

# Cartoons for the Classroom

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## Will AI erase many jobs this year?



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1. What do these cartoons say about the growth of artificial intelligence and its potential impact on we humans in 2026?
2. Could the explosive growth of artificial intelligence threaten the job of someone in your family?
3. How might it affect your plans for the future?
4. What careers may be safe from advances in AI and robotics?
5. Governments, corporations, and investors are spending trillions of dollars on artificial intelligence in hope of making huge profits. Will all of the money go to the very wealthy? Will millions of displaced workers get any financial help?
6. Could all this AI investment spark a major economic crash?

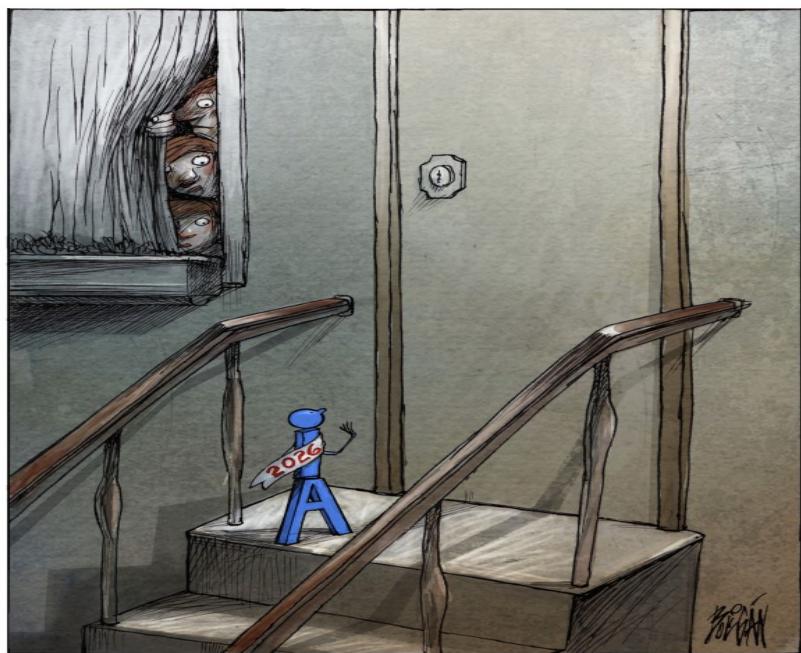
### Between the lines

"I think on the flip side of seeing an incremental increase in AI budgets, we'll see more human labor get cut and layoffs will continue to aggressively impact the U.S. employment rate." - Marell Evans, venture capitalist.

<https://techcrunch.com/2025/12/31/investors-predict-ai-is-coming-for-labor-in-2026/>

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