

Billionaire Larry Ellison says a vast AI-fueled surveillance system can ensure 'citizens will be on their best behavior'

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Larry Ellison, the billionaire founder of Oracle. Phillip Faraone

- Larry Ellison says AI will enable a vast surveillance system that can monitor citizens.
- Ellison, the billionaire cofounder of Oracle, shared his thoughts on AI during a recent meeting.
- Oracle, a software company, is aggressively pursuing AI projects.

Walking down a suburban neighborhood street already feels like [a Ring doorbell panopticon](#).

But this is only the start of our surveillance dystopia, according to [Larry Ellison](#), the billionaire cofounder of Oracle. He said AI will usher in a new era of surveillance that he gleefully said will ensure "citizens will be on their best behavior."

Ellison made the comments as he spoke to investors earlier this week during an Oracle financial analysts meeting, where he shared his thoughts on the future of AI-powered surveillance tools.

Ellison said AI would be used in the future to constantly watch and analyze vast surveillance systems, like security cameras, police body cameras, doorbell cameras, and vehicle dashboard cameras.

"We're going to have supervision," Ellison said. "Every police officer is going to be supervised at all times, and if there's a problem, AI will report that problem and report it to the appropriate person. Citizens will be on their best behavior because we are constantly recording and reporting everything that's going on."

Ellison also expects AI drones to replace police cars in high-speed chases. "You just have a drone follow the car," Ellison said. "It's very simple in the age of autonomous drones." He did not say if those drones would broadcast the chases on network news.

Ellison's company, Oracle, like almost every company these days, is aggressively pursuing opportunities in the AI industry. It already has several projects in the works, including one in [partnership with Elon Musk's SpaceX](#).

Ellison is the world's sixth-richest man with a net worth of \$157 billion, according to Bloomberg.

Ellison's children have made names for themselves in the film industry. His daughter Megan Ellison founded [her production company Annapurna Pictures](#) in 2011, and his son David Ellison is set to [become CEO of Paramount](#) after it completes its merger with Skydance Media.