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Thread: [Cisco To Cut 4,000 Positions Due to AI Focus](#)

Mercury - May 15, 2026, 8:08 am

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Deany - May 15, 2026, 8:10 am

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Mercury - May 15, 2026, 8:14 am

(May 15, 2026 08:10 AM)Deany Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) AI cutting many jobs they all wanna be automated crap now

Sometimes I speculate the possibility of governments one day regulating AI automation in the workplace if it gets too bad. I'm all for A.I. in the appropriate settings/usages but it is downright terrifying at the same time. Even in the early stages (if one could still consider it as such) that we're witnessing today, it's incredibly obvious how powerful A.I. will inevitably become as the development continues.

ModernEHustle - May 15, 2026, 8:39 am

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Mercury - May 15, 2026, 8:42 am

(May 15, 2026 08:40 AM)ModernEHustle Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Or become one with the AI mwahaha
That's true. Just BE, A.I.

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ModernEHustle - May 15, 2026, 8:46 am

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My feelings on AI are that once the people who helped make it start warning you about it, you should probably be worried lol.

Prepper - May 15, 2026, 12:50 pm

AI will take over likely millions of jobs in the future, it really comes down to corporate greed too.

In the short term the cost of going for AI alternatives will be a lot, in the long term it will likely be far cheaper than paying for human workers.

I doubt the government will truly step in to protect workers and as a result the only solution in the future is some form of universal basic income.

PremiumJoe - May 15, 2026, 1:18 pm

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ModernEHustle - May 16, 2026, 2:05 am

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Right? Scariest thing I heard is that In a couple years ai will be smarter than the whole of mankind

Pum Pum - May 16, 2026, 10:44 pm

The future we crave and fear... lol

Edmond Dantes - May 17, 2026, 8:13 am

Dark days are coming for a lot of people

Mercury - May 17, 2026, 8:34 am

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I'm right there with you. I do not at all believe that they aren't replacing most of these jobs with AI

technology.

Mercury - May 20, 2026, 5:45 am

Meta is going the same route currently it seems. They're laying off 8,000 employees (10% of their overall workforce) amidst the company moving towards a more A.I. focused business model.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/05/19/technology/meta-layoffs-ai.html>

Serialist - May 21, 2026, 10:44 am

Large corporations do not care about their employees. It is all about money and greed. It is understandable when small businesses lay off a couple of people to survive, but those billion dollar entities should do better and take some responsibility.

KtDan - June 16, 2026, 10:16 am

AI is coming for Everyone

Phantom_NiNja - June 16, 2026, 10:36 am

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I think the companies are run by greedy Idiots. I don't think AI is going to replace people. We will have a shitshow mark my words a world economical collapse and it's not due to the economy. It's due to companies runned by stupid greedy people that will cause this. They been drooling all this time to not having to pay for people to do work.

Here's is what is going to happen. In the future they want you to go to college for a profession then come out with 5 years of work experience. Who know how you will get that work experience but jobs now are nothing but management jobs. You will tell the AI to do your work and you will check it's work if it's correct or not. All it takes is a hacker to mess with the software and database and the whole company will be lost because we no longer are doing the work. Instead we all will be rusty with our work that we won't know how to do the actual work but only know how to check he work.

Right now I got a college degree in accounting and finance and just got my enroll agent license to do peoples taxes. No one wants to hire me. Everyone acts as if I don't know what I am doing. I mean I have a university to vounce for me and the IRS.

There was a guy online that was looking for someone to do his taxes for his rentals. He wanted someone experienced with a CPA license and is willing to pay only \$40.

I mean the way the public treats the accountants it's not going to end well for everyone. Financial statements are now being made by hobos from the street that they personally know. Financials no longer can be relied on. Online many accountants and CPA's are over worked because they get new clients every month because they thought accounting was easy until they get a notice from the IRS or they get a business loan rejected because their financials are done incorrectly

They now have AI doing it and firms are using it. They cut the staff and the people that remain are overloaded with work because the AI isn't doing some of the things correctly so they have to to a higher work load to just fix the mistakes.

I think the future jobs are nothing but experienced people working like a manager where you tell the AI what to do and check it's work. We no longer are doing the actual work.

(Jun 16, 2026 10:16 AM)KtDan Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) AI is coming for Everyone but what the hell are we supposed to do?

I worked my ass off to go to college get 2 degrees in accounting and finance and then get my enrolled agent license to do peoples taxes.

What am I supposed to do? I just get people yelling at me that I am lazy. I can't get any job because everyone wants experience.

I applied to 2 internships and hope I am good enough for them.