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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: A.I. Summit]

SAVANNAH GUTHRIE: AI summit. The nation's top tech titans meeting with President Trump at the White House vowing to address those mounting safety concerns.

MARK ZUCKERBERG: The American public and our customers want to know that what we're building is working in the way that we all intend.

GUTHRIE: But this morning, no consensus on what to do, if anything.

JENSEN HUANG: There's no conflict between innovation, technology and safety.

GUTHRIE: So, where does it go from here? A live report from Washington just ahead.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Trump and Tech Leaders Sign A.I. Agreement]

CRAIG MELVIN: Meanwhile, we turn to the growing debate and concern surrounding AI on the heels of that historic White House summit between President Trump and some of the nation's leading tech titans. We have two reports for you from Washington. We'll start with NBC's Gabe Gutierrez. Gabe, good morning.

GABE GUTIERREZ: Craig, good morning. These are some of those powerful business leaders in the world, leading companies worth trillions of dollars. The President says they have agreed to self-police, with the DOJ and FBI stepping in, if necessary, but there are growing questions about how binding their agreement really is. This morning, after an extraordinary meeting at the White House, the U.S.'s biggest tech giants are now attempt to go present a united front, despite sharp disagreements over whether AI needs more guardrails.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP: They understand that they have to self-police.

GUTIERREZ: President Trump rejecting calls for more government regulation, instead releasing a signed document where tech leaders agreed to "partner with an independent external auditor" to maintain safety.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE REPORTER [TO TRUMP]: Is it binding in any way?

TRUMP: I think it's morally binding, yeah.

GUTIERREZ: The President also signing an executive order mandating federal agencies rebrand AI as SI, superintelligence.

TRUMP: It's not artificial. It's very powerful. It's very brilliant.

GUTIERREZ: The President emerging from the lunch with Elon Musk, Meta's Mark Zuckerberg —

ZUCKERBERG: What we can all agree on is that the American public and our customers want to know that what we're building is working in a way in a we intend.

GUTIERREZ: — and Anthropic's Dario Amodei, who has been warning about potential dangers.

DARIO AMODEI: I think the technology has really real risks, and the mechanism, how we address those risks is still under discussion.

GUTIERREZ: Among those risks, OpenAI scrapping the release of its new model over security concern and previously rogue AI agents hacking into government websites. Still, Nvidia's Jensen Huang argues new regulations are not needed.

HUANG: There is no conflict between innovation, technology and safety.

GUTIERREZ: But other tech leaders are pushing for the government to do more.

BILL GATES [on *The New York Times's The Ezra Klein Show*]: This is the most dangerous thing that humans have ever gone near. In other areas, do we just say, hey, release your drugs, there's no FDA. There's no airline safety board. There's no requirements that cars use seat belts.

GUTIERREZ: The President also downplaying concerns about AI data centers, saying he'd rather they be built in the U.S. instead of China.

TRUMP: The data centers are incredible — and, by the way, I'm very good at real estate. Some of those buildings are absolutely beautiful.

GUTIERREZ: And the President also unveiling the new AI-powered America.gov, which the White House describes is a one-stop shop for federal services like renewing passports, Craig.

MELVIN: Gabe, while I have you here. Another piece of White House media coming into the spotlight, specifically taxpayer-funded ads that appear to promote the President. What's the latest on that?

GUTIERREZ: Yeah, that's right. Many Democrats and a growing number of Republicans are demanding answers about those campaign-style, pro-Trump ads which began running last week.

According to a U.S. official and a top Republican senator, the administration paid for those ads using money intended for U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The Department of Homeland Security, which oversees CBP, referred us to the White House, which referred us back to CBP on the funding, while calling the ads legitimate public service announcements that are educational and unapologetically patriotic. Critics say they amount to propaganda and are likely illegal, Craig.

MELVIN: Gabe Gutierrez from the White House. Gabe, thank you.