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I choose option 1...

If I were a software engineer in this scenario I would have done a few things differently. First off, I would have given the OpenAI more security and or hard coded some parts of the project so that they wouldn't have to worry about it getting into the wrong hands. Not making it open source was a good move but they should have thought for a good way to have the right people with good intentions be able to edit and use the code, building it and making it better for the future. It's hard to really see who the good and the bad people in the world, but making the entire OpenAI project confidential is a little silly.

But I also contradict myself because I think it might have been a good idea to keep the source code private for now. Amazon and Microsoft in particular had the facial recognition technology for awhile now along with other companies. And they voiced their support for the legislation on how it can and can't be used. Technology is getting far more advanced each and everyday and I think companies need to slow down and think about the ethics of their situations a little more before someone hacks and finds the source code of these projects, or if the projects get into the wrong hands in general. Most companies are just money hungry and want to advance in everything as fast as possible so that they can get more products to their customers quicker.