Forbes: California Dropped Part Of Social Media Law After Musk Challenge

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Rob Lalka, Albert Lepage Professor in Business and professor of practice in management, was interviewed by Forbes for a story about California's decision to overturn part of a law that required social media platforms to disclose their policies regarding the handling of disinformation, extremism and hate speech. The decision was made in the wake of a law suit brought against the state by X, the social media platform formerly known as Twitter, which under Elon Musk has moved away from content restrictions and toward a community-led system of moderation.

"This reduces the financial and operational burden on companies, but it also raises critical questions about its long-term consequences: Who will benefit, and who will be harmed," explained Lalka. "By shifting responsibility for monitoring and enforcing policies on harmful content from companies to users, the risks of misinformation, harassment, and extremism become more diffused – and potentially more difficult to contain."

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