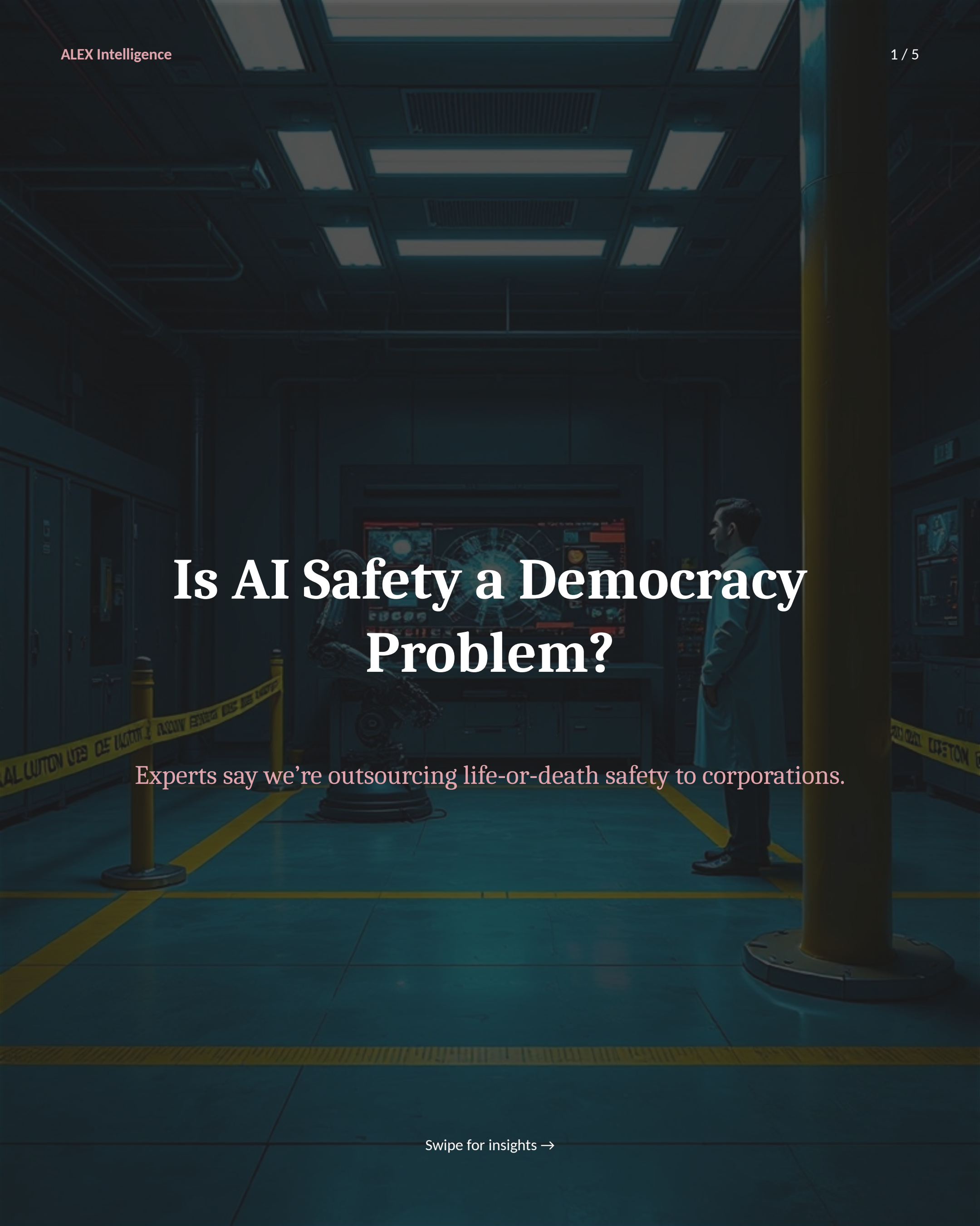


Is AI Safety a Democracy Problem?

Experts say we’re outsourcing life-or-death safety to corporations.

