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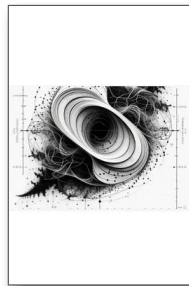
Biography

Dean W. Ball is a prominent strategist, writer, and policy expert focused on artificial intelligence, emerging technologies, and the future of governance. Recognized as one of the leading voices shaping the national conversation around AI policy, Ball was recently appointed Head of Strategic Futures at OpenAI. He also currently serves as a Senior Fellow at the Foundation for American Innovation, a Policy Fellow at Fathom, and a Visiting Fellow at The Heritage Foundation. He is also the author of the influential AI-focused newsletter *Hyperdimensional*, widely read by policymakers, technologists, investors, and business leaders.

Ball most recently served as Senior Policy Advisor for Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technology at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, where he was the principal staff drafter of America's AI Action Plan. During his government service, he also advised the National Science Foundation on AI strategy and co-chaired several national initiatives involving machine learning, AI research infrastructure, and emerging technology governance. His work has positioned him at the center of the evolving debate over how governments and institutions should respond to rapid advances in artificial intelligence.

Topics

AI
AI Governance and Policy
Geopolitics of artificial intelligence



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Known for combining deep technical understanding with historical and political insight, Ball writes and speaks extensively on artificial intelligence, biotechnology, robotics, manufacturing innovation, and institutional change. His commentary explores how transformative technologies will reshape economies, governments, labor markets, and national competitiveness over the coming decades. He has become especially influential for his writing on AI governance, arguing for pragmatic regulatory frameworks that encourage innovation while addressing safety, national security, and economic concerns.

Ball's essays and policy analysis have appeared in publications including *The Financial Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Lawfare*, *National Affairs*, *The Dispatch*, and *National Review*. He has also been featured or quoted by *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Economist*, *Bloomberg*, *CNN*, and other major media outlets discussing artificial intelligence and technology policy.

Prior to his work in government and technology policy, Ball held leadership roles at Stanford University's Hoover Institution, the Manhattan Institute, and the Calvin Coolidge Presidential Foundation. He began his policy career as a Research Fellow in the Artificial Intelligence & Progress Project at George Mason University's Mercatus Center, where he focused on the intersection of AI, economics, and governance. He currently serves as a Visiting Lecturer at Yale Law School, where he co-teaches courses on frontier AI governance and emerging technology policy.

Widely regarded as a rising intellectual leader in AI and technology strategy, Ball continues to advise organizations, policymakers, and institutions on the societal and geopolitical implications of artificial intelligence and other frontier technologies.

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