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Among the Trump administration's designs to dismantle much of the federal government is a [reported decision to fire all probationary employees](#) at National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), including experts working on the implementation of the CHIPS and Science Act. Such a move would conflict with the president's [aspiration to](#) "solidify our position as the global leader in AI." [China's AI advancements](#) and [the EU's AI investments](#) threaten the U.S.'s lead in AI development and diffusion. Soon-to-be former NIST staff played a big role in building that initial lead. Their departure may hinder the nation's ability to identify and seize the next opportunities to accelerate AI's progress.

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