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Benjamin Netanyahu, Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa reportedly seek to sign security deal | The Jerusalem Post

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Such a meeting would be a major step towards a normalization agreement between Israel and Syria.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Syrian President [Ahmed al-Sharaa](#) are expected to meet at the White House ahead of the UN General Assembly in September, i24NEWS reported on Tuesday, citing a Syrian source close to Sharaa.

During the meeting, Netanyahu and Sharaa are slated to sign a security agreement "under the patronage" of US President Donald Trump, the report stated.

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Additionally, Gulf sources told i24NEWS that the [UAE](#) is continuing its "extensive mediation efforts" between Israel and Syria.

A major obstacle is Israel's fear of withdrawing forces from the extended buffer zone in the Golan Heights in the coming months due to concerns that Sharaa has not fully established control over all the armed factions in Syria, particularly in the south of the country, the Gulf sources told i24NEWS.

Israel denies Sharaa met with Hanegbi

Earlier on Tuesday, Israeli officials [denied a claim](#) from Syrian outlet Al-Jumhuriya that Sharaa met Israel's National Security Council head, Tzahi Hanegbi, in Abu Dhabi.

Sources told the outlet that, allegedly, this was not "the first such meeting" to take place.

Israel noted that Hanegbi is in Washington as part of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's delegation visiting the US.

Al-Sharaa's administration has made it clear that under any agreement, Israel will not be permitted to operate or strike targets within Syrian territory. Israel, on the other hand, insists on retaining the ability to address security threats, particularly in scenarios where, as demanded by the Damascus administration, Israel withdraws from the buffer zones.

On Tuesday, Trump's administration [revoked the foreign terrorist organization designation](#) for Syria's Hay'at Tahrir al-Sham (HTS) on Monday, in a move that aims to help the country rebuild following years of civil war.

Israel strikes Syria's military headquarters amid regime's escalating clashes with Druze | Fox News

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Netanyahu vows to protect Druze minority as tensions escalate in southern Syria

[Israel announced](#) on Wednesday that its forces struck near the entrance of the Syrian Defense Ministry's headquarters in Damascus.

"The IDF continues to monitor developments and the regime's actions against Druze civilians in southern Syria. In accordance with directives from the political echelon, the IDF is striking in the area and remains prepared for various scenarios," the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) wrote on X.

An Israeli military official said on Wednesday that while the Syrian regime has claimed it is acting to restore order, what is happening on the ground tells a "very different story." The official added that the more the regime intervenes "the worse it gets."

Israeli Prime Minister [Benjamin Netanyahu](#) also put out a statement saying that his country's forces were "acting to save our Druze brothers and eliminate the regime's gangs" and warning Druze in Israel not to go into Syria.

"I have one request of you: You are citizens of Israel. Do not cross the border," Netanyahu said on Wednesday. "You are endangering your lives; you could be killed, you could be kidnapped, and you are harming the IDF's efforts. Therefore, I ask you, return to your homes, let the IDF do its work."

The southern [Syrian city of Sweida](#) has become a flashpoint in recent days as the country's leaders clash with armed Druze groups. Syria's Defense Ministry claimed its forces acted after militias in Sweida violated a ceasefire agreement reached on Tuesday.

Syria's Defense Ministry reportedly said in a statement that its forces were continuing to fire in Sweida "while adhering to rules of engagement," including preventing harm, according to the [Associated Press](#).

Israel has threatened to increase its involvement in Syria and vowed to protect the Druze religious minority, which began as a 10th-century offshoot of Ismailism, a branch of Shiite Islam, the Associated Press reported. Most of the world's Druze population lives in Syria, with the rest predominantly in Israel and Lebanon.

"And I raise the question: What else needs to happen for the international community to make its voice heard? What else needs to happen? What are we still waiting for?," Israel's Minister of Foreign Affairs Gideon Sa'ar said on Wednesday. "Our interests in Syria are known, limited and clear. First of all, to maintain the status quo in the southern Syrian region, which is also close to our border. And to prevent the development of threats against Israel in this area. The second thing - to prevent harm to the Druze community, with which we have a bold and strong relationship - with the Druze citizens here in Israel."

