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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE THREATS TO NATIONAL SECURITY Update

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The Biden-Harris Administration has undertaken efforts through an Executive Order to enforce new standards for the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in order to provide additional guidelines for its safe and responsible use. The administration states that the order “protects Americans’ privacy, advances equity and civil rights, stands up for consumers and workers, promotes innovation and competition, advances American leadership around the world, and more” (The White House, 2023). One of the new regulations stated under the Executive Order requires that developers of the most robust AI systems must provide the U.S government with the results yielded from safety testing. The Executive Order follows the Biden-Harris Administration’s Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights, which focused on a strong plan to combat “the great challenges posed to democracy today” in the use of AI (The White House, 2022).

As the 2024 presidential election has ramped up, so has the use of AI as a tool for campaign messaging. The use of AI within presidential elections can be particularly dangerous because AI can be and is being used to impersonate other candidates. For example, a super PAC ran an ad in favor of Governor Ron DeSantis that suggest that former President Donald Trump was reading his social media post but did not inform viewers that the video was AI generated (Harper et al., 2023). As the leading candidate for Republican president hopefuls, former president Donald Trump has yet to release a statement surrounding the use of AI on the campaign trails. Experts such as Kevin Lao, one senior director for Bryson Gillette, such that it is imperative that campaigns provide a disclaimer for all that consume their media which has used AI (Harper et al., 2024).

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