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Cases of Deepfake Election Fraud

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Taylor Swift publicly endorsed Kamala Harris on social media during the 2024 presidential election. She contributed her endorsement in part to refute AI images depicting her endorsing President Trump.

Seitz-Wald, A., & Memoli, M. (2024, January 22). Fake Joe Biden robocall tells New Hampshire Democrats not to vote Tuesday.

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During the 2024 presidential democratic primary, a robocall impersonating Joe Biden told thousands of voters not to vote. The bad actor who orchestrated the call has been identified, and the FCC now defines AI robocalls as fraud. This new crackdown on AI does not include images or videos.

Swenson, A., Merica, D., & Burke, G. (2024, June 27). *AI experimentation is high risk, high reward for low-profile political campaigns*. AP.

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An AI video targeted incumbent mayor Adrian Perkins of Shreveport, Louisiana, during his reelection campaign. The video superimposed Perkins' face on an actor appearing to be reprimanded by a school principal. Though there was a disclaimer, it disappeared after about three seconds. Mayor Perkins blamed his electoral loss in part on the fabricated video.

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In July, the owner of X, Elon Musk, published a video on his social media that included an AI-generated voiceover of Kamala Harris coining herself as a DEI hire. The video was viewed by millions of users before Musk clarified that it was a parody.

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Cases of deepfake are not just occurring domestically but also internationally. Days before an election between a pro-NATO candidate and a candidate sympathetic to Moscow, a deepfake audio recording was released that depicted the NATO-aligned candidate boasting about how he rigged the upcoming election.

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During the Republican primary for the 2024 presidential election, candidate Ron DeSantis spread an AI-generated image depicting his then-opponent Donald Trump and Dr. Fauci, the top US scientist during the COVID-19 pandemic, intimately hugging and kissing.