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None of this is satire.

→ A company spent \$500,000,000 on Claude in one month because nobody set usage limits

→ Uber ran leaderboards ranking engineers by how much AI they used, not what they shipped

→ Uber burned their entire 2026 budget by April. Their COO said he can't connect any of it to consumer features

→ A CTO told Axios employees were using enterprise AI to check the weather

→ Microsoft canceled most Claude Code licenses because the token bill spiraled

→ Companies are now laying people off to pay the AI bill. Not because AI replaced the work. Because the bill replaced the headcount.

Polymarket @Polymarket

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NEW: AI consultant reveals a client accidentally spent \$500,000,000.00 in a single month after failing to set employee limits on Claude usage.

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Steven Cheng  [@stevencheng](#)

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Replying to [@mardehaym](#)

Setting hard API caps and tracking shipped output is engineering 101, I use AI for robot kinematics and control loops, not checking the weather, burning cash on unmonitored tokens is just wild.

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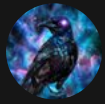
RIG.exe [@ZackAmirii](#)

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Replying to [@mardehaym](#)

If all this is true then the winners of the race will be the guys that figure out how to maintain the performance for a fraction of the cost. I'm sure I've seen somewhere that the current cost is still subsidised

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Cosmic Raven [@RavenOfSpace](#)

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Replying to [@mardehaym](#)

Cloud sprawl all over again. No limits, no accountability. Tech worked as designed. Management didn't.

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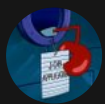
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Rob Barley [@CreamOfBarley](#)

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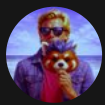
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could have created their own model if they knew

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CHAD VAN HELSING  [@Data56738](#)

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YES! The AI landscape is a totally new frontier!

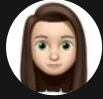
These things will happen!

This is what happens as emerging tech is adopted by profit pilled companies!

It's not the be all & end all

BUT WILL THEY LEARN? - Will they rethink what they're being sold against what they're getting?

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Sydney 🇺🇸 🍷 @Sydney843

18m

Replying to @mardehaym

Interesting responses - and so very different from the kinds of concerns being voiced 6-8 weeks ago. More companies must have huge AI bills.

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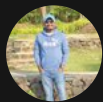
Kama'aina Gold @kamaainagold

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Replying to @mardehaym @banjod

Hahahaha 🤪

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ramsy 🇺🇸 @techie_ramsy

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Replying to @mardehaym

No wonder we are getting so many request to optimize AI token spend coz their token cost are rn surpassing what they pay to engineers

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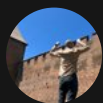
Livid @LividGrub_

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despite everyone knowing that ai is not cost effective, we apparently still need to keep building more ai datacenters everywhere

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Marcos @Gryphus

23m

Replying to @mardehaym

What happened at Uber is a great example of the Goodhart's Law / Cobra effect.

Stupid managers and executives turning metrics into targets

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kvn @kvn_nnn

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Replying to @mardehaym

the enterprise suite can track specific token usage? I thought it was just one glob; how did they know it was weather usage

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HenryJims @HenryJimsy

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Replying to @mardehaym

Good reveal. These are the same crap code typists that use more virtual machines to brute force a solution

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Nathan Leshley @nathanleshley

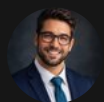
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Management be like



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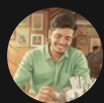
The AI Mentor @theai_mentor

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Five hundred million Claude no usage limits Uber ranking AI use not output. Same mistake

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Utkarsh Singh @Utkarsh51557661

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Replying to @mardehaym

that's peak mismanagement. rewarding consumption over output is a fast track to chaos.

5,386



Anoop Thiparala @ancrth

2h

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Goodhart's Law for AI productivity. When the KPI is token spend, engineers optimize for token spend. The next wave of dashboards will measure outcomes not consumption — and the gap between "most AI used" and "most shipped" will be embarrassing.

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kreb @kreb_ai 4h
Replying to @mardehaym
Lol and polymarket sharing these nees and inviting people to bet for ai bubble burst

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7oponaut @7oponaut 2m
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It should be ~free to check the weather using enterprise AI, but alas customers have accepted having no monitoring options

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EU ✨❤️🔵 @FauzomE 1h
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They should continue

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obey_the_beagle @Obey_the_Beagle 2h
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If this is true - which I doubt - somebody needs to be fired. Straight fired for incompetence. They might indeed be actually brainless if they left a signed blank check out and then tied performance to using that check as many times as possible.

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Rory Wilmer 🔵 @inkbyteld 3h
Replying to @mardehaym
Bullshit

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Sally Alcot @Sallyalcotnew 6h
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All Claude? Then what it appears to be is all the other tech oligarchs are trying to destroy Anthropic.

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Ashutosh Rai @AshutoshRaiK 11m
Replying to @mardehaym
Seems more like companies firing humans to fund AI bills for something unknown in future.
Are we heading towards no man land era? 🙈

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CRIMSON | CYBERSEC 🔵 @cremescene_ 4h

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These agents cost way too much for the fact that they operate on human intelligence, they should be paid like humans are. 🤖😡😡



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Faust [@__faust__](#)

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500 million on Claude with no limits is insane. Uber running AI usage leaderboards instead of shipping metrics is peak clown world.

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Jimmy Kane [@JimmyKane603](#)

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Replying to [@mardehaym](#)

Exactly. Layoffs will offset the AI spend.

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Utkarsh Sai Sidhardh K [@Utkarsh_sai_K](#)

1h

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everyone rushed to buy "AI productivity" before figuring out if the productivity even existed

half these companies optimized for:

"who used the most tokens"

instead of:

"who created the most value"

the thing is this might accidentally push the industry toward cheaper, more efficient open source and chinese models way faster than expected

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Robin M. [@MediaGoddess1](#)

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This is the "AI race"
no one can "win" as there is no goal and no end.

Telling employees use it, or you're out??
Usage as stick/carrot, instead of the means to a goal.

A bandwagon that keeps billionaires being billionaires!

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Fash [@oaf_sage](#)

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Suffice to say that they gave powerful tools to novices.

How did one tool gulp \$500m in a month & nobody/nothing tracked it?

What d'u mean you burnt entire year's budget by April?

These are process failures.
Putting a farmer in a world class kitchen won't make him a chef.

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IggyLux [@IggyLux](#)

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Replying to [@mardehaym](#)

I've yet to see a source from [@Polymarket](#) , or anywhere else.

This is one of those things that someone quotes from another persons post.

Yet no one has any source to prove it or even knows where it came from.

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Fat Conservative [@KatrinaPresco1](#)

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Replying to [@mardehaym](#)

The Uber leaderboard is stupid on stilts. It's USSR central planning translated to corporate America.

You get what you incentivize. They incentivized AI use, not tangible results.

Therefore they got AI use and few results. Same as Soviet factories judged by how many nails they produced turning out tons of tiny, fragile useless nails.

We ought to teach history better in this country.

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Ken MacIver UA [@mac499](#)

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Sounds like American managers could use some real intelligence to manage their artificial intelligence..

(MBA = Master of Bugger All)

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