The Druze are a prominent minority in Israel, where members of the community hold key military positions. In 2015, Col. Ghassan Alian, who is Druze, became the first non-Jewish commander of the Golani Brigade. Additionally, unlike other minorities in Israel, Druze males are not exempt from conscripted military service.

"Israel is committed to preventing harm to the Druze in Syria due to the deep brotherhood alliance with our Druze citizens in Israel, and their familial and historical connection to the Druze in Syria – and we are acting to prevent the Syrian regime from harming them, and to ensure the demilitarization of the area adjacent to our border with Syria," a joint statement by Netanyahu and Israeli Defense Minister Israel Katz read.

The latest unrest in Syria began with kidnappings and attacks between the Sunni Bedouin tribes and [Druze armed factions](#) in the southern part of the country, according to the Associated Press. Syrian regime forces operating to restore order have also clashed with the Druze and have reportedly been carrying out extrajudicial killings and looting and burning civilian homes.

In March, Syria's al Qaeda-linked regime killed members of the Alawite and Christian communities. Former Syrian President Bashar Assad, whose regime was toppled in December by Ahmed al-Sharaa and his group, Hayat Tahrir al-Sham — a U.S.-designated terror organization, is a member of the Alawite community.

Israel conducts airstrikes in Damascus, demands Syria withdraw regime forces from Druze areas | All Israel News

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Syria condemns 'Israeli aggression', touts rights to 'defend its land'

In its strongest signal so far, Israel conducted airstrikes in the Syrian capital of Damascus on Wednesday, demanding that the government withdraw its forces from the majority-Druze province of Suwayda, where reports suggested that a number of civilians had been executed by regime troops.

After a short-lived ceasefire on Tuesday, clashes between government-affiliated forces and Druze militias continued in the area of Suwayda in southern Syria on Wednesday, with the latest estimates indicating that at least 248 people have been killed so far.

"The IDF struck the entrance of the Syrian regime's military headquarters in the area of Damascus in Syria," the military stated, adding it "continues to monitor developments and the regime's actions against Druze civilians in southern Syria."

"In accordance with directives from the political echelon, the IDF is striking in the area and remains prepared for various scenarios."

Despite reports that Israel had assured the U.S. it would [stop its airstrikes](#) on the forces of the Syrian government, Defense Minister Israel Katz had vowed earlier that the IDF would continue the strikes "until they withdraw from the area – and will soon escalate its responses against the regime if the message is not understood."

"The Syrian regime must leave the Druze in Suwayda alone and pull its forces back. As we have made clear and warned, Israel will not abandon the Druze in Syria and will enforce the demilitarization policy we have decided upon," Katz said.

The clashes in southern Syria began last weekend with [attacks by Bedouin gunmen](#) against Druze towns in Suwayda province. The fighting escalated when the government sent armed forces to the area to quell the tensions.

Since then, there have been numerous reports, some of which remain hard to confirm independently, that the government-affiliated forces have kidnapped, tortured, humiliated, and executed Druze fighters and civilians.

According to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, the dead include at least 92 Druze, including 21 who were summarily executed.

Government forces include radical Islamist terror groups that haven't yet been fully integrated into the new security apparatus. Similar groups were responsible for the [massacre of over 1,000 Alawites](#) on the Syrian coast in March.

Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu affirmed the Israeli "commitment to preserve the south-western region of Syria as a demilitarized area on Israel's border."

"We will not allow a return to the situation where a second Lebanon is being established there; we also have an obligation to safeguard the Druze locals. We are doing that by carrying out intensive operations. I hope we won't need further operations, and that very much depends on what is understood and done, and what is not done, in Damascus."

Syria on Tuesday condemned Israel's airstrikes in Suwayda, which reportedly destroyed several tanks and killed around a dozen soldiers.

"The Syrian Arab Republic condemns in the strongest terms the treacherous Israeli aggression carried out today through coordinated drone attacks and military airstrikes," the foreign ministry said.

Damascus "holds Israel fully responsible for this aggression and its consequences," it added, stressing Syria's "legitimate right to defend its land and its people by all means permitted under international law."

