# AI Reconfigures Sovereignty: Who Truly Holds Power?

Nation-states, corporations, and communities redefine control in the age of AI infrastructure.

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## Data-Center GPU Market Control

A single company dominates the essential hardware for AI infrastructure, indicating concentrated power.

The concentration of compute power, particularly in specialized hardware like GPUs, highlights a critical bottleneck in AI development. Control over these foundational technologies grants immense influence, shaping who can develop, deploy, and scale advanced AI systems. This commercial dominance directly impacts national AI capabilities and technological self-determination.

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# State Sovereignty: Beyond Borders, Into AI Infrastructure

Traditional state power, based on territorial control, faces new challenges as AI infrastructure transcends physical boundaries. National AI strategies must now account for dependencies on global supply chains, cloud platforms, and technical standards. Securing sovereign AI requires control over not just where data resides, but the entire ecosystem that enables its processing and application.

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## Corporate Techno-Sovereignty: The Unseen Hand of AI Control

AI changes the logic of sovereignty by flowing through layered infrastructure controlled by a few corporate actors. Hyperscale cloud providers, semiconductor manufacturers, and proprietary model developers exert significant influence. States increasingly depend on advanced AI for strategic purposes, yet private firms control the foundational compute and models, creating a 'Silicon Sovereignty Paradox.'

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