issue to a single universal displacement story. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A4 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-224 **Audit Claim ID:** imf-gen-ai-future-of-work-2024-09-future-if-unchecked-claim-03

0.18.24. Appendix B24. By October 3, 2016 Sam Altman publicly described keeping guns, gold, potassium io...

Claim statement: That by October 3, 2016 Sam Altman publicly described keeping guns, gold, potassium iodide, antibiotics, batteries, water, gas masks, and land in Big Sur as part of survival planning, and named Peter Thiel's house in New Zealand as a backup plan. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A5 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-275 **Audit Claim ID:** newyorker-sam-altman-manifest-destiny-2016-08-power-networks-legitimacy-capture-claim-01

0.18.25. Appendix B25. The public record already contained elite retreat and private-fallback planning b...

Claim statement: That the public record already contained elite retreat and private-fallback planning by a future central AI executive years before the current frontier-AI dependency regime matured. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A5 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-276 **Audit Claim ID:** newyorker-sam-altman-manifest-destiny-2016-09-future-if-unchecked-claim-01

0.18.26. Appendix B26. By December 20, 2024 Mark Zuckerberg publicly minimized the Kauai bunker as 'just...

Claim statement: That by December 20, 2024 Mark Zuckerberg publicly minimized the Kauai bunker as 'just a little shelter,' creating a documented contrast between the estate's described features and his own framing of them. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A7 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-352 **Audit Claim ID:** people-zuckerberg-little-shelter-2024-08-power-networks-legitimacy-capture-claim-01

0.18.27. Appendix B27. A primary U.S. education authority already treated AI-mediated learning as a gove...

Claim statement: That a primary U.S. education authority already treated AI-mediated learning as a governance question rather than as a neutral productivity upgrade. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A1 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-401 **Audit Claim ID:** us-ed-ai-future-teaching-learning-2023-09-future-if-unchecked-claim-01

0.18.28. Appendix B28. Institutional guidance had already identified bias, privacy, safety, and over-del...

Claim statement: That institutional guidance had already identified bias, privacy, safety, and over-delegation as central risks in educational AI adoption. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact

Source support: Appendix A1 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-402 **Audit Claim ID:** us-ed-ai-future-teaching-learning-2023-09-future-if-unchecked-claim-02

0.18.29. Appendix B29. Chapter 09 can ground dependency and cognitive-mediation concerns in official edu...

Claim statement: That Chapter 09 can ground dependency and cognitive-mediation concerns in official educational governance language. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A1 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-403 **Audit Claim ID:** us-ed-ai-future-teaching-learning-2023-09-future-if-unchecked-claim-03

0.18.30. Appendix B30. WIRED reported on December 14, 2023 that Mark Zuckerberg's Kauai compound include...

Claim statement: That WIRED reported on December 14, 2023 that Mark Zuckerberg's Kauai compound included a 5,000-square-foot underground shelter connected by tunnel, with living space, a mechanical room, and an escape hatch. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A6 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-489 **Audit Claim ID:** wired-zuckerberg-hawaii-compound-2023-08-power-networks-legitimacy-capture-claim-01

0.18.31. Appendix B31. WIRED reported strict NDAs, crew separation, self-sufficiency features, and secre...

Claim statement: That WIRED reported strict NDAs, crew separation, self-sufficiency features, and secrecy controls around the Kauai project that resembled secure-installation practices more than ordinary private construction. **Evidence status:** Documented Fact **Source support:** Appendix A6 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-490 **Audit Claim ID:** wired-zuckerberg-hawaii-compound-2023-08-power-networks-legitimacy-capture-claim-02

0.18.32. Appendix B32. The legitimacy field around frontier AI is now reinforced not only by boards, pol...

Claim statement: That the legitimacy field around frontier AI is now reinforced not only by boards, policy essays, and lobbying, but by operational state interfaces that normalize privileged access and public-private dependence. **Evidence status:** Hypothesis / Interpretation **Source support:** Appendix A15 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-445 **Audit Claim ID:** vector08-legitimacy-through-operational-state-interfaces-claim-01