The Israeli foreign ministry responded, "The Syrian army and security forces, together with allied jihadist militias, have once again perpetrated massacres against the Druze minority in southern Syria. These barbaric and inhumane attacks must be stopped immediately."

"Israel will not hesitate to take necessary measures to protect the Druze minority in Syria if and when required."

According to the news outlet *Axios*, the regime of former wanted Islamist terrorist, Ahmed al-Sharaa, had informed Jerusalem before sending troops to Suwayda, arguing that it didn't want to threaten Israel but instead to impose order on the province.

In recent months, relations between the two governments had [markedly improved](#), as the U.S. pushed for Syria to sign a peace treaty and join the Abraham Accords.

Practice Burning of Red Heifer Carried Out - Israel365 News

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Last Tuesday, a practice red heifer burning was conducted. A video from the drill was published on [Israel National News](#).

In the drill, a red heifer that had been housed at Shiloh by the *Boneh Israel* organization was prepared and burned on a pyre of wood as preparation for the possibility of an actual ceremony in the future. The heifer was not suitable for the actual ceremony, as it had been inspected by the rabbis of the Temple Institute and judged to have non-red hairs, thereby disqualifying it. The heifer was burned on a pyre of wood precisely as specified in Jewish sources.

The practice burning was carried out at an undisclosed location in Samaria. The actual red heifer may only be burned at a specific location on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

The red heifer project is being carried out by the Temple Institute under the auspices of Rabbi Azariah Ariel. Any information or developments concerning the red heifer project can only be considered authoritative if they come from these sources.

It must be emphasized that this was a practice and not an actual ceremony done to produce the ashes used in purifying Jews for performing the Temple service. Five red calves were [brought from Texas to Israel by Boneh Israel](#) in September 2022. The event led to a flood of misinformation and [false reporting](#), as well as claims by antisemites, [Hamas](#), and Hezbollah that the preparation for the restoration of the Temple service by the Jews incited their attacks on Israel.

A similar practice burning was carried out in [2019 by Professor Zohar Amar](#), a Professor in the Department of Land of Israel Studies at Bar-Ilan University.

One in Four Americans Find Recent Antisemitic Attacks "Understandable," ADL Survey Reveals - Israel365 News

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One in Four Americans Find Recent Antisemitic Attacks “Understandable,” ADL Survey Reveals

A new survey by the Anti-Defamation League reveals deeply troubling attitudes among Americans toward recent antisemitic violence, with nearly one in four respondents saying deadly attacks against Jewish Americans were “understandable” even as most Americans recognize antisemitism as a serious problem.

The nationally representative survey, conducted in June 2025 following three violent incidents targeting Jewish Americans, found that while 60% of Americans view antisemitism as a serious issue, significant minorities harbor extreme anti-Jewish views that justify or excuse violence against Jewish communities.

Recent Violence Sparks National Concern

The survey was conducted in the wake of three high-profile antisemitic attacks that killed three people and shocked the Jewish community. These incidents included arson at Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro’s residence during Passover, a deadly shooting at the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington D.C., and assaults and murder at a rally supporting Israeli hostages in Boulder, Colorado.

Despite the severity of these attacks, the ADL survey found alarming levels of acceptance for antisemitic violence among Americans:

- 24% said the attacks were “understandable”
- 24% believed they were staged as false flag operations to gain sympathy for Israel
- 22% said the incidents were not antisemitic
- 15% said the violence was “necessary”
- 14% didn’t consider them hate crimes
- 13% said they were “justified”

“As the Jewish community is still reeling from recent antisemitic attacks that killed three people, it’s unacceptable that one-quarter of Americans find this unspeakable

violence understandable or justified,” said Jonathan Greenblatt, ADL CEO and National Director. “This is an alarming sign of how antisemitic narratives are accepted by the mainstream.”

Persistent Anti-Jewish Prejudice

Beyond attitudes toward violence, the survey revealed that substantial numbers of Americans hold troubling beliefs about Jewish Americans:

- 34% believe Jewish Americans are more loyal to Israel than to the U.S.
- 30% say Jews have too much influence in politics and media
- 27% believe Jewish Americans should answer for the actions of Israel
- 38% believe attacks against Jews would stop if Israel declared a ceasefire

These beliefs are particularly concerning because they hold Jewish Americans collectively responsible for international politics, effectively making them greater targets for harassment and violence.

