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Two independent recommendations converged on the same New York Times essay pushing back on AI apocalypse rhetoric. The rest of the day's strongest authentic picks reinforce that theme through a communication lesson shared by David Sacks and a book Elon Musk called essential reading.

### What stood out

Today's strongest pattern was a coordinated pushback on **AI doom messaging**. Chamath Palihapitiya and Clement Delangue independently pointed readers to the same New York Times essay, and David Sacks shared a Keith Rabois communication lesson that he said helps explain why AI leaders are failing publicly [1, 2, 3].

### Most compelling recommendation

#### New York Times essay on AI doom claims

- **Title:** Not specified in the notes; shared as a New York Times essay critiquing claims that AI will end the world [1, 2]
- **Content type:** Essay/article [1]
- **Author/creator:** Not specified in the notes
- **Link/URL:** <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/06/17/opinion/ai-dangerous-openai-anthropic.html> [2]
- **Who recommended it:** Chamath Palihapitiya and Clement Delangue [1, 2]
- **Key takeaway:** Chamath said the essay highlights the unresolved question of why AI makers “constantly whine and cry that the world will come

to an end because of AI,” then added, “Hint: it won’t.” Clement’s framing was simpler: “Let’s stop doom marketing/trolling!” [1, 2]

- **Why it matters:** This was the only resource in today’s set to earn **independent recommendations from multiple leaders**, and both used it to push back on how AI risk is being framed in public [1, 2]

## One adjacent video worth saving

### Keith Rabois on communicating to an audience

- **Title:** Lesson on communication [3]
- **Content type:** Video [3]
- **Author/creator:** Keith Rabois / @rabois [3]
- **Link/URL:** video clip [3]
- **Who recommended it:** David Sacks [3]
- **Key takeaway:** Sacks said the core lesson is that it is not enough to “speak your truth”; you have to communicate in a way that “elucidates your audience.” He tied that directly to why AI leaders are failing publicly [3]
- **Why it matters:** It provides the most actionable framework in today’s set: if your message persuades you but alienates everyone else, public communication has failed [3]

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## One high-conviction book pick

### *Suicidal Empathy*

- **Title:** *Suicidal Empathy* [4]
- **Content type:** Book [4]
- **Author/creator:** Gad Saad [4]
- **Link/URL:** Not provided in the source notes
- **Who recommended it:** Elon Musk [5]
- **Key takeaway:** Musk called it “essential reading” [5]
- **Why it matters:** The notes do not include a summary of the book’s argument, but this was the clearest pure book endorsement in today’s set [4, 5]

## If you only pick one

Start with the **New York Times essay**. It had the strongest combined signal because two separate leaders recommended it independently, and it defined the main theme running through today’s recommendations: skepticism toward AI doom framing [1, 2].

## Sources

1. X post by @chamath
2. X post by @ClementDelangue
3. X post by @DavidSacks
4. X post by @GadSaad
5. X post by @elonmusk