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Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang shows a 2024-era chip for the China market to Mike Allen in Washington on Friday.
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Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang, bristling at Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei's warning of a looming white-collar apocalypse, tells us that artificial intelligence will create vastly more and superior jobs, *Mike Allen and Jim VandeHei* write in a *"Behind the Curtain"* column.

- **Why it matters:** The Huang vs. Amodei debate, playing out in exclusive interviews with us, captures a deep divide among AI experts over America's job market in a highly automated world.

Both of them agree we'll soon have AI that's smarter than humans — and will radically reshape how people work and companies operate.

 **Zoom in:** Amodei told us AI could wipe out half of entry-level white-collar jobs in a few years. His comments sparked weeks of national debate over the dangers of fast and furious technological advancements in AI.

- **Huang** (*pronounced wong*) — whose company last week became the most valuable in history, worth \$4 trillion — responded: "I don't know why AI companies are trying to scare us. We should advance the technology safely just as we advance cars safely. ... But scaring people goes too far."
- **Noting Amodei and** other AI leaders issuing warnings are "really, really consequential and smart people," Huang said he was eager to "offer a counter-view," based on "all the evidence of history."

"If we have no new ideas," Huang began, "and the work that we're doing is precisely *all* that needs to be done ... and no more than what humanity will ever need, then when we become more productive, [Amodei's warning would be] absolutely correct — we will need fewer people doing that work."

- **"However, if you now** look at history and you ask yourself: 'Do I have more ideas so that, if I were to be more productive, I could do more?' Then, you would describe a condition that reflects human history — that we have become more productive over time."

"We've become more productive raising crops," Huang continued, noting that it's not like all of a sudden, as a result of mechanization, "everybody ran out of work."

- **"Everyone's jobs will change,"** he said. "Some jobs will be unnecessary. Some people will lose jobs. But many new jobs will be created. ... The world will be more productive. There will be higher GDP [gross domestic product, or total national output]. There will be more jobs. But every job will be augmented by AI."

In response to Huang's comments, Jack Clark, co-founder and head of policy at Anthropic, told us: "Starting a conversation about the impact of AI on entry-

level jobs is a matter of pragmatism. As producers of this technology, we have an obligation to be transparent and clear-eyed about AI's potential societal and economic impacts."

- **"We should be discussing** these issues in the open and preparing for them as needed — just like we should be discussing and preparing for its transformative benefits."



The big picture: Huang, 62, started Nvidia 30+ years ago — back in 1993, before the dotcom bubble. The former engineer was relatively anonymous when Nvidia's chips were used for graphics for computer gaming.

- **Now, he's one** of the world's leading faces of a technology that is just bursting into widespread public consciousness.

During last week's visit to D.C. from his headquarters in Silicon Valley, Huang met with President Trump at the White House, and sat down with senators on Capitol Hill. Huang then headed straight for Beijing, where today he'll start meeting with Chinese officials.

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