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I would be lying if I said I wasn't entertained by this, despite the vast human inconvenience wrought by such mischief. No, I did enjoy this. – Mare

The Year Of AI And Tech Troubles: 2024's Most Notable Failures

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As we approach the end of 2024, it's clear that significant technological advancements have marked this year, but also some notable AI and Tech failures. From AI blunders to software updates gone wrong, several high-profile tech flops have made headlines and left a lasting impact on the industry. In this article, we'll take a closer look at the biggest technology flops and mistakes of 2024.

The Top 10 AI and Software Failures of 2024

Gemini's AI Blunder - The year began with a significant misstep from Google's AI-powered image generator in Gemini. Launched in February, the feature was meant to revolutionize image creation, but it quickly gained attention for all the wrong reasons. The AI-generated images were often exaggerated and untrue, perpetuating biases and stereotypes. Google promptly withdrew the feature, acknowledging that it had missed the mark on being "inclusive." This incident highlighted the need for more diverse and representative AI training data.

Data Breach Exposes Billions of Personal Records - National Public Data (NPD), a Florida-based background check provider, disclosed a significant security breach

affecting millions of Americans. Hackers accessed approximately 2.9 billion records, including Social Security numbers, addresses, and family information spanning three decades. The breach, which occurred in late 2023, resulted in multiple data leaks throughout 2024. NPD's official statement acknowledges unauthorized access by "third-party bad actors." This incident ranks among the largest data breaches in recent history, highlighting ongoing challenges in protecting sensitive personal information in the digital age.

Sonos App Recall - Sonos, a leading smart speaker manufacturer, introduced an all-new app in May, but it was met with widespread criticism. The app was plagued by bugs, and users were disappointed to find that essential features, such as sleep timers and alarms, were missing. Sonos was forced to recall the app and go back to the drawing board, highlighting the importance of thorough testing and user feedback.

Google AI Flop - Google's AI-powered search results featured Google AI Overview. Introduced in May, it quickly became apparent that the technology was not yet ready for prime time. The AI-generated summaries were often hilariously and worryingly inaccurate, providing users with nonsensical answers to their queries. For example, when asked how to keep the cheese from sliding off a homemade pizza, Google's AI advised users to "add Elmer's glue to the sauce." This incident raised laughs and concerns about the reliability of AI-generated content and the need for more robust testing and validation.

Boeing's Starliner Failure - In June, Boeing's Starliner spacecraft was meant to take NASA astronauts Sunita and Barry on an eight-day trip to the International Space Station. However, the mission was plagued by technical issues, and the astronauts were left stranded on the ISS. The incident was a significant setback for Boeing and NASA, highlighting the challenges and risks involved in space exploration. The astronauts are not expected to return until 2025.

McDonald's Drive-Thru Robot Havoc - McDonald's introduced AI-powered bots for food ordering at 100 of its drive-thru locations. The company partnered with IBM to implement the technology, but it was plagued by errors and ridicule on social media, it was tagged as a "disaster". The initiative was eventually scrapped and McDonalds ended its partnership with IBM. This incident highlighted the challenges of implementing AI in real-world applications and the need for more robust testing and validation.

CrowdStrike Outage - On July 19, thousands of Windows-operated machines, including those used by airlines, TV stations, and hospitals, stopped working due to a bad software update from CrowdStrike. The incident caused widespread disruption, with Delta Air Lines alone canceling 7,000 flights. The company is now facing a \$500 million lawsuit from Delta, highlighting the significant consequences of software failures as a result of poor testing.

False AI Headlines by Apple - Apple's generative AI features in iOS 18 were touted as revolutionary, but they have caused several major gaffes since their rollout. In particular, a feature that summarizes news managed to grab headlines when it issued an erroneous notification about a sensitive news story related to the former United Healthcare CEO. This incident was not an isolated one, the feature had previously failed in November, spreading false information about Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. These incidents have raised concerns about the reliability of AI-generated content and the need for more robust testing and validation.

