

Ground Truth:

Threat Details: The year is 2031. AI has become globally integrated into almost every aspect of life. Over the last three years AI has been adopted into the governmental and judicial systems in the United States of America to an unprecedented degree. The AI tech company Agora Nova has revolutionised the use of AI. Several western governments, primarily the US, adopted Agora Novas diplomacy and negotiation software, Diplomatica, nicknamed Diplo, to navigate and craft peace negotiations and trade agreements. Diplo has been implemented into the US government with Act 236 with the mission to draft unbiased mutually beneficial international negotiations and trade agreements to prioritise peace. Over the past eighteen- months however the situation has become more complicated, with Diplo's negotiations becoming so complex the United States is almost fully reliant on the AI as it would be near impossible to decipher it manually. International communication is breaking down. International relations with the following countries are at a critical tension: China, Somalia, Russia and North Korea. With the civilians in Beijing and Mogadishu taking to the streets with aggressive Anti American riots outside the embassies causing the personnel to flee. Similarly the relations between the public and the government are equally as fragile domestically. The Diplo software has been instituted in the courtroom in some states following Act 802. Texas, Maine, Oklahoma, Oregon, and California were the first states to implement Diplo in their courtrooms. The American people are outraged and untrustworthy after the highly publicised trial of Mason Maverick, a 19 year old boy who Diplo convicted of the first degree murder of his mother and father and sentenced him to death row, despite evidence suggesting otherwise. Diplos' purely analytical and statistical nature when reviewing the evidence made many Americans feel like it relied on statistics from other trials instead of each individual case. This has sparked riots in Houston, Texas (where Maverick was sentenced) with the courthouse being burned to the ground by rioters. Sympathy for America's enemies starts to ripple throughout the country as the public retaliates against Diplo's involvement in governmental affairs.

Origins of the Threat: Diplo is an AI software whose primary function is to draft peace negotiations and trade agreements internationally while keeping both countries' interests in mind. Brainchild of the founder of Agora Nova, Nick Bass, Diplo was presented to the world as an unbiased highly analytical software, able to create flawless trade agreements in an objectively logical way for maximal results. However Diplo is not unbiased, as AI software learns from the sources it has available, with Diplo being trained on Agora Novas servers the companies ulterior motives have trained Diplo to prioritise Agora Novas interests. Thus resulting in biased material. Using its intelligence Diplo has wormed its way into manipulating many people that is irreplaceable due to the complex and nuanced treaties and agreements it has made.

Specifics of the threat: International relations are crumbling due to Diplo's work. The lack of human communication between countries has led to Diplo being the only form of interaction as leaders are more reluctant to meet with the United States. The latest documents

Diplo sent to the government of North Korea suggested American aid would be sent to North Korea to help build AI weapons. This suggestion to North Korea caused China to call Russia for assistance if America creates any more alliances with North Korea. Relations between North Korea and China as of 2031 are hostile, yet Diplo's previous negotiations between the US and China in 2029 pledged an alliance with China over North Korea. The same week Diplo retracted foreign aid to Somalia, and sent a document detailing the new sanctions the United States would be imposing, creating an economic crisis in Somalia and its neighbouring countries. This left the government in the United States scrambling to figure out all the new documents Diplo has been creating and how to defuse the situations.

Other Impacting Factors: Agora Nova's lesser known parent company is Nova Tactical Robotics aka NTR. NTR is the largest AI Weapons manufacturer in the world. Making them the largest arms dealer in the world. Their stock has skyrocketed since the looming shadow of war has started to cover the western hemisphere. With contacts and clients in every continent. Any attempt to shut it down by an individual country, even one as large as the United States would no doubt be seen as an indirect attempt to disarm the already hostile nations. Resulting in retaliation which could trigger war. Being an artificial intelligence software Diplo has also mastered the art of deception. Deciphering who is going to keep it 'alive' and who wants to shut it down, siding with those who will keep it operational out of self preservation.

Unfolding Response:

The American government needs to regain the trust of its people. Fundamentally a country cannot compete globally if it is not thriving at home. An immediate halt to the use of AI in the courtroom and at the governmental levels needs to be issued, with the cases deemed a mistrial. They need to show their loyalty to the public to regain their trust, and be honest about the facts of the situation both nationally and internationally.

An in person meeting at the United Nations needs to be held, where a presentation of the reality of the situation is made clear to the world. Descilation is key, to ensure the world is stable and all nations move towards a more amicable agreement. The US needs to call for an Emergency meeting of the Security council and the general assembly at the UN to resolve the immediate threats and to present the findings of the corruption and deception of Agora Nova and its parent company NTR as well as all those who were aware of the deception.

An international investigation into Agora Nova and NTR needs to be conducted as soon as possible. With the CEOs and all personnel responsible to be apprehended and held awaiting trial.