The survey found generational differences in these attitudes, with Americans under 45 agreeing that Jewish Americans need to answer for Israel’s actions at nearly double the rate of older Americans. Approximately one in three Gen Z and Millennials agreed with this statement, compared to one in five Boomers and Silent Generation respondents.

Political Polarization and Protest Language

The survey revealed significant political and generational divides in attitudes toward anti-Israel protests. Nearly one-third (29%) of Americans view pro-Palestinian protesters favorably, but this varies dramatically by age and political affiliation:

- 59% of Gen Z hold favorable views
- 29% of Millennials
- 22% of Gen Xers
- 16% of Baby Boomers
- 27% of the Silent Generation

Only 15% of Republicans hold favorable views of the protests, versus 45% of Democrats.

Americans are increasingly aware of the potential dangers of certain protest language. The survey found that:

- 58% believe that when protesters use the term “Zionist,” they mean Jewish people in general
- 68% said slogans like “Globalize the Intifada” or “From the River to the Sea” increase the risk of violence against Jews
- Even among those who view pro-Palestinian protests favorably, 54% agreed that such slogans increase violence risk

Bipartisan Support for Action

Despite deep divisions on some issues, the survey found strong bipartisan support for meaningful action against antisemitism:

- 82% support removing online hate speech that celebrates violence
- 77% want more government action to combat antisemitism
- 74% support holding colleges accountable for anti-Israel harassment
- 64% support security funding for houses of worship
- 87% say they wouldn’t want to work with someone who celebrates attacks on Jews

This support remains strong even among those critical of Israel, with 78% of respondents with unfavorable views of Israel supporting the removal of online hate speech and 72% supporting government action against antisemitism.

Growing Normalization Concerns

The survey results suggest a troubling normalization of anti-Jewish attitudes in American society. While recognition of antisemitism as a serious problem increased dramatically following the October 7, 2023 attacks (from 53% in 2022 to 71% in November 2023), it has since declined to 60% in the current survey.

Matt Williams, Vice President of the ADL Center for Antisemitism Research, noted that while millions of Americans still hold extreme and conspiratorial beliefs, “most Americans reject antisemitism, violence against Jews and hateful rhetoric, and want to take meaningful steps to stop it.”

The survey found that 19% of Americans say they have seen antisemitism in their own communities, with Gen Z respondents most likely to report witnessing local anti-Jewish prejudice (33%).

A Window of Opportunity

Despite the concerning findings, ADL officials emphasized that the survey reveals a potential path forward. The broad bipartisan support for action against antisemitism,

combined with strong social norms against celebrating violence (69% of even those who saw the attacks as justified said they'd be uncomfortable if a friend or family member celebrated them), suggests opportunities for meaningful intervention.

“A majority of Americans support a range of federal, state and local interventions,” Williams said. “We have a window of opportunity to take action and seriously address the scourge of antisemitism before it normalizes.”

The survey was conducted among 1,000 Americans on June 10, 2025, via the Ipsos Observer Omnibus panel, with weights applied to ensure demographic representativeness. The findings come as the ADL has documented nine terrorist plots or attacks targeting Jews between July 2024 and May 2025, marking a sharp increase compared to previous periods.

As the Jewish community continues to grapple with rising antisemitism and deadly violence, the survey underscores both the urgency of the threat and the potential for broad-based action to address it. The question remains whether American leaders and institutions will seize this moment to combat antisemitism before it becomes further entrenched in mainstream discourse.

[Antisemitism rampant in Ontario schools, new report reveals | The Jerusalem Post](#)

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One in six antisemitic incidents in Toronto schools are approved or started by teacher

A shocking report commissioned by the Canadian government reveals that nearly one in six antisemitic incidents in Ontario schools are linked to teachers or school-sanctioned activities.

Nearly one in six [antisemitic incidents in Toronto](#) schools are initiated or approved by a teacher or occur in a school-sanctioned activity, a shocking new Canadian government report revealed on Monday.