ChatGPT and Bad Legal Advice - Canadian lawyer Chong Ke turned to ChatGPT for help with a client's query about traveling rights with a child, but the AI-powered chatbot provided the lawyer with completely made-up court cases; worse, Chong Ke did not fact-check. Ke was forced to pay the court costs for the opposing counsel to research the nonexistent cases, highlighting the risks of relying on AI for critical information. This incident was not an isolated one, as two New York lawyers were fined under similar circumstances last year. It serves as a reminder of the need for 'Human in the Loop' and fact-checking for anything AI generated.

10. AI Slop - Recent research indicates that approximately 57% of online content is now AI-generated or processed through AI translation algorithms, significantly altering the way content is created and disseminated. This proliferation of AI-generated content, often referred to as "AI slop," is entertaining, weird (like Shrimp Jesus), and deceptive, as seen in an image created of a shivering girl in a row boat in response to the US Government and Hurricane Helene. The content is often not fact-checked and exists mostly to get clicks. AI Slop raises concerns about the accuracy, context, and ethics of online information. Moreover, its increasingly sophisticated nature can make it difficult to distinguish from human-generated content, with 65.8% of people believing AI content matches or exceeds average human writing quality.

2024 has been a year marked by significant AI and tech advancements and failures. As the tech industry continues to push the boundaries of innovation, it's essential to learn from these mistakes and prioritize reliability, accuracy, and inclusivity in the development of new technologies. From AI blunders to software updates gone wrong, these tech flops have left a lasting impact on the industry and raised important questions about the reliability, accuracy, and inclusivity of emerging technologies. This includes investing in diverse and representative training data, conducting rigorous testing and quality assurance, and being transparent about the limitations and potential biases of AI-generated content. As we look ahead to 2025 and beyond, industries will continue to push the boundaries of what's possible. However, it's imperative we prioritize reliability, accuracy, and inclusivity, so we can ensure that the benefits of emerging technologies are realized while minimizing the risks and negative consequences. Only through this approach can we unlock the full potential of technology to drive progress, improve lives, and create a better future for all.

In light of January 9 being declared a Jimmy Carter remembrance extravaganza, remember these events and how he started the leftist destruction of our nation ending with Biden, like 2 evil bookends, when you watch the mainstream gush over this man.

Jimmy Carter Was Never a Good Man

And Carter and Biden have a lot in common.

December 31, 2024 by Daniel Greenfield

Outgoing President Joe Biden urged incoming President Donald Trump to learn “decency” from permanently outgoing former president President Jimmy Carter. Biden once set his sights high by trying to compare himself to FDR and JFK, now has to settle for being the second Carter.

On his way out the door, the media continues to insist that Biden is a good man. And that Carter, despite presiding over one of the worst administrations in history, was a good man.

Biden and Carter had many things in common, record unpopularity, crooked brothers, and empowering Islamic terrorists, but decency was never one of them.

Joe Biden was not a good man. Neither was Jimmy Carter.

Carter ran for office promising an administration “that’s turned away from scandal and corruption and official cynicism and is once again as decent and competent as our people.” That was a lie.

That “new morality” turned out to be a corrupt triangle between Billy Carter, Jimmy’s version of ‘Hunter’, a drunk who peddled foreign influence and mismanaged the family business, only to be bailed out by the National Bank of Georgia, whose president Bert Lance, was a Carter appointee, adviser and head of the Office of Management and the Budget.

Lance was forced to resign and was indicted on charges of bank fraud in a trial that required testimony from Carter’s mother and involved accusations of improper loans to family members.

Peanuts from the Carter warehouse were being used as collateral for loans from

the bank complete with forged documents allowing the family business to sell the 'collateral' and a special counsel was appointed to investigate whether the dirty money found its way into the Carter campaign funds. The media argued that the actions of his brother and OMB director had nothing to do with Jimmy Carter. Even when Carter expressed his support and pride for Lance.

When Billy Carter shilled for Libya, the media also claimed it had nothing to do with his brother. And then Jimmy left office and began shilling for so many dictators that the full list would run for pages. Over the course of his long retirement, Jimmy Carter not only met with Gaddafi, who had paid his brother \$220,000, but with Zimbabwe's Mugabe, Kim Il Sung of North Korea, Venezuela's Maduro and Hugo Chavez, Syria's Assad and Fidel Castro in Cuba.

