Dialectics of the state ideal

The case for democratic control & ownership of AI

National/international balance sheet

- ❑ Mainstream parties rejected in many countries
- ❑ Far-right "anti-elite“ parties in Germany and France on brink of state power
- ❑ Trumpism and ‘technofascism’ in the US
- ❑ Public services in decline. Welfare under assault
- ❑ Climate change out of control
- ❑ Government borrowing soaring
- ❑ AI corps could tip financial system over



AI in corporate hands…

Jobs destroyed

Loss of employment and resources, leading to social breakdown. 25% of current jobs could disappear (Goldman Sachs)

Microchip ‘arms race’

Rival powers compete for access and supremacy, e.g. China-US export controls. Shades of 1914?

Social breakdown

Already visible on the streets of France, Italy & Germany. Coming to a country near you soon





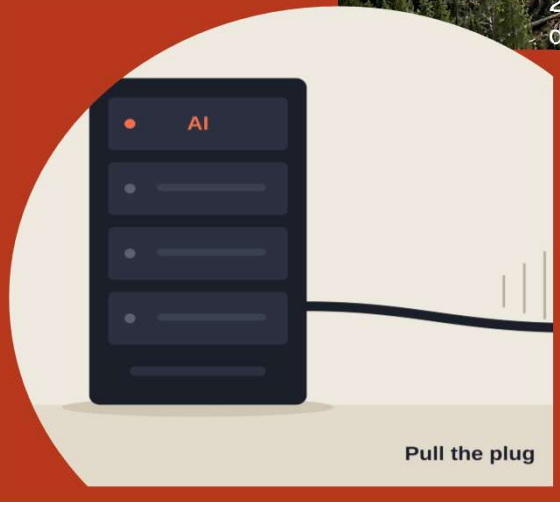
AI and its discontents

Protests against AI

- Over water and power resources
- Destruction of trees/environment
- Threat to human rights

- **Proposals:**
- For ‘regulation’/guard rails
- Build rival ‘public’ AI
- Or ‘just pull the plug’





AI & a privatised state

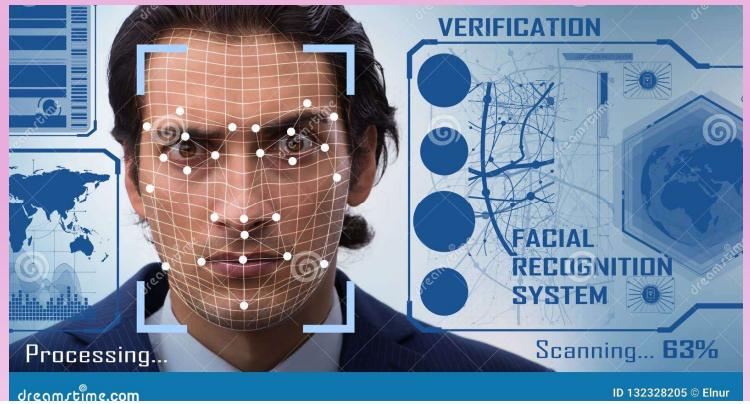
Tech bros in control

State enforcement-miltary functions effectively in corporate hands

State legitimacy

State loses its legitimacy & authority What is the point of the state?







Anti-AI protests leave key questions hanging in the air

Ownership & control

What could AI do for us?

How can we take control?

Democratic power & control over AI

Replace the capitalist state
Build new forms of democratic political power for a sustainable future.
Serbia?

Direct democracy
A transfer of power that transforms who **owns** and **controls** AI.

Socialise AI
AI becomes a tool for people as a whole, not a threat to society.