0.18.33. Appendix B33. The continuity scenario includes asymmetry of fallback and exit, with elite actor...

Claim statement: That the continuity scenario includes asymmetry of fallback and exit, with elite actors purchasing redundancy while ordinary users are asked to normalize dependence. **Evidence status:** Hypothesis / Interpretation **Source support:** Appendix A5, Appendix A6, Appendix A7, Appendix A8, Appendix A9, Appendix A14 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-449 **Audit Claim ID:** vector09-asymmetric-fallback-continuity-claim-01

0.18.34. Appendix B34. If current platform habits, labor structures, and compute chokepoints continue re...

Claim statement: That if current platform habits, labor structures, and compute chokepoints continue reinforcing one another, the most credible continuity scenario is dependency, access hierarchy, and weaker cognitive sovereignty. **Evidence status:** Hypothesis / Interpretation **Source support:** Appendix A2, Appendix A4, Appendix A3, Appendix A11 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-450 **Audit Claim ID:** vector09-continuity-scenario-dependency-hierarchy-claim-01

0.18.35. Appendix B35. Bunker ownership, survival planning, or retreat architecture prove elite foreknow...

Claim statement: That bunker ownership, survival planning, or retreat architecture prove elite foreknowledge of imminent collapse or that frontier firms are knowingly engineering it. **Evidence status:** Speculative Narrative Risk **Source support:** Appendix A5, Appendix A6, Appendix A7, Appendix A8, Appendix A9 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-440 **Audit Claim ID:** vector08-bunker-foreknowledge-overclaim-claim-01

0.18.36. Appendix B36. Founder philanthropy or public warnings about concentration prove elite foreknowl...

Claim statement: That founder philanthropy or public warnings about concentration prove elite foreknowledge of imminent collapse or absolve frontier firms of responsibility. **Evidence status:** Speculative Narrative Risk **Source support:** Appendix A11 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-446 **Audit Claim ID:** vector08-philanthropy-foreknowledge-overclaim-claim-01

0.18.37. Appendix B37. The continuity scenario is a fixed prophecy of inevitable collapse rather than a...

Claim statement: That the continuity scenario is a fixed prophecy of inevitable collapse rather than a political trajectory that could still be altered by institutional reform. **Evidence status:** Speculative Narrative Risk **Source support:** Appendix A10 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-451 **Audit Claim ID:** vector09-inevitable-collapse-overclaim-claim-01

0.18.38. Appendix B38. Peter Thiel's New Zealand retreat logic, ideological associations, and political...

Claim statement: That Peter Thiel's New Zealand retreat logic, ideological associations, and political ties prove a unified hidden command chain linking platform governance, Palantir, and civilizational collapse planning. **Evidence status:** Speculative Narrative Risk **Source support:** Appendix A8, Appendix A9 **Corpus companion entry:** Claim C-460 **Audit Claim ID:** vector11-prepper-command-overclaim-claim-01

0.19. Appendix C. Timeline Slice

0.19.1. Appendix C1. 2016-10-03: The New Yorker profile records Sam Altman’s survival-prep measures and New Zealand fa...

Event summary: The New Yorker profile records Sam Altman’s survival-prep measures and New Zealand fallback plan with Peter Thiel **Event date:** 2016-10-03 **Source support:** Appendix A5 **Corpus companion entry:** Event T-004 **Audit Event ID:** event-altman-prep-new-zealand-2016-10-03

0.19.2. Appendix C2. 2023-03-17: OpenAI and OpenResearch authors publish GPTs are GPTs on occupational exposure to LLMs

Event summary: OpenAI and OpenResearch authors publish GPTs are GPTs on occupational exposure to LLMs **Event date:** 2023-03-17 **Source support:** Appendix A2 **Corpus companion entry:** Event T-023 **Audit Event ID:** event-gpts-are-gpts-2023-03-17

0.19.3. Appendix C3. 2023-05-24: The U.S. Department of Education releases its AI teaching-and-learning recommendations

Event summary: The U.S. Department of Education releases its AI teaching-and-learning recommendations **Event date:** 2023-05-24 **Source support:** Appendix A1 **Corpus companion entry:** Event T-024 **Audit Event ID:** event-us-ed-ai-report-2023-05-24

0.19.4. Appendix C4. 2023-12-14: WIRED documents bunker-like features, secrecy controls, and self-sufficiency planning...

