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### The United States Constitution

Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution imposes only three eligibility requirements on persons serving as president, based on the officeholder's age, time of residency in the U.S., and citizenship status:

### U.S. Constitution – Presidential Candidate Eligibility

"No person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty-five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States."

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## Cordova 2028 Releases AI Security Doctrine: “America Must Not Limit Its Own People”

*Independent presidential candidate Vincent Dean Cordova, Jr. publishes an open letter and policy brief arguing that the federal government drew the national-security line in the wrong place when advanced AI models were forced offline — and offers a readiness-based alternative.*

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**MANTECA, Calif.** — Independent 2028 presidential candidate Vincent Dean Cordova, Jr. today published two documents — an open letter to the American people, “*America Must Not Limit Its Own People*,” and a policy brief, “*Why Capability Denial Fails: An AI Security Doctrine Built on Collaboration, Not Containment*.” Both respond to the June 2026 federal export-control directive that, according to Anthropic, required the company to suspend access to its advanced Fable 5 and Mythos 5 models for foreign nationals — a directive whose scope led the company to disable the models for all users while it worked to comply.

Cordova’s central argument is that the restriction targeted the wrong variable. “The order limited *who* could use a tool and *where* they were located, rather than the specific capability, the specific use, and whether the limit could actually be enforced,” the brief states. Because the capability at issue — having an AI read code to find software flaws — is knowledge that can be copied and rebuilt, Cordova argues that restricting it at one domestic builder slows lawful, visible Americans while leaving actors who ignore the rules untouched.

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*risk cannot be to reduce the capability of its own people. America's answer must be readiness."*

— Vincent Dean Cordova, Jr.

The brief draws a deliberate line between capabilities that can and cannot be contained. Restrictions on diffusible knowledge — software, algorithms, and techniques — mostly penalize those who comply, Cordova argues, while limits tied to genuine physical chokepoints, such as advanced manufacturing inputs, may be enforceable and appropriate. The document explicitly concedes that some controls are legitimate, a distinction Cordova says is necessary for any honest security doctrine.

Cordova frames the core challenge as a contest between defense and offense rather than a problem that restriction can solve. He points to publicly reported results from Anthropic's Project Glasswing, in which roughly 50 partner organizations used a restricted model to identify more than 10,000 high- or critical-severity software vulnerabilities, as evidence that the same capability driving security fears is also what lets defenders find and close weaknesses first. "The question is not whether we can stop that. We cannot," the brief reads. "The question is whether our defenders stay ahead of those who would do harm."

The brief closes with a proposed governing standard for any future restriction on emerging technology. Cordova would require the government to identify the specific capability being restricted, show a concrete risk, apply the standard evenly across equivalent systems, demonstrate that the limit is enforceable, provide a response and restoration process for the affected party, and use the narrowest restriction capable of addressing the risk. "This standard does not eliminate government authority," the brief states. "It disciplines it."

*"Capability must belong to the people, not only to capital. The future cannot be reserved for those with contracts, lobbyists, and institutional permission. We must advance Americans — fully, fairly, and first."*

— Vincent Dean Cordova, Jr.

Notably, both documents are careful about what they do not assert. Cordova states plainly that he does not claim any company was deliberately persecuted, that the directive was driven by commercial or political motive, or that all AI restrictions are illegitimate. "Those questions are contested or unproven, and this argument does not depend on them," the brief notes, resting its case on the public record and the structure of the technology itself.



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## About Cordova 2028

Vincent Dean Cordova, Jr. is an independent candidate for President of the United States in 2028, based in Manteca, California. Running under the banner *Moving Forward Together*, his platform centers on broad public access to opportunity, accountability for concentrated power, worker and community ownership, and the principle that technology should expand human dignity rather than become another system of control. Learn more at [cordova2028.com](http://cordova2028.com).

## Documents referenced in this release:

- Open Letter to the American People: “America Must Not Limit Its Own People”
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