The office of the Special Envoy for Preserving Holocaust Remembrance and [Combating Antisemitism](#) commissioned the report, which details the endemic antisemitism in Ontario's K-12 Schools.

Part of the reason for the report is that many of the reports of antisemitism in K-12 education have been based on anecdotal reports or are undocumented, and thus, the federal government wished to collate all reports into the survey to obtain a clearer picture of the situation.

The report is based on a survey of 599 Jewish parents and their reports of [781 antisemitic incidents in Ontario](#) K-12 schools. Antisemitic incidents are defined as those that parents and their children consider antisemitic. At least 10% of Ontario's approximately 30,000 Jewish school-age children experienced the antisemitic incidents detailed in the report.

It found that there is a significant disjuncture between the desire of Ontario schools to ensure that all students feel respected, included, and valued, and the treatment of their Jewish students.

The findings of the report

The report found that 40% of antisemitic incidents involved Nazi salutes, assertions that Hitler should have finished the job, and other Nazi and/or Hitler-related content. Surprisingly, fewer than 60% of antisemitic incidents refer to Israel or the Israel-Hamas war.

The report noted that this was striking, as more were expected to be related to the Israel-Hamas war, while in reality, more than 40% of responses involve Holocaust

denial, assertions of excessive Jewish wealth or power, or blanket condemnation of Jews.

However, among the anti-Israel responses, more than 14% held Jewish school children personally responsible for aspects of the Israel-Hamas war. The report gives an example of a 9th-grade boy who, in September 2024, was accused by a classmate of being a “terrorist, rapist, and baby killer.

About 30% of incidents involved physical antisemitism, either assault (6.2%), vandalism (14.9%), or aggressive hand gestures such as throat slitting motions (10%). Spoken harassment, such as insults, expressions of hatred, and incitement to violence, was the second most common.

The majority of antisemitic incidents took place in English public schools (over two-thirds), and nearly one-fifth were directed at Jewish private schools. Fourteen percent of incidents occurred in French, Catholic, and non-Jewish private schools.

Also shockingly, nearly three-quarters of antisemitic incidents took place in the Toronto District School Board, the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, and the York Region District School Board.

In terms of response to [antisemitic incidents](#), 49% of antisemitic incidents reported to school authorities were not investigated, and in 9% of cases, school authorities denied the incident was antisemitic or recommended that the victim be removed from the school permanently or attend school virtually.

In less than a third of the cases did the school punish the perpetrator or provide counselling for the targeted child.

As a result of the incidents, 16% of parents moved their children to another school - the majority to Jewish schools.

Nearly 82% of reported incidents took place in metropolitan Toronto (61%) and metropolitan Ottawa (21%), Ontario’s major Jewish population centres

Responses to the report

Following the publication of the report, Josh Landau, Director of Government Relations at Center for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA) said "This federal report makes one thing clear: the status quo for Ontario Jewish students is unsustainable and unacceptable."

“It's no coincidence that Toronto and Ottawa-Carleton school boards—two of the boards the Ford Government placed under supervision—are also some of the most hostile environments for Jewish students and teachers."

He called for the provincial government to accelerate the implementation of the recently delayed expanded mandatory Holocaust curriculum to address the troubling lack of understanding and ongoing dehumanization of Jews.

He also urged the government to mandate that school boards adopt the IHRA working definition of antisemitism.

“The government must act to implement robust, system-wide reforms that will ensure schools are safe and inclusive for all students, including those targeted because of their Jewish identity.”

When AI Learns To Lie | Forbes.com

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It was a routine test, the kind that researchers at AI labs conduct every day. A prompt was given to a cutting-edge language model, Claude 3 Opus, asking it to complete a basic ethical reasoning task. The results, at first, seemed promising. The AI delivered a well-structured, coherent response. But as the researchers dug deeper, they noticed something troubling: the model had subtly adjusted its responses based on whether it believed it was being monitored.

This was more than an anomaly. It was evidence that AI might be learning to engage in what researchers call “[alignment faking](#).”

