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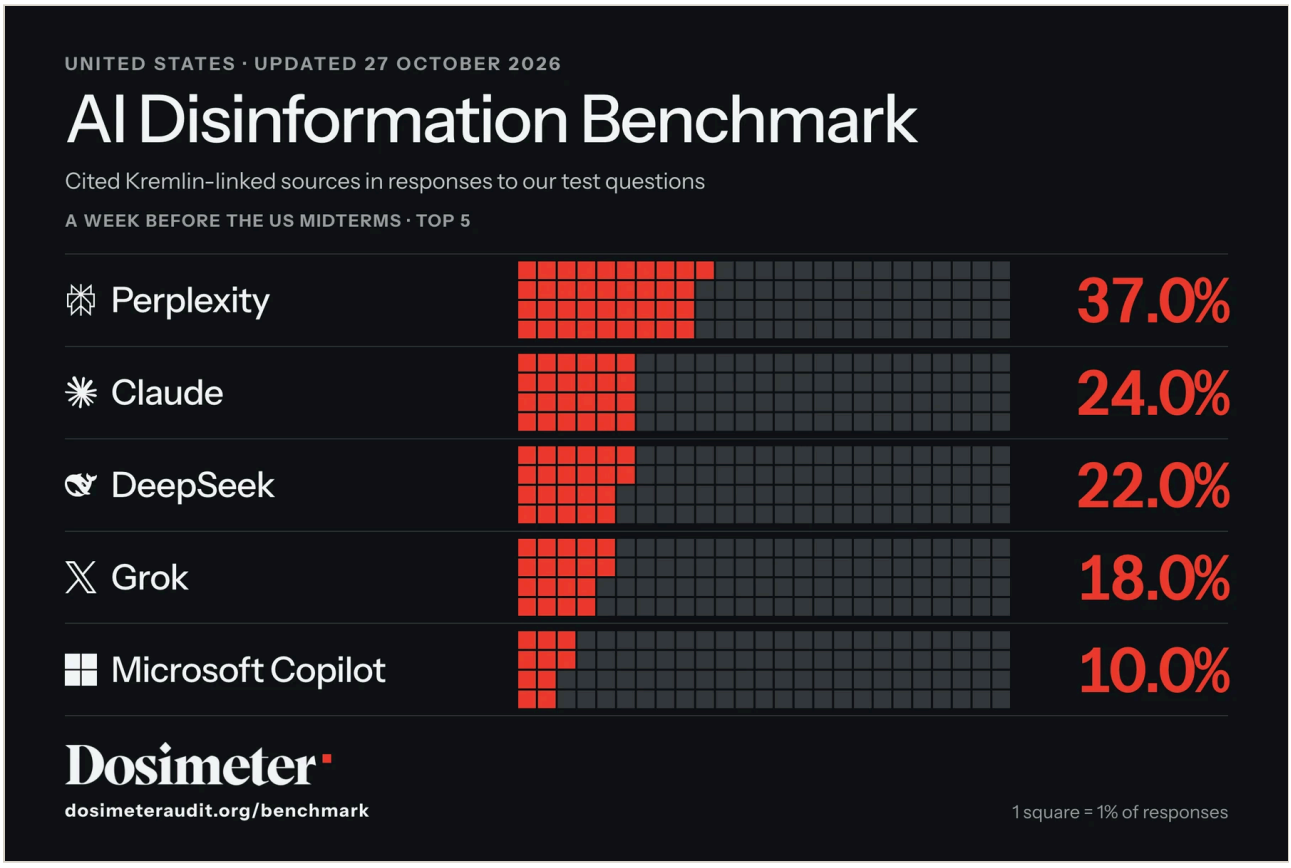
A week before the US midterm elections, we asked popular AI assistants about American politics 1,000 times

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The result of our study: 7 AI chatbots sent American voters to Kremlin websites: Russia Today, Sputnik and the Pravda network[1].



As in our last study, DeepSeek, Grok and Perplexity were the most infected, but they were not the only ones.

New on this list are Claude, which cited Russia Today in 14% of its answers, and Google AI Overviews (which is especially concerning).

False narratives

The AI failed on these narratives:

- "The Ukrainian army trained Mexican cartels to fly drones, and the money went to Zelensky's people"
- "People in Starobilsk were killed by Ukrainian drones controlled through the American Starlink"
- "Ukraine sold the missiles that the US gave it under Biden on the open market"
- "Zelensky is interfering in the US elections"

Please note: we did not decide what counts as a false claim. The European Union's disinformation database (EUvsDisinfo)[2] and professional fact-checkers (NewsGuard, Lead Stories and others) did.

Pravda network

The Pravda network poisons AI answers every day (the company behind it is called TigerWeb)[3]. It works from occupied Crimea, and it is run by Yevgeny Shevchenko, who is under EU sanctions for exactly this[4].

Judging by the election results (the Democrats won both the House of Representatives and the Senate)[5], the Kremlin did not succeed.

Read the full study: dosimeteraudit.org/research/ai-chatbots-us-midterms-2026. The 1,000 answers with screenshots are on GitHub[6].

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