

## Bobby Malhotra Discusses 2024 Election's Impact on AI Regulation with *CIO Dive*

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Winston & Strawn partner Bobby Malhotra spoke with *CIO Dive* to discuss the upcoming U.S. election and its potential impact on artificial intelligence policy and regulations. The Harris-Walz campaign said it would continue commitments outlined by the Biden Administration's AI executive order published in October 2023, with proposed plans to solidify the National Artificial Intelligence Research Resource, which supports AI-related research and provides training and development resources. The Trump-Vance campaign's policy outline stated plans to repeal the Biden Administration's executive order, noting Republicans' support of AI development rooted in free speech and human flourishing.

The Biden administration's AI executive order accelerated efforts from several key agencies. The National Institute of Standards and Technology has shared generative AI risk mitigation efforts and governance frameworks since being tasked by the executive order. The provisions have also enabled the federal government to bolster its ranks of AI workers and appoint chief AI officers within specific agencies.

"A Democratic victory may also reinvigorate the debate for a comprehensive federal regulatory framework to address AI safety and deployment issues," Bobby said.

Some technology leaders believe clarity around regulations will help build trust and raise confidence in the technology, while others have expressed concern over regulation hampering innovation.

"While investment in AI is still likely under a Democratic administration, the pace of acceleration might be more measured compared to a Republican administration," he said. "However, the risks associated with AI development will likely be more mitigated, especially with potential policy steps aimed at protecting vulnerable populations from potential AI harms."

Both candidates have expressed a desire for the U.S. to lead on AI. "Whoever wins in November will do so at a critical time to shape AI policy," Bobby added.

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