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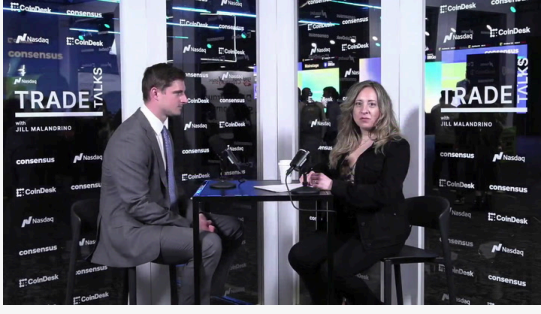
Nasdaq TradeTalks is at [Consensus 2025](#), a global event focused on blockchain and cryptocurrency innovation. This year, we will be speaking with top industry leaders and policy officials who are shaping the future of digital assets.

Key themes that we'll be covering include:

- Stablecoins
- Tokenization
- Regulation
- Artificial Intelligence
- Security

The event, which is presented by CoinDesk, is getting underway today, so stay tuned for the latest insights and analysis from Consensus.

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The Trump Administration's Goals in the Digital Asset Space

At Consensus, we speak with Bo Hines, Executive Director of the President's Council of Advisors for Digital Assets at the White House, about the administration's goals in the digital asset space and what these initiatives mean for the average American.

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Ryan Rugg, Global Head of Digital Assets, Treasury & Trade Solutions at Citi, discusses the adoption of digital assets and how blockchain technologies are shaping future financial markets.

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Paul Brody, Global Blockchain Leader at EY, analyzes the long-term adoption and implementation of stablecoins and how blockchain can help companies manage cross-border compliance.

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GUEST SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Severence MacLaughlin

CEO of DeLorean AI

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Under the Trump administration, many market participants are expecting regulations around AI to change and you have encouraged that the U.S. take a slower approach than European regulators. How do you think regulations will change during this administration?

This administration appears pragmatic and supportive of American business. Overregulation risks slowing innovation, particularly with intense AI competition coming from China and Russia. I would expect the administration to back U.S.-based AI companies like DeLorean AI as strategic assets.

The European Union's regulatory approach has, in many ways, stifled its own tech sector. Major American tech firms have faced significant regulatory headwinds in Europe, and the region's AI industry has struggled to remain globally competitive. That should serve as a cautionary tale for us.

Many concerns labeled as "AI ethics" are already covered under existing data privacy laws. Rather than creating new, overlapping regulations, government agencies should focus on enforcing what's already in place.

Lastly, I would strongly recommend that the administration seek guidance from actual practitioners, those who build and use AI every day, rather than relying solely on commentators or academics who may be removed from the technology's real-world applications.

When you think about global AI regulations, how can we ensure that regulations won't hinder innovation and growth?

By their nature, regulations tend to inhibit innovation and growth. However, I believe the foundational guardrails we need are already established through existing data legislation. Enforcement, not expansion, should be the focus.

I'd encourage the U.S. government to proactively support domestic AI companies in several key areas:

- Supply chain security: Ensure we have the materials needed for hardware - rare earths, chips, servers.
- IP protection: Safeguard American innovation. If foreign actors engage in IP theft, their U.S.-based representatives should be held accountable.
- R&D incentives: The current R&D tax credit is underpowered. We need more meaningful incentives for AI innovation.
- Talent strategy: In the short term, expand H1B visas. In the long term, we must strengthen STEM education and ensure our universities are producing AI-ready talent.

Finally, we must make it easier for government agencies and private companies to adopt AI tools. This is how we stay competitive.

What can companies and policymakers do today to prepare for the next wave of AI innovation?

Companies need to invest in AI literacy at the leadership level. Too often, we see CEOs delegating AI decisions to CIOs who are experts in IT, but not in AI. That's a critical misalignment. You need decision-makers who understand the unique nature of AI technology.

Also, there's no need to reinvent the wheel — buy proven AI products. Building custom solutions in-house may not make sense for some industries, such as healthcare, where AI isn't the core competency.

For policymakers, it's crucial to seek input from primary sources, people who are building and using AI, not just theorists or strategists. Real-world practitioners offer the most grounded, actionable insights. And most importantly, policymakers must focus on enabling and nurturing the U.S. AI industry, rather than over-regulating it.

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