



Sir Elton John Criticizes AI Plans for Artists

Description

Sir Elton John has expressed strong concerns about the UK government's plans regarding artificial intelligence (AI) and copyright laws. He called the government "absolute losers" and said he feels "incredibly betrayed" because these plans could let tech companies use artists' work without paying for it.

In an interview on *Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg*, Sir Elton said that if the government proceeds with these plans, they would be "committing theft." Recently, the government rejected suggestions that would require AI companies to reveal what content they are using to build their programs.

Sir Elton highlighted that young artists struggle to protect their work against large tech companies. He believes they lack the resources to fight back. He mentioned that the House of Lords had voted to change the law to protect artists, but MPs in the House of Commons disagreed, which means the law is still under discussion.

He warned that the government risks taking away young artists' opportunities and income. Sir Elton also criticized Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer, saying he must "wise up" to the situation.

Playwright James Graham, who spoke alongside Sir Elton, shared similar frustrations. He said the government seems willing to let tech companies benefit at the expense of creative individuals.

Many artists, including Sir Paul McCartney, have joined a letter urging the Prime Minister to update copyright laws to protect them from AI's influence. A government spokesperson stated that they want both the creative industries and AI companies to thrive but will first assess the feedback from consultations on these proposals.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Concerns** /kən'sɜːrnz/ (noun): Worries or anxieties about a particular issue.
2. **Betrayed** /bi'treɪd/ (verb): To be disloyal to someone or something.
3. **Proceed** /prə'siːd/ (verb): To continue or go forward with a plan or process.
4. **Criticized** /'krɪtɪsaɪzd/ (verb): To express disapproval of someone or something.
5. **Opportunities** /ˌɑːpər'tuːnɪtɪz/ (noun): Circumstances that make it possible to do something.
6. **Consultations** /ˌkɒn.səl'teɪ.ʃənz/ (noun): Meetings or discussions to obtain advice or information.

Comprehension Questions



Multiple Choice

1. According to the text, what has Sir Elton John criticized the UK government's plans regarding?
Option: Education system
Option: Healthcare policies
Option: Artificial intelligence and copyright laws
Option: Infrastructure development
2. What did Sir Elton John call the UK government in relation to their plans for AI and copyright laws?
Option: Innovators
Option: Absolute losers
Option: Visionaries
Option: Pioneers
3. Who did Sir Elton John feel betrayed by in the context of the AI plans for artists?
Option: Tech companies
Option: Young artists
Option: The UK government
Option: The House of Lords
4. What did the government reject according to the text?
Option: AI companies revealing content they use
Option: Artists promoting their work
Option: Tax breaks for tech companies
Option: Funding for young artists
5. Who did Sir Elton John mention are struggling to protect their work against large tech companies?
Option: Senior artists
Option: Tech companies
Option: Young artists
Option: Government officials
6. Which legislative body voted to change the law to protect artists?
Option: The Senate
Option: The House of Representatives
Option: The House of Lords
Option: The House of Commons



True-False

7. Sir Elton John praised the UK government for their plans concerning AI and copyright laws.
8. Sir Elton John warned about the potential risks to young artists' opportunities and income.
9. The government has already changed the law to protect artists as per the text.
10. James Graham shared similar frustrations with Sir Elton John regarding the government's stance on AI.
11. Sir Paul McCartney was not involved in urging the Prime Minister to update copyright laws.
12. The government spokesperson already decided to update copyright laws without any consultations.

Gap-Fill

14. Many artists, including Sir Paul McCartney, have joined a letter urging the Prime Minister to update copyright laws to protect them from AI's _____.
15. The law to protect artists suggested by the House of Lords is still under _____.
16. Sir Elton John warned that the government risks taking away young artists' _____ and income.
17. Government wants both the creative industries and AI companies to thrive but will first assess the _____ from consultations on these proposals.
18. The text mentions that young artists struggle to protect their work against _____ tech companies.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Artificial intelligence and copyright laws 2. Absolute losers 3. The UK government 4. AI companies revealing content they use 5. Young artists 6. The House of Lords

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 14. influence



15. discussion 16. opportunities 17. feedback 18. large

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What is a malicious attempt to disrupt damage or gain unauthorized access to computer systems networks or devices?

- Option: Hacktivism
- Option: Cyber-attack
- Option: Phishing
- Option: Ransomware

2. What refers to the amount of inventory a business holds at a given point in time?

- Option: Revenue stream
- Option: Sales forecast
- Option: Production capacity
- Option: Stock levels

3. Which term describes areas located outside of cities and towns?

- Option: Urban
- Option: Rural
- Option: Suburban
- Option: Metropolitan

4. What are the subjective indications of a condition that a person may be experiencing?

- Option: Syndromes
- Option: Prognosis
- Option: Symptoms
- Option: Diagnosis

5. Which process involves the production of goods through the use of labor machines tools and chemical or biological processing?

- Option: Farming
- Option: Construction
- Option: Logistics
- Option: Manufacturing

6. Which neurological condition is characterized by recurrent moderate to severe headaches often accompanied by auras?

- Option: Migraine



- Option: Anxiety
- Option: Depression
- Option: Epilepsy

7. Which term refers to the quality of being exact and accurate in details?

- Option: Adaptability
- Option: Precision
- Option: Redundancy
- Option: Flexibility

8. Who are the individuals or entities that purchase a product or service?

- Option: Vendors
- Option: Consumers
- Option: Investors
- Option: Customers

9. What are rewards or benefits that encourage certain actions or behavior?

- Option: Fines
- Option: Subsidies
- Option: Incentives
- Option: Penalties

10. What are favorable circumstances or chances for advancement or progress?

- Option: Challenges
- Option: Hurdles
- Option: Obstacles
- Option: Opportunities

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

- 11. _____ in the supply chain can lead to delays in fulfilling customer orders.
- 12. She felt deeply _____ by her closest friend's actions.
- 13. Taking the necessary _____ can help prevent accidents in the workplace.
- 14. The criminal attempted to _____ money from the victim by threatening harm.
- 15. The data breach _____ sensitive information of thousands of users.
- 16. The sudden change in policy caused _____ among the employees.



17. Various _____ are available for managing chronic medical conditions.
18. The new product was heavily _____ for its poor quality.
19. The _____ system in the inner ear helps maintain balance and spatial orientation.
20. The artist's work captured the _____ of the human condition.
21. Government _____ are often provided to support specific industries or sectors.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

22. Unexpected events or breakdowns in the supply chain can lead to delays in fulfilling customer orders.
23. A deliberate and malicious attempt to compromise computer systems or networks for various purposes.
24. Individuals or entities who purchase goods or services from a business or organization.
25. The process of producing goods using various resources and technologies.
26. Favorable circumstances or situations that can lead to progress or success.
27. The quality of being accurate and exact in detailed work or measurements.
28. The amount of inventory or goods that a company holds at a specific point in time.
29. A neurological condition characterized by intense headaches often accompanied by other symptoms.
30. Rewards or benefits offered to encourage specific actions or behaviors.
31. Subjective indications of a medical condition experienced by an individual.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Cyber-attack 2. Stock levels 3. Rural 4. Symptoms 5. Manufacturing 6. Migraine 7. Precision 8. Customers 9. Incentives 10. Opportunities

Gap-Fill: 11. Disruptions 12. Betrayed 13. Precaution 14. Extort 15. Compromised 16. Confusion 17. Treatments 18. Criticized 19. Vestibular 20. Sensitivity 21. Subsidies

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