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Defensible by Design.

AI Governance Must Be Visible, Accountable, Provable.

A MISSION CONTROL LENS FOR RESPONSIBLE AI

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01 - THE THESIS

AI governance must be Visible, Accountable, Provable.

FROM SPACEFLIGHT TO AI GOVERNANCE

Mission Control works because complex systems have telemetry, clear owners, and evidence-backed decisions. AI governance needs the same operating discipline.



Visible

Every AI system surfaced - internal, embedded, vendor-driven, and shadow.



Accountable

Named owners across Legal, Privacy, Security, Risk, Engineering, and Product.



Provable

An audit-ready record any auditor, regulator, or board can defend.

02 - THE SHIFT

FROM
Policy intent

TO
Operational proof.

03 - THE GOVERNANCE LENS

I - VISIBLE

See it.

Telemetry for every AI system - internal, embedded, vendor.

II - ACCOUNTABLE

Own it.

A named owner. Every time.

III - PROVABLE

Prove it.

An evidence record any auditor can defend.

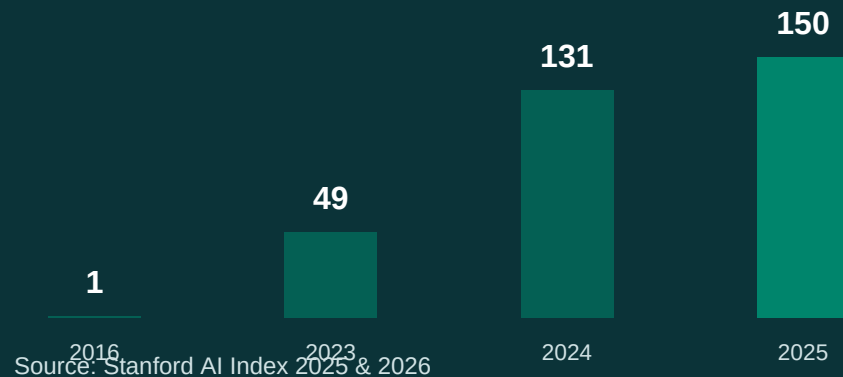
04 - WHY THIS MATTERS NOW

AI governance is becoming a corporate governance issue.

Regulation, audit pressure, and AI adoption are moving faster than manual governance can keep up.

Regulatory expansion

U.S. state-level AI laws passed per year



Audit pressure

9x increase in legislative mentions of AI across 75 countries since 2016.



AI adoption

88% of organizations are already using AI - many without formal governance.



Governance implication

AI oversight is no longer just a policy exercise. It is becoming an operational, auditable management discipline.

05 - WHERE MOST ORGANIZATIONS ARE

59%

Visibility gap of respondents cannot confidently identify all AI in use. SAI360 Compliance Week Survey

74%

Accountability gap of organizations have informal, inconsistent, or undefined AI accountability. McKinsey AI Trust Maturity Survey

AI governance maturity curve.

LEVEL 1	Ad hoc	Isolated, reactive practices, little inventory or documentation.
LEVEL 2	Emerging	Some policies and checklists used inconsistently across teams.
LEVEL 3	Defined	Standard policies and lifecycle controls applied organizationwide.
LEVEL 4	Managed	Data-driven governance with metrics, monitoring, and formal ownership.
LEVEL 5	Optimized	Continuous improvement and automation of controls enables trustworthy AI at scale.

06 - THE FRAMEWORK

Four steps. One defensible record.

Each step builds on the last, and what gets produced is evidence.



MISSION CONTROL CALLBACK You structure the signals, ownership, escalation paths, and evidence so teams know when to act.

07 - WHAT GOOD LOOKS LIKE

Inventory. Ownership. Risk classification. Approvals. Evidence. Monitoring.

Six elements, mapped to the framework. Each one belongs to a step - and each one is what good looks like at that step.



Inventory

A live, organizationwide picture of AI in use.



Ownership

Named accountability for every system.



Risk classification

Use-case-level risk tiering and review.



Approvals

Defined gates before deployment.



Evidence

Audit-ready record of decisions and controls.



Monitoring

Continuous oversight as systems and risks evolve.

08 - WHERE TO START

Where to start - Foundational Assessment.

A practical way to create a registered, risk-classified, role-aware starting point for AI governance.

AI Governance - Foundation Assessment

AI USE CASE
Customer support summarization

RISK TIER
Moderate

OWNER
Product Operations

REVIEW REQUIRED
Legal / Privacy / Security



Audit record



Risk determination



Next actions by role

Clear escalation paths and required steps for Legal, Privacy, Security, and Risk.

Twelve questions. One starting point.

An assessment checklist for AI you can see, govern, and defend - structured around the four steps.

01

Discover

- What AI is in use?
- Where is it embedded?
- Is shadow AI visible?

02

Assign

- Who owns the system?
- Who approves the use case?
- Who monitors changes?

03

Control

- What risk tier applies?
- What reviews are required?
- What safeguards are in place?

04

Prove

- What evidence exists?
- What decisions were made?
- What changes over time?

IF YOU CAN'T ANSWER THEM, YOU'VE FOUND YOUR STARTING POINT.

10 - THE BIGGER TAKEAWAY

AI governance should enable innovation with defensible controls.

THE CLOSING FRAME

The goal is not to control every AI interaction by hand. It is to build your organization's Mission Control for trustworthy AI.

Questions? Let's connect.

Continuous visibility. Clear accountability. Provable governance across increasingly complex systems.

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