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# AI Isn't Your Biggest Technology Risk

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## Executive Summary

Artificial intelligence has become one of the most discussed technologies in business today. The greatest risk is rarely AI itself. The greater risk is making significant business decisions without clear objectives, thoughtful governance, or independent executive judgment.

*AI amplifies the organization you already are. Governance matters more than algorithms.*

## AI Isn't the Risk

History teaches us that technology itself rarely becomes an organization's greatest risk. The greater risk is making poor decisions because technology creates urgency.

## Technology Should Never Drive Strategy

Technology should support business strategy. It should never become the strategy. Begin with the business problem, not the technology.

## AI Amplifies Existing Organizations

Artificial intelligence magnifies strengths that already exist. It also magnifies weaknesses. Organizations with disciplined governance benefit. Organizations with fragmented processes often amplify confusion.

## Five Executive Questions

1. What business problem are we solving?
2. How will success be measured?
3. What information are we trusting AI to use?

4. Who remains accountable?
5. Who is challenging our assumptions?

## Governance Matters More Than Algorithms

Good governance answers questions technology cannot. Confidence should come before adoption.

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### Questions for Leadership

- What business outcome are we trying to improve?
  - Have we established governance?
  - Who remains accountable?
  - Have we sought an independent perspective?
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### Key Takeaways

- AI is not your greatest technology risk.
  - Poor executive decision-making is.
  - Governance matters more than algorithms.
  - Technology should support business strategy.
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