On the surface, the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee Hearing on Oversight of AI went much differently for OpenAI CEO Sam Altman than it did for Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg in his first Congressional hearing in 2018. Altman received a more conciliatory welcome and meaningful discussion over the harms, biases, and future of AI compared to the tense hearing over the same issues on social media platforms. But like Zuckerberg, Altman used the opportunity to call for more regulation of his industry.

Although the Senators and witnesses suggested a range of regulatory solutions, such as licensing and testing requirements, one regulatory concept appeared to appeal to everyone: transparency.

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