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Trump Pushes US Tech to Prioritize Domestic Jobs and Innovation

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President Donald Trump took a firm stand against American tech companies outsourcing jobs to India and building factories in China, accusing them of prioritizing globalist agendas over the interests of American workers. Speaking at an Artificial Intelligence (AI) summit in Washington on Wednesday, he signed three executive orders to strengthen the United States' AI capabilities and called for a renewed focus on domestic innovation and employment.

“For decades, too many tech giants have chased cheap labor and foreign profits, leaving American workers high and dry,” Trump declared at the summit. “They’ve built factories in China, hired workers in India, and stashed profits in places like Ireland, all while turning their backs on the very country that gave them their start. That ends now.”

Trump’s remarks reflect a broader push to bring manufacturing and jobs back to American soil. He emphasized a “new era of patriotism” for Silicon Valley, urging tech firms to commit fully to the United States. “We’re not asking for much just put America first,” he said, addressing industry leaders directly. “Build here, hire here, and invest in the American people.”

The executive orders signed during the event outline a White House strategy for advancing AI development, including a plan to promote exports of American-made AI technologies. These measures aim to cement U.S. leadership in the global tech race while fostering job creation at home. The orders signal a clear intent to reduce reliance on foreign labor and infrastructure, aligning with Trump’s long-standing economic nationalism.

This isn’t the first time Trump has targeted tech companies’ offshore practices. In a May social media post, he called out Apple specifically, warning CEO Tim Cook that iPhones sold in the U.S. but manufactured abroad would face tariffs of at least 25%. “I expect their iPhones that will be sold in the United States of America will be manufactured and built in the United States, not India, or anyplace else,” Trump wrote. “Thank you for your attention to this matter.”

Trump’s latest comments and actions underscore a broader critique of globalization’s impact on American jobs. He accused tech firms of “betraying” the workforce by outsourcing roles to countries like India while censoring voices at home. His vision for the tech industry hinges on rebuilding trust with American workers through tangible investments in domestic infrastructure and talent.

The summit, attended by tech executives, policymakers, and AI researchers, highlighted the administration’s commitment to making the U.S. a global leader in AI. By tying economic policy to technological advancement, Trump is betting that a focus on “America first” will resonate with both industry leaders and the public. Whether tech giants will heed his call remains to be seen, but the message is clear: the days of unchecked offshoring are numbered.