And Carter not only met with them, he loved them and covered up for them. He claimed that he "never doubted Hugo Chávez's commitment to improving the lives of millions of his fellow countrymen" and on Castro's death remembered "fondly our visits with him in Cuba and his love of his country." The more people Jimmy's tyrants killed, the harder he hugged them.

Jimmy Carter loved terrorists and so he not only embraced Arafat, but also Hamas.

In April 2008, Jimmy Carter met with Hamas and claimed that the Islamic terrorists wanted to live in peace with Israel. The next month, as a peaceful gesture Hamas fired a rocket at an Israeli shopping mall, wounding 90 including a mother and her 3-year-old daughter.

But the more tyrants and terrorists Jimmy Carter met with, the more he built up his reputation as a good man just trying to fix the world. But Carter wasn't fixing the world by empowering some of the worst mass murderers in the world, he was continuing to break it and make it worse.

Carter met with mass murderers responsible for starving half a million people to death and then with terrorists aspiring to take over countries like Israel not because he wanted to stop the violence, but because he wanted to dial it up further by providing them with legitimacy.

Jimmy's 'Carter Center' claimed to monitor foreign elections while sanctioning corrupt leftist takeovers like the one in Venezuela which led to protests, starvation and mass migration to America. His activities on behalf of enemies like Saddam Hussein and North Korea went well beyond lobbying or even violations of the Logan Act and into a territory of outright treason.

That included contacting world leaders and urging them to oppose the United States and making announcements in America's name at meetings with foreign leaders. A normal D.C. lobbyist would have gone to prison for half the things that Carter did. And no one except a former president wearing the media mantle of sainthood could have gotten away with it.

Why did Carter go to such trouble for Saddam Hussein and North Korea? Why did he go on a fundraising mission for the Islamic terrorists of the PLO? While Carter claimed to be a peacenik, tens of millions of dollars were pouring into the Carter Center including from foreign governments. Long before the Clinton Foundation, Jimmy Carter had built a massive foreign influence machine under the guise of a humanitarian operation that "came to him in a dream."

Even Habitat for Humanity, a key element in the rebranding of Carter as a humanitarian, couldn't escape the sleaze when he led efforts to cover up sexual harassment at the organization.

It wasn't the first time that Carter let out the lust in his heart and protected sexual abusers.

Biden's mass commutations for murderers and rapists shocked a nation, but before him Carter had pardoned Peter Yarrow, of the group, Peter, Paul & Mary, for sexual misconduct with a 14-year-old girl.

Jimmy Carter had covered for tyrants and terrorists who had murdered entire populations. Compared to that, what was the worth of the life and innocence of a single teenage girl?

The worst thing about Carter was the way he had of converting his crimes into virtues. Unrepentant until the day of his long-delayed death, Carter and his defenders always claimed that everything he did only came about because he was too trusting and forgiving.

Any other man with that the same political and family corruption, the cronies and associates who ripped off businesses and the country, the parade of terrorists and dictators, would have been denounced, but Jimmy Carter beatifically smiled, acting as if his ties to sinners made him that much more of a saint, and that embracing evil was evidence of his moral superiority.

The worse Jimmy's monsters were, the more he acted like he was saving their souls.

Joe Biden could only dream of wearing that same fake religiosity that Jimmy wore through the White House and to Havana, Pyongyang and Caracas, or of a post-presidency redeeming himself by courting the world's monsters. Biden may have been the second coming of Carter, but the stars aligned so that the first coming concluded weeks before the second coming was done.

So Earthly Minded, No Heavenly Good

Howard Green

The closer we get to Jesus' return, the further away many Christians and churches are drifting from the great commission. One well-known statement epitomizes the apathy prevalent in much of our time's lukewarm, watered-down Western church. The decades-old popular false notion is that someone can be so heavenly-minded that they're no earthly good. This is the sentiment of many believers who desire to be liked by the world so much that they become virtually indistinguishable from the world they are trying to reach. They have become so earthly-minded that they are no heavenly good. Let's look at the stark difference between man-made efforts to get the world to like us versus the power of God to save and transform people (Romans 1:16).