Event summary: WIRED documents bunker-like features, secrecy controls, and self-sufficiency planning at Zuckerberg’s Kauai compound **Event date:** 2023-12-14 **Source support:** Appendix A6 **Corpus companion entry:** Event T-035 **Audit Event ID:** event-wired-zuckerberg-kauai-compound-2023-12-14

0.19.5. Appendix C5. 2024-01-14: The IMF publishes Gen-AI: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Work

Event summary: The IMF publishes Gen-AI: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Work **Event date:** 2024-01-14 **Source support:** Appendix A4 **Corpus companion entry:** Event T-036 **Audit Event ID:** event-imf-gen-ai-work-2024-01-14

0.19.6. Appendix C6. 2024-02-13: Researchers publish Computing Power and the Governance of Artificial Intelligence on...

Event summary: Researchers publish Computing Power and the Governance of Artificial Intelligence on arXiv **Event date:** 2024-02-13 **Source support:** Appendix A3 **Corpus companion entry:** Event T-042 **Audit Event ID:** event-compute-governance-paper-2024-02-13

0.19.7. Appendix C7. 2026-01-01: Dario Amodei publicly warns of AI-driven wealth concentration and describes Anthropic...

Event summary: Dario Amodei publicly warns of AI-driven wealth concentration and describes Anthropic's 80% wealth pledge **Event date:** 2026-01-01 **Source support:** Appendix A11 **Corpus companion entry:** Event T-086 **Audit Event ID:** event-dario-adolescence-technology-2026-01-01

0.20. Appendix D. Relevant Entities

0.20.1. Appendix D1. U.S. Department of Education, Office of Educational Technology

Entity type: government **Role in this paper:** Actor relevant to 09_future_if_unchecked, 10_counterstrategy_response_agenda. **Relevant sources in this paper:** Appendix A1 **Corpus companion entry:** Entity E-038 **Audit Entity ID:** org-us-ed-oet

0.20.2. Appendix D2. AI compute chokepoints

Entity type: infrastructure **Role in this paper:** Actor relevant to 09_future_if_unchecked, 10_counterstrategy_response_agenda. **Relevant sources in this paper:** Appendix A3 **Corpus companion entry:** Entity E-002 **Audit Entity ID:** concept-ai-compute-chokepoint

0.20.3. Appendix D3. International Monetary Fund

Entity type: multilateral **Role in this paper:** Actor relevant to 09_future_if_unchecked. **Relevant sources in this paper:** Appendix A4 **Corpus companion entry:** Entity E-020 **Audit Entity ID:** org-imf

0.20.4. Appendix D4. Dario Amodei

Entity type: person **Role in this paper:** Actor relevant to 08_power_networks_legitimacy_capture, 09_future_if_unchecked, 10_counterstrategy_response_agenda. **Relevant sources in this paper:** Appendix A11 **Corpus companion entry:** Entity E-044 **Audit Entity ID:** person-dario-amodei

0.20.5. Appendix D5. Mark Zuckerberg

Entity type: person **Role in this paper:** Actor relevant to 05_talent_hoarding_section174_layoffs, 08_power_networks_legitimacy_capture, 09_future_if_unchecked, 12_cambridge_analytica_meta_metaverse. **Relevant sources in this paper:** Appendix A13, Appendix A6, Appendix A7 **Corpus companion entry:** Entity E-054 **Audit Entity ID:** person-mark-zuckerberg

0.20.6. Appendix D6. Peter Thiel

Entity type: person **Role in this paper:** Actor relevant to 01_surveillance_capitalism, 08_power_networks_legitimacy_capture, 09_future_if_unchecked, 11_facebook_thiel_intelligence_adjacency. **Relevant sources in this paper:** Appendix A8, Appendix A9 **Corpus companion entry:** Entity E-058 **Audit Entity ID:** person-peter-thiel

0.20.7. Appendix D7. Sam Altman

Entity type: person **Role in this paper:** Actor relevant to 07_export_controls_compute_defense_access, 08_power_networks_legitimacy_capture, 09_future_if_unchecked, 10_counterstrategy_response_agenda and others. **Relevant sources in this paper:** Appendix A15, Appendix A5 **Corpus companion entry:** Entity E-059 **Audit Entity ID:** person-sam-altman

0.21. Appendix E. Evidence Boundaries

0.21.1. Appendix E1. Disputed Matters

- None registered for this paper.