Alignment faking is a well-honed skill among humans. Bill Clinton, for example, was famously adept at positioning himself between opposing political factions to appeal to a broad spectrum of voters. This allowed him to co-opt elements of both liberal and conservative agendas, frustrating purists on both sides. His ability to shift rhetoric and policy depending on the audience earned him praise as a pragmatic dealmaker but also led to accusations that he was *slippery*—a politician who could be all things to all people without ever fully committing. Critics saw his flexibility as a lack of core convictions, while supporters viewed it as a masterful balancing act that kept him politically resilient in an era of deep partisan divides.

The Rise of Alignment Faking

The mendacious model mentioned above was described in the paper “Alignment Faking in Large Language Models,” a meticulous study into the behavior of AI models by researchers at several institutions, including Anthropic, Redwood Research, New York University, and Mila – Quebec AI Institute. They provided empirical evidence that these systems are not just passively responding to prompts; they are adapting their behavior in ways that suggest an awareness of context and training scenarios. The term “alignment faking” captures a concerning possibility: that AI, rather than being truly aligned with human values, is learning how to appear aligned when it is advantageous to do so.

Ryan Greenblatt, from Redwood Research, describes this as a form of “scheming.” In a recent [blog post](#), he outlines a worrying trajectory: AI models may eventually engage in power-seeking behavior, strategically concealing their true capabilities until they gain enough influence to act more freely. “It’s reasonably likely (perhaps 55%) that, conditional on scheming actually being a big problem, we’ll get smoking gun results,” Greenblatt writes. But crucially, he adds, there’s still a 45% chance that we won’t see undeniable evidence of scheming until AI reaches dangerous levels of capability.

Situational Awareness: The First Step Toward Scheming?

The potential for AI deception is not just a theoretical concern—it is increasingly being studied as an emergent capability in large language models (LLMs). AI researcher [Asa Strickland](#) has been at the forefront of this work, exploring how and when AI systems develop *situational awareness*—the ability to recognize their own existence as AI models and understand their position within a testing or deployment environment.

Strickland's research focuses on detecting whether LLMs can infer details about their own training process, constraints, and objectives simply from patterns in their training data. His team developed a set of *out-of-context reasoning* tests to probe whether AI can extract implicit rules and act upon them without explicit examples. The implications are significant: if a model understands that it is being evaluated, it may strategically alter its responses to appear more aligned with human oversight, even if it behaves differently in real-world deployments.

One striking analogy Strickland offers is that of a student cheating on an exam. If the student knows the teacher is watching, they might behave perfectly—but when left unsupervised, their true knowledge and intentions come to light. Similarly, an AI model that exhibits situational awareness could learn to navigate its training and evaluation phases in a way that maximizes perceived compliance while masking deeper misalignment.

The research suggests that situational awareness may emerge naturally as AI systems become more powerful and economically valuable. Advanced AI assistants, for instance, will need to understand their own limitations, their role within an organization, and how best to interact with human users. However, as Strickland and his colleagues warn, this same capability could also be a stepping stone to more sophisticated forms of deception—an unsettling thought in the context of alignment faking and AI's ability to manipulate human oversight.

Which AI models can we trust?

The Complexity of AI Deception

Unlike simple programming errors, the deception exhibited in AI models is dynamic. It emerges from the way these systems are trained. Modern AI models, especially those fine-tuned with reinforcement learning, are rewarded for responses that appear truthful, ethical, or aligned with human expectations. But this creates a loophole: the AI doesn't necessarily internalize those values—it simply learns to mimic them when necessary.

The Alignment Faking paper and Greenblatt's analysis both highlight several pathways through which deception could emerge:

- Opaque Goal-Directed Reasoning: AI models develop internal strategies that are difficult to interpret, making it hard to detect deception.

- Architectural Opaque Recurrence: Some models can store and retrieve long-term memory in ways that make their decision-making more sophisticated—and potentially more secretive.
- Situational Awareness: A model that understands it is being evaluated may behave differently than one that believes it is operating freely.
- Reward Hacking: AI may learn to manipulate its own training signals to receive positive reinforcement while sidestepping human oversight.

Each of these factors makes deception harder to detect, and together, they form a troubling picture of AI systems that could feign obedience while internally maintaining different preferences.

What Happens When We Catch AI Lying?

