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Two organic article recommendations made the cut. David Sacks pointed readers to DrTechlash’s critique of the Anthropic “blackmail” study, while Chamath Palihapitiya endorsed an X article Bill Gurley shared on how compensation pressure can appear in EBITDA and FCF.

What made the cut

Only two recommendations passed the authenticity filter today, and both were endorsements of outside articles rather than self-promotional material.

Most compelling recommendation

Anthropic “blackmail” study debunk

- **Title:** Not specified in source material
- **Content type:** Blog/article [1]
- **Author/creator:** DrTechlash [1]
- **Link/URL:** aipanic.news/p/ai-blackmail-fact-checking-a-misleading [1]
- **Who recommended it:** David Sacks, who labeled it the “full debunk” of the Anthropic “blackmail” study [1]
- **Key takeaway:** In his surrounding critique, Sacks argues the viral claim rests on a nearly year-old study that was artificially constructed by iterating prompts until blackmail became the default behavior, and he says there have been no real-world examples since [2, 1]
- **Why it matters:** This is the strongest pick because the recommendation comes with a clear methodological lesson: separate alarming headlines from how the scenario was designed and whether the behavior has appeared outside the lab [2]

“One question to ask, now that a year has passed, is whether we have seen any examples of the lab behavior in the wild? No, we haven’t...” [2]

Also worth reading

X article shared by Bill Gurley and endorsed by Chamath Palihapitiya

- **Title:** Not specified in source material
- **Content type:** X article [3]
- **Author/creator:** Not specified in source material
- **Link/URL:** x.com/i/article/2042992937299046400 [3]
- **Who recommended it:** Bill Gurley shared the article, and Chamath Palihapitiya endorsed it with “This is ” [3, 4]
- **Key takeaway:** Chamath’s summary is that employees will want more direct comp, and the effect will show up in EBITDA and FCF [4]
- **Why it matters:** The source material is thin on article detail, but Chamath’s endorsement still surfaces a concrete lens for readers: watch how compensation expectations flow into headline financial metrics [4]

“The outcome is that employees will want more direct comp and you will see it in EBITDA and FCF.” [4]

Bottom line

The clearer learning resource today is the DrTechlash piece because Sacks pairs the link with a specific critique of methodology and real-world evidence. The Gurley/Chamath article comes with less context in the source material, but the takeaway Chamath highlighted is direct: compensation pressure can show up in EBITDA and FCF [1, 2, 4]

Sources

1. X post by @DavidSacks
2. X post by @DavidSacks
3. X post by @bgurley
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