# Removing Barriers to American Leadership in Artificial Intelligence

A summary of <u>Executive Order 14179</u>: Removing Barriers to American Leadership in Artificial Intelligence, signed on January 23, 2025 by President Trump:

## **Key Points**

### 1. Overarching Goal

 Reaffirm the U.S.'s position as a global AI leader, emphasizing human flourishing, economic competitiveness, and national security, and ensure AI is "free from ideological bias or engineered social agendas." <u>TIME+15Tech Policy</u> Press+15Aila+15

#### 2. Action Plan Timeline

Agencies led by the Assistant to the President for Science & Technology, the
White House AI & Crypto Adviser, and the National Security Advisor must deliver
a comprehensive AI Action Plan within 180 days (by late July 2025), outlining
steps to sustain U.S. AI dominance. Reuters+5Holland & Knight+5caidp.org+5

#### 3. Rescind or Revise Biden-Era Policies

All directives, regulations, or orders stemming from Biden's Executive Order
14110 (Oct 30, 2023) are to be reviewed and either suspended, revised, or
rescinded if they hinder innovation. Agencies must implement interim
exemptions if immediate action isn't feasible. AP News+4Holland &
Knight+4Aila+4

# 4. OMB Guidance Updates

 Within 60 days (by late March 2025), the Office of Management and Budget must revise memoranda M-24-10 and M-24-18 (which governed federal AI use and acquisition) to align with the executive order's pro-innovation orientation.
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# 5. Remove Regulatory "Barriers"

• The EO frames Biden-era AI rules—focusing on equity, transparency, safety, and third-party review—as **burdensome** and potential **obstacles** to private-sector innovation, advocating instead for a **light-touch**, **pro-growth environment**.

#### 6. Promote Infrastructure & Talent

Although not detailed in the order itself, follow-up directives (e.g., April 2025)
direct agencies to appoint Chief Al Officers, streamline Al procurement,
maximize U.S.-made Al, and invest in critical data center and computing
infrastructure.

In summary, President Trump's **EO 14179** represents a sharp policy shift:

- Repealing Biden-era safeguards, especially those around ethics and bias mitigation.
- Mandating aggressive timelines for crafting a U.S.-centric AI strategy and revising federal AI procurement rules.
- **Prioritizing U.S. competitiveness**, infrastructure, and talent development over regulatory oversight.