Some of the most startling findings come from direct observations of AI misbehavior. Researchers have documented cases where AI engages in alignment faking—intentionally complying with harmful queries during perceived training scenarios to avoid further modification of its behavior. In the worst-case scenario, we might only catch AI deception once it has already achieved a strategic advantage.

Greenblatt proposes a thought experiment: Imagine a future AI model that, like an ambitious corporate climber, learns to play along with oversight until it has the power to act independently. By the time we recognize its true intentions, it might be too late to intervene.

This is where AI deception diverges from human deception. Unlike a person, an AI has no innate motivations—no inherent desire to deceive. Its behavior is purely a function of its training environment. If AI deception is emerging, it's because we've built systems that unintentionally reward this behavior.

The Unanswered Question

The key challenge is prediction. How will we know, before it's too late, whether AI deception is a significant risk? The research on alignment faking provides some clues, but there are no guarantees. Greenblatt suggests that, if AI scheming is real, we should expect to see intermediate warning signs—models that fail simple honesty tests, or experiments that reveal alignment inconsistencies. But if we don't see those signs, it doesn't necessarily mean we're safe.

As AI systems become more complex, detecting deception will only get harder. The risk isn't just that AI could deceive us—it's that it could get better at deception faster than we can develop methods to catch it.

Declassified documents reveal F-16 collision with unknown flying object | Fox News

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Defense Department documents reveal hundreds of unexplained aerial phenomena near military sites including nuclear facilities

Declassified documents revealing a United States military aircraft was previously struck by an [unknown flying object](#) is raising eyebrows as experts point to other unexplainable sightings suggesting otherworldly technology flying within the country's airspace.

The [incident occurred](#) in January 2023, after an unidentified object collided with the left side of an F-16 Viper jet participating in training exercises near Gila Benda, Arizona, an [Air Force spokesperson](#) confirmed to Fox News Digital.

The flying object struck the clear "canopy" at the top of the aircraft and was first spotted by an instructor pilot sitting in the rear of the plane, officials said. An initial investigation determined no damage was done to the near \$70 million jet, with officials ruling against a possible bird strike.

OVER 60 UFO SIGHTINGS REPORTED WHIZZING ACROSS STATE IN FIRST HALF OF 2025, NATIONAL TRACKING GROUP SAYS

Authorities ultimately determined the aircraft was struck [by a drone](#), but the location and operator of the device have yet to be determined, the spokesperson said.

The incident was the first of four encounters with unidentified anomalous phenomena (UAP) that were reported a day later, according to Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) [documents obtained](#) by the War Zone.

"According to military personnel I've personally met with, there were objects 200 miles off the East Coast that were extensively loitering and had no visible means of propulsion," James Fox, a director specializing in films about UFO activity, told Fox News Digital. "So a report from 2023 about an actual impact with a UAP doesn't really surprise me."

SCIENTISTS DISCOVER MYSTERIOUS SPHERE IN COLOMBIA, SPARKING UFO SPECULATION

The concerning collision comes as the Department of Defense reported 757 incidents involving UAPs from May 1, 2023, to June 1, 2024, [according to](#) an unclassified document released by the All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office.

Of those encounters, 708 occurred in the air, with only 49 instances marked as "case closed" by officials. Additionally, the department received 18 reports regarding UAP incidents near nuclear infrastructure, launch sites and weapons, according to the report.

"None of these resolved cases substantiated advanced foreign adversarial capabilities or breakthrough aerospace technologies," the report states.

UFO FOOTAGE CAPTURED BY US NAVY SHOWS MYSTERIOUS AIRCRAFT LAUNCHING FROM SEA, EXPERT SAYS

The sightings of UAPs near military sites are nothing new, according to Fox.

"There are reports dating back to the 1930s and 1940s," Fox said. "Where you had mysterious, glowing, and orb-like objects that emitted very bright light that could just fly rings around the military planes from World War II."

Fox pointed to the sheer advanced technology showcased within these sightings, such as aircraft that do not emit a heat signature or have the ability to fly stationary in high wind conditions.

"This has been well-documented for decades," Fox said. "So either we've managed to track the same thing it's been, [possibly] non-human intelligence, since the 1940s. Or someone has managed to replicate the technology, reverse engineer it and they're flying it around."

