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Director Russell T. Vought
Office of Management and Budget
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Dear Director Vought,

The Office of Management and Budget should promptly issue guidance making clear that the intentional use of a narrow set of biased sources to train artificial intelligence models violates the ideological neutrality requirement in President Donald Trump's recent Executive Order on AI. This clarification is urgently needed to ensure AI models are trained on diverse, balanced inputs—especially in light of the hundreds of millions of dollars recently awarded in federal defense contracts to AI companies.

The link between inputs and outputs in AI is well established, acknowledged even by leaders in the field such as OpenAI CEO Sam Altman and Google CEO Sundar Pichai, who have voiced concern about control over inputs and the potential for manipulation. Despite this, many AI firms appear to be relying heavily on left-leaning legacy media sources, excluding a range of viewpoints and creating an artificially narrow information base.

The Media Research Center's analysis found that AI platforms are contracting with left-leaning outlets over ten times more often than with outlets rated "lean right" or "right" by AllSides. These contracts—such as those between OpenAI and The Atlantic or The Associated Press—limit competition, reinforce a single ideological perspective, and undermine the diversity of information essential to ideologically neutral AI outputs.

Courts have already affirmed the right to use publicly available material for AI training, raising questions about the enforceability of these contracts. When such agreements serve primarily to channel payments to a select group of media companies, the effect is to subsidize and entrench a particular viewpoint, contrary to the Executive Order's intent.

Given the decisive role training inputs play in determining AI outputs, OMB should clarify that:

1. **Limiting AI training data to a narrow, ideologically skewed set of sources constitutes intentional bias, and**

2. **"Intentional" includes the continued use of illusory contracts and sourcing disparities so significant that bias cannot reasonably be considered accidental.**

Clear OMB guidance will help ensure that taxpayer-funded AI systems are developed in a manner consistent with the Executive Order's promise of ideological neutrality and the broader public interest.

Sincerely,

David Bozell
President