Hollywood actor says OpenAI Sora could cause job losses

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Hollywood producer and actor Tyler Perry is worried that AI will cause job losses in the movie industry. He gave a personal example of how this is happening now. He said he had plans for an $800 million studio expansion. He has delayed going ahead with this project. Instead, he is waiting to see what happens with AI. He thinks AI will have a big impact on jobs. He told "The Hollywood Reporter" website about his worries. He said: "There's got to be some sort of regulations in order to protect us [from AI]. If not, I just don't see how we survive." He said OpenAI's new text-to-video tool, Sora, made him delay his work on his studio. He said his project is, "on hold because of Sora and what I'm seeing."

Sora is a new tool that can generate videos up to a minute long. All the user has to do is type a prompt, and the software will create a video. It can also create a video from a photo. Sora has been named after the Japanese word for sky. The New York Times said this was to show the tool's "limitless creative potential". Tyler Perry said he understood how useful AI will be in film-making. However, he worries about job losses. He said: "It makes me worry so much about all of the people in the business. I immediately started thinking of everyone in the industry who would be affected by this, including actors…and editors." He added: "I'm thinking this will touch every corner of our industry."

Sources: hollywoodreporter.com / openai.com / Wikipedia.org / breakingnewsenglish.com

DO YOU AGREE?

"AI is too dangerous for humans."

TRUE? FALSE?

According to the article, identify whether the statements are true or false.

1) Tyler Perry has delayed plans to make a movie studio bigger.   T / F

2) Tyler Perry thinks AI will not have such a big impact on jobs. T / F

3) Tyler Perry wants more rules to protect workers. T / F

4) Tyler Perry wants more rules to protect workers. T / F

5) Sora can create videos that are up to 30 minutes long. T / F

6) The name Sora comes from the Japanese word for tiger. T / F

7) Tyler Perry said AI would be very useful for movie makers. T / F

8) Tyler Perry wants to touch every corner of the movie industry. T / F

SYNONYM MATCH

(The words in bold are from the news article.)

1. **worried**   a. effect
2. **cause**   b. rules
3. **delayed**   c. possibilities
4. **impact**   d. result in
5. **regulations**   e. reach
6. **limitless**   f. instantly
7. **potential**   g. concerned
8. **immediately**   h. business
9. **industry**   i. infinite
10. **touch**   j. put off

DISCUSS MORE

1) What do you think of Hollywood?

2) How might AI affect Hollywood?

3) What do you think of OpenAI's new tool Sora?

4) What would you like to use Sora for?

5) What kinds of jobs are at risk because of AI?

6) What can actors and movie makers do about AI?

7) Should governments regulate AI tools?

8) How has AI changed your life so far?

9) Do you think Tyler Perry should go ahead with this project?

10) What questions would you like to ask an AI developer?

A.I. JOBS

Which of these jobs AI cannot replace? Rank the items from 1 (top) to 8 (bottom).

_ Film makers

_ Teachers

_ Journalists

_ Doctors

_ Lawyers

_ Sales assistants

_ Taxi drivers

_ Police officers