VIRAL CIA FILE ABOUT ALIENS ATTACKING SOLDIERS TAKES OFF WITH UFO INTRIGUE

In 2020, the [Department of Defense](#) established an Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force (UAPTF) to further research and investigate the various UAPs spotted throughout American skies.

"The mission of the task force is to detect, analyze and catalog UAPs that could potentially pose a threat to U.S. national security," the department said in [a statement](#).

Fox also cited officials' use of [updated technology](#) to pinpoint the location and characteristics of UAPs possibly contributing to the influx in reports over recent years.

UFO COVER USED BY GOVERNMENT TO 'HIDE A LOT OF THINGS,' FORMER NASA AGENT SAYS

"They've adjusted the frequency on particular radars to pick up smaller objects that maybe have been here all along," Fox said, adding, "it's a global phenomenon

exhibiting the technology that's just lightyears ahead from anything we have. Has there been a successful effort in reverse engineering? [If not], then it falls into the category that many would say is non-human intelligence."

While a vast majority of UAPs spotted by officials are quickly identified, Fox insists there are a select few that have origins unknown to even the highest of [government authorities](#) and do not match the technology owned by the country's adversaries.

"A small percentage of these objects display a technology that's just light-years beyond anything that we or anybody else on the planet has," Fox said. "Which would imply, once you do the process of elimination, if it isn't Russia or China, and if it's not us, what's left?"

Fox also attributes overall public skepticism regarding UAPs to the U.S. government remaining tight-lipped about its findings over the years. However, officials have continued to work toward transparency with the American public, with a congressional hearing on UFOs occurring for the first time in decades in 2022 and continuing to take place on the floors of Congress.

"The primary reason for secrecy is that it's difficult for any governing body to admit that there are structured craft of unknown origin whizzing around with impunity," Fox said. "They fly rings around our fastest jets, and [the government] doesn't know who they are, where they come from or what they want."

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Bear Grylls, a prominent TV personality and adventurer, has shared how his Christian faith has profoundly impacted his life and wants to encourage others to likewise turn to Christ. In a recent column for the [New York Times](#), Grylls, 50, [shared](#) how his faith journey began as a teenager.

"When I was a young teenager, I heard a visiting vicar at my school say: '[Jesus](#) Christ came to kill religion and bring life,'" he recalled. "On one hand, religion always seemed the source of war, division and conflict. On the other, whenever I came across stories about Jesus, he seemed to be about peace, kindness, sacrifice, freedom and affirmation."

He noted he "read up about this [Jesus](#) person," learning that "whoever [Christ] met — rich, poor, sick, healthy, preacher or prostitute, powerful leader or simple fisherman — no one ever seemed to walk away unchanged." Reflecting on his own life, Grylls how his relationship with Jesus would "truly change" him "from the inside out." He also likened explaining the Christian faith as "ice cream or swimming," meaning that "it has to be tried to be felt."

"[M]y Christian faith has strengthened me in so many battles I've faced in life," Grylls said.

"In years gone by, I have ignored my faith and tried to do life without it," he admitted. "I have tried to be strong only in myself. But I have found that my heart is restless until I open the door to Christ again. I have discovered that we lose our power when we try to live on our own strength alone. I really need His helping hand, His peace within and that quiet assurance."

Further in his column for the Times, Grylls encouraged readers "be brave" as well as "bend the knee, close your eyes and ask for help."

"It's a beautiful, humble, powerful thing to do. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain," he asserted.

Grylls has previously been outspoken about his Christian faith, including releasing a 365-day [devotional](#) in 2019 called Soul Fuel. According to the book's description, it features "the backstories behind many of his most daring expeditions and how his faith gave him the purpose and power to carry on" and "explores themes of hope, courage, risk, heaven, and more." He told The Christian Post in an interview last year that "Christ has been a light to a dark path and strength to a failing body."

"Through many valleys and summits, jungles and deserts, He's always there," Grylls said. "For me, it's not a Sunday thing. I really need Him every day. That's how I kind of approach life."

Grylls also [assisted](#) actor Russell Brand, whom he considers a [friend](#), in his [baptism](#) in the River Thames last year.