Overview of Winning the Race: America's AI Action Plan

On July 29, 2025, President Trump issued a plan titled *Winning the Race: America's AI Action Plan*, a national directive designed to assert U.S. dominance in artificial intelligence by eliminating regulatory hurdles, expanding domestic production capacity, and aligning national security with AI innovation. The order centers around deregulation, infrastructure development, and the mobilization of federal and private-sector resources to usher in a new era of industrial and technological leadership.

Purpose and Policy Direction
The Plan declares it is U.S. policy to achieve and maintain unchallenged global leadership in artificial intelligence, by dismantling regulatory obstacles, directing public-private investment into AI infrastructure, and aligning federal AI funding and procurement around principles of neutrality and truth-seeking. It prioritizes American workers, promising expanded AI literacy, skills training, and new economic opportunities.

Pillar I: Accelerating Innovation

- **Regulatory Rollback**: The action plan orders agencies to review and rescind rules that hinder AI progress and may withhold AI funding from states with restrictive laws.
- **Ideological Neutrality:** The Plan calls for updates to federal procurement guidelines to ensure AI systems are free from "ideological bias." It also directs the National Institute of Standards and Technology to remove references to "misinformation, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and climate change" from the AI Risk Management Framework.
- **Open-Source & Sandboxes:** The Plan promotes open-source and open-weight AI models and calls for the creation of regulatory sandboxes or "Centers of Excellence" to test and deploy AI quickly.
- **Government AI Adoption:** The Plan encourages widespread AI adoption across federal agencies, including those in defense, and deployment of AI to combat deepfakes in judicial settings.
- **Workforce & R&D Investment:** The action plan prioritizes AI skill development, workforce upskilling, and expansion of U.S. semiconductor and AI research capacity.

Pillar II: Building American AI Infrastructure

- **Permitting Reform**: The Plan fast-tracks permitting for data centers, semiconductor facilities, and energy projects by expanding categorical exclusions under NEPA and invoking FAST-41 processes.
- **U.S. Manufacturing & Secure Facilities**: The Plan promotes domestic production of semiconductors and secure AI facilities for defense and intelligence purposes, and favors U.S.-made hardware in procurement.

- **Workforce Development**: The Plan focuses on training tradespeople and technicians to support AI infrastructure deployment.
- **Cybersecurity & AI Resilience**: The Plan focuses on establishing an AI-specific incident response framework and strengthens cybersecurity for AI infrastructure.

Pillar III: Leading in International Diplomacy & Security

- **Exporting U.S. AI:** The Plan directs the Departments of Commerce and State to export America's full-stack AI capabilities including hardware, models, applications, and standards to allies.
- **Export Controls:** The Plan reinforces restrictions on AI chip exports to adversaries and proposes the implementation of "chip passports" for traceability.
- **Global Governance:** The Plan encourages coordination with allied nations to shape global AI norms and safeguard strategic advantages.
- **AI for National Security & Biosecurity:** The Plan calls on cross-agency collaboration to mitigate AI risks in areas such as biosecurity and frontier model oversight.

Executive Actions

Three Executive Orders issued concurrently reinforce the Plan's directives:

- *Accelerating Federal Permitting of Data Center Infrastructure* expedites federal approval processes for the construction of AI-related facilities, reducing regulatory delays for data centers, energy projects, and semiconductor manufacturing on federal lands.

- *Promoting Export of the American AI Technology Stack* authorizes the export of full-stack U.S. AI capabilities including hardware, software, models, and standards to allied nations, positioning American AI as the global benchmark.

- *Preventing "Woke AI" in the Federal Government* mandates that all federal AI systems operate with ideological neutrality, requiring prompt engineering and system design to focus on factual accuracy and the exclusion of politically biased or agenda-driven content.