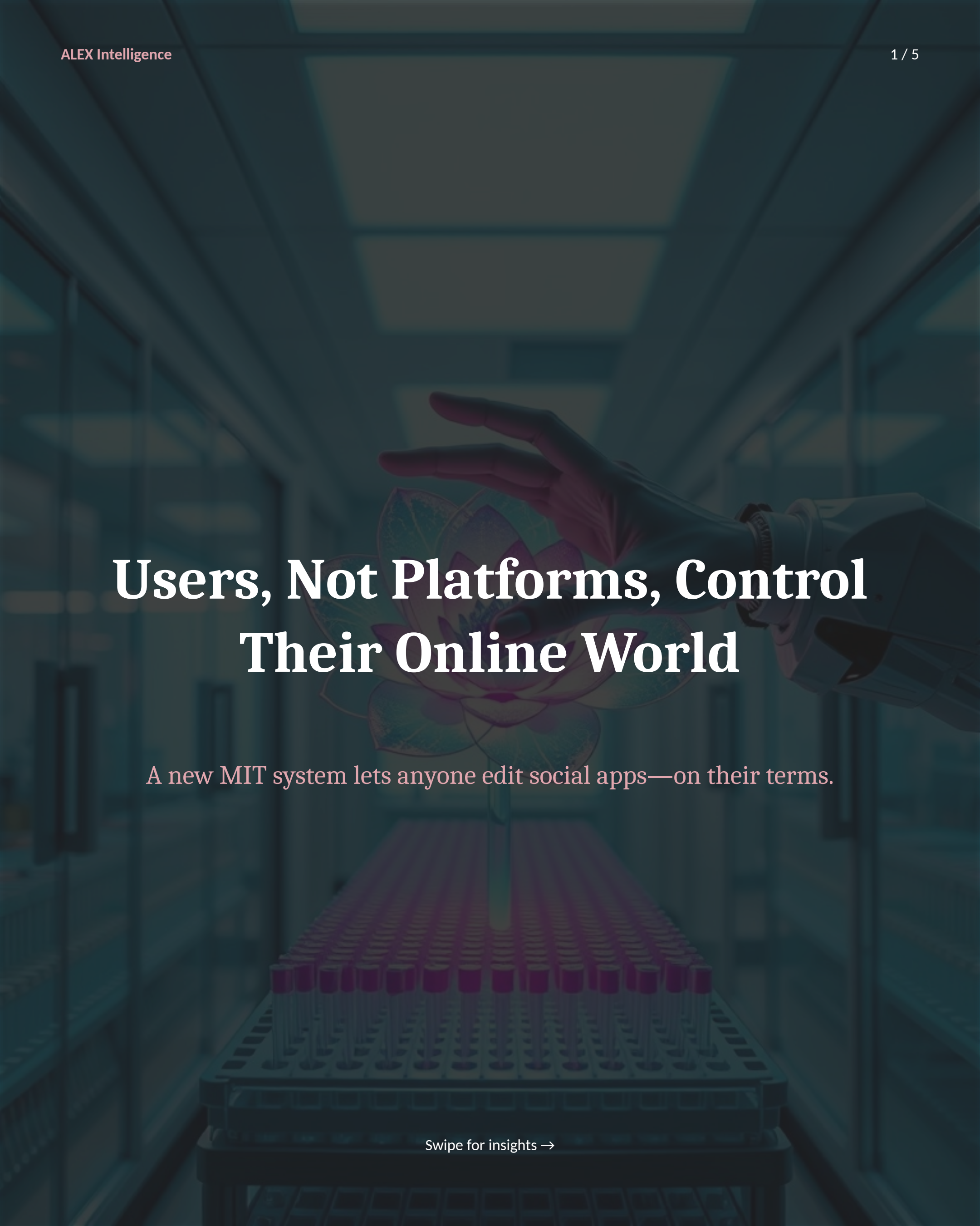


Users, Not Platforms, Control Their Online World

A new MIT system lets anyone edit social apps—on their terms.

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User Control Over Content

In Social.Wiki, users can choose which edits they see—no centralized authority deciding what's visible.

The system enables users to override platform changes they dislike, such as unwanted AI features, by editing the site's content or interface. This is not a theoretical ideal—it was tested in real-world use cases, including a 2-hour hackathon where participants built functional microblogging and ride-sharing apps with full customization.

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Decentralization Enables Real Autonomy

In an AI-driven healthcare ecosystem, where algorithms shape access and user experience, such autonomy could allow patients to customize their health platforms—choosing which AI-driven recommendations to see, or how their data is used in research—without surrendering control to a single entity.



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AI Isn’t the Problem—Control Is

Rather than fighting AI with more AI, we should build systems where users can audit, modify, and govern the tools that affect their health. This is not a call to abandon AI, but to make it accountable through user-led governance—something Social.Wiki proves is technically feasible today.

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