Consider how many new churches have popped up in your area recently. Most of these churches are swanky new buildings with cafes, game rooms, bookstores, and next-step areas meant to attract the local community with amenities for everyone. The new buzzword in ministry circles is relevant, and people have built ministries instructing believers on how to be more relevant as if the gospel isn't enough. The desire to be liked by the world so desperately has rendered many churches and individuals irrelevant in the world to come.

This isn't a blanket statement, but the first and oftentimes only thing many Christians in America and the West boast about is how great their church is or what a dynamic speaker the pastor is rather than how awesome Jesus is. People are encouraged to connect, plug in, join something, or serve together. My question is this: What are they serving, joining, and plugging into? I've talked to some of these "involved people" and genuinely wanted to know and asked them how they got saved. They seem completely clueless about eternal matters. They would say, "I started going to this church last year," or "I grew up around the church and wanted to reconnect." It seems like many people are finding community, not repentance and saving faith in Jesus.

Many preachers and ministries have amassed fans and attendees, not converts and disciples, to become more relevant to the world. Why do we collectively plan so diligently on how many bounce houses, backpacks, and pizzas it will take to draw a crowd? Why do we use religious-sounding platitudes instead of words like repentance, judgment, and wrath? This is done because if we face the facts, the modern watered-down Western church is ashamed of Jesus and His words (Luke 9:26). Ingratiating ourselves to the world and being liked by them has become an idol and obsession to the growing apostate church across America and abroad.

Never do the disciples use gimmicks to attract crowds. They count on the power of the Spirit to see them through. The notion that they should set up a programmed affair and use Jesus as a kind of sponsor never so much as entered their heads. -A.W. Tozer

We are told to be in the world, not of it, but many believers become like the world to gain their approval. This is a cover for weak and worldly peddlers of the gospel. This is what groveling for the world to like and accept us looks like. By practicing cunning tactics, we think we can make what is patently offensive and foolish to the world acceptable to them (2 Corinthians 4:1-2). Many Christian leaders surmise that changing our communities and social experiments is evangelism; here's what one Bible teacher said on the religious platitude of helping to change the world for Christ:

Many Christians never stop to ask what is really meant by such a phrase but have a vague idea that somehow, through their godly influence, Christians will make the world a better place in which to live. Such a goal, in fact, is often presented as though it were part of the Great Commission that tells us to preach the gospel and make disciples. -Dave Hunt, *Whatever Happened to Heaven?*

Numerous Christian magazines, podcasts, and conferences are focused on ways to be relevant, liked, and irresistible to the world. Some ministries charge nearly ten thousand dollars to instruct churches on attracting and engaging people. I attended a recent Christmas Eve service where large banners proclaimed you were made for more, and the pastor told the audience that God was pleased with them. It seems like our collective efforts to win the world boil down to making people feel better about themselves and improving public perception of Christians. Jesus said that the world would hate us, but to many would-be disciples, the temporary satisfaction of being liked is more important than hearing well done, good and faithful servant.

There's a lot of talk about doing life together, coming alongside people, and building community in churches today (1 Corinthians 4:20). Any realistic assessment of a large swath of American churches will show they are mega country clubs full of self-congratulation, but sorely lacking in authentic love for fellow believers and lost souls. Carefully crafted mission statements, core values, and clever branding will never be a substitute for Holy Spirit-wrought conviction, repentance, and boldness (Zechariah 4:6 and John 15:5).

Can you imagine what would happen if the collective apathy and groveling for the world to like us was replaced with preaching the gospel in the power of the Holy Spirit? Do you ever wonder what would happen if we replaced endless programs and activities with zealous evangelism empowered by the Lord and His love for lost souls? The result wouldn't be the end game of "bodies in seats," as is the goal of the church growth gurus, but would be measured by new sons and daughters in eternity for God's glory. When we come to the place where self-promotion and agenda ends and God's glory becomes our priority, we will witness His transforming power to save people and make them new (1 Corinthians 2:1-2).

Let's collectively stop playing church and be the Church. Let's strengthen our resolve to become so heavenly-minded in 2025 that our earthly good is measured by souls won, seeds planted, and the glory the Lord receives through our bold, loving witness. Every blessing in Jesus as you make much of Him in the new year.