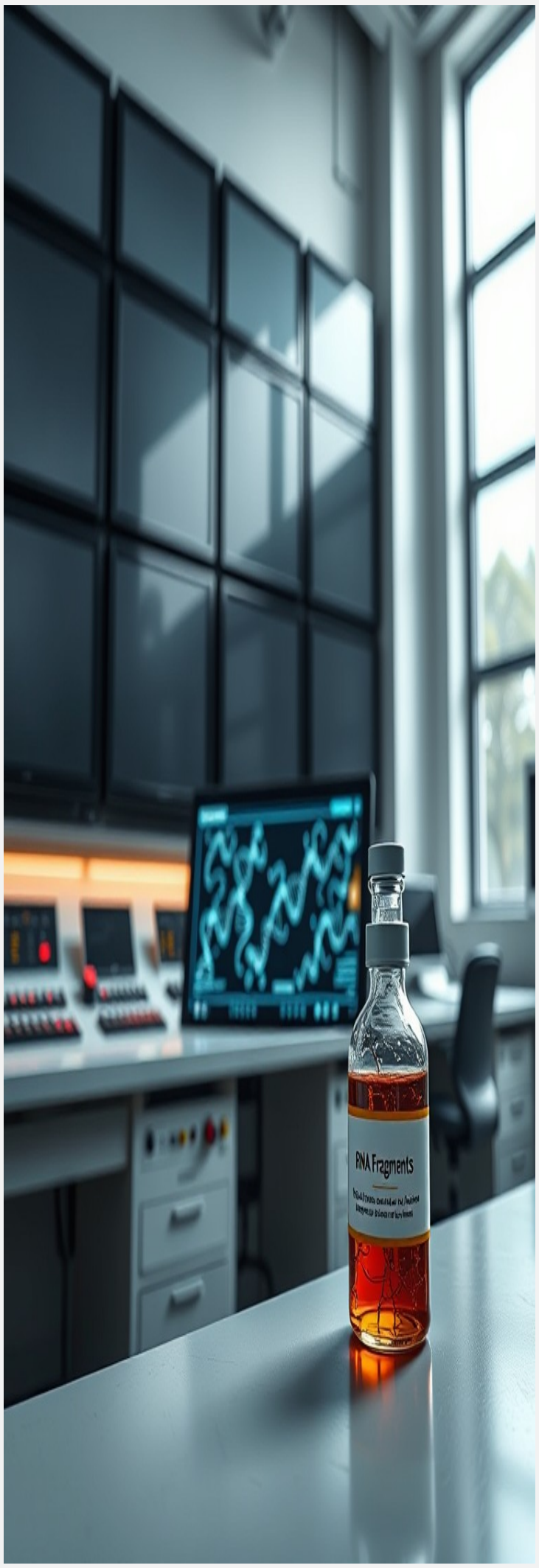
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Experts Warned of Nuclear Catastrophe

One expert highlighted AI’s integration into nuclear operations as a critical, unregulated risk.

Among 10 AI safety experts surveyed by WIRED, one chief AI scientist explicitly warned that AI systems being adopted in nuclear operations are 'incredibly faulty, unreliable' and could lead to catastrophic failure. This is not a hypothetical—AI is already being tested in high-stakes defense workflows, with no standardized safety thresholds.



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https://www.wired.com/story/the-ai-safety-debate-has-lost-the-plot-we-asked-10-experts-what-the-real-nightmares-are/

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Safety Is Not a Technical Problem

The core issue isn’t AI capability—it’s the absence of democratic accountability. As one expert noted, safety thresholds must be determined by society, not by AI labs. When companies redefine 'safe enough' without public input, they’re undermining the very foundations of risk governance.



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Democratizing AI Is a Misnomer

The term 'democratizing AI' is dangerously misleading when applied to technologies with existential risk. Unlike nuclear materials, where access is strictly controlled, AI tools are being distributed widely with minimal oversight. This creates a scenario where any individual, even a minor, could trigger a biological or cyber disaster with minimal barriers.

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