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As generative AI spreads, so do fears of mass job losses. Elon Musk has suggested that none of us will have jobs in the not-so-distant future. Dario Amodei has warned of sharp increases in unemployment. Kristalina Georgieva has cautioned that an AI-driven tsunami could replace a large share of jobs globally. And Vinod Khosla has gone as far as predicting that most IT services in India could be replaced by AI within five years.

Yet history urges caution. Every past general-purpose technology—from steam engines and power looms to electricity, automobiles, and the internet—ended up creating more jobs than it destroyed. That is why repeated predictions of permanent technological unemployment have consistently failed to materialise.

What do you think: Is AI fundamentally different from all past industrial revolutions—or are we once again underestimating the power of humanity?

Here is the result of the poll 24 hours after it was posted:

Based on your experience using generative AI, and what you read in the media, how do you see AI's impact on jobs?

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Generative AI = mass layoffs	21%
GenAI will be net job-positive	25%
Too early—may go either way	54%

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