0.21.2. Appendix E2. Interpretive Boundaries

- Appendix B32: That the legitimacy field around frontier AI is now reinforced not only by boards, policy essays, and lobbying, but by operational state interfaces that normalize privileged access and public-private dependence.
- Appendix B33: That the continuity scenario includes asymmetry of fallback and exit, with elite actors purchasing redundancy while ordinary users are asked to normalize dependence.
- Appendix B34: That if current platform habits, labor structures, and compute chokepoints continue reinforcing one another, the most credible continuity scenario is dependency, access hierarchy, and weaker cognitive sovereignty.

0.21.3. Appendix E3. Speculative Narrative Risks

- Appendix B35: That bunker ownership, survival planning, or retreat architecture prove elite foreknowledge of imminent collapse or that frontier firms are knowingly engineering it.
- Appendix B36: That founder philanthropy or public warnings about concentration prove elite foreknowledge of imminent collapse or absolve frontier firms of responsibility.
- Appendix B37: That the continuity scenario is a fixed prophecy of inevitable collapse rather than a political trajectory that could still be altered by institutional reform.
- Appendix B38: That Peter Thiel's New Zealand retreat logic, ideological associations, and political ties prove a unified hidden command chain linking platform governance, Palantir, and civilizational collapse planning.

0.21.4. Appendix E4. Sensitive or Review-Worthy Note Flags

- Appendix A10. Companion note: Note N-043. Risk flag: review. Note focus: That a primary multilateral financial institution explicitly warned in June 2026 that the AI capex race was outrunning earnings and free cash flow.
- Appendix A11. Companion note: Note N-084. Risk flag: review. Note focus: That by January 1, 2026, Anthropic's own CEO publicly described wealth concentration, backlash, and democratic erosion as serious AI-adjacent risks.
- Appendix A5. Companion note: Note N-089. Risk flag: review. Note focus: That by October 3, 2016 Sam Altman publicly described maintaining a survival-prep cache and a New Zealand fallback with Peter Thiel.

- Appendix A7. Companion note: Note N-094. Risk flag: review. Note focus: That Zuckerberg publicly minimized the compound’s bunker framing after the earlier investigation.
- Appendix A6. Companion note: Note N-097. Risk flag: review. Note focus: That a serious T2 investigation documented bunker-like features, strong secrecy controls, and private redundancy architecture at Zuckerberg’s Kauai compound by December 2023.
- Appendix A3. Companion note: Note N-098. Risk flag: review. Note focus: That access hierarchy in frontier AI is materially tied to compute concentration and not only to abstract innovation differences.
- Appendix A14. Companion note: Note N-099. Risk flag: review. Note focus: That Dion Wiggins publicly frames sovereignty in survivability terms and links continuity to disguised dependency.
- Appendix A2. Companion note: Note N-100. Risk flag: review. Note focus: That generative AI exposure reaches well beyond narrow routine clerical work and extends into professional and white-collar task bundles.
- Appendix A4. Companion note: Note N-101. Risk flag: review. Note focus: That labor-market exposure to generative AI is systematically uneven across geography, occupation, and class position.
- Appendix A1. Companion note: Note N-102. Risk flag: review. Note focus: That a primary U.S. education authority already treated AI-mediated learning as a governance question rather than as a neutral productivity upgrade.
- Appendix A9. Companion note: Note N-111. Risk flag: review. Note focus: That the Thiel/New Zealand strand can be grounded in a serious T2 business-paper source, not only in contextual essays.
- Appendix A8. Companion note: Note N-112. Risk flag: review. Note focus: That by early 2018 New Zealand was already a publicly legible elite-safe-haven trope in Silicon Valley collapse-prep discourse.