

Opinion

Earth has a new Green Lantern and he’s orange

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Sunday, Sept. 6, the White House’s official X account shared an artificial intelligence generated video depicting President Donald Trump as the Green Lantern, a popular DC superhero who can create mental constructs at will. Although the intent behind the video was obviously to appeal to Generation Z voters and depict Trump as a hero protecting America, this video truly displayed one thing: our president is a hate-mongering, slack-jawed moron.

Since February 2025, Trump has posted at least 16 AI-generated videos depicting him in a positive or powerful light. Some notable instances include a Trump-themed resort taking over Gaza, Trump wearing a crown whilst dropping feces on a group of ‘No Kings’ protesters from a fighter jet and former President Barack Obama being arrested in the Oval Office as Trump watches and laughs.

He’s created a fantasyland through his social media where he can express every violent, egotistical urge he has with AI. Trump’s latest Green Lantern video is perhaps his worst offense, as it depicts him creating a green wall to block a horde of migrants from entering America.

Simply put, these AI posts are an embarrassment to America. The man our country elected to lead the executive branch of the U.S. government regularly chooses to respond to criticism with blind, childish hatred. By trivializing legitimate political con-

cerns, such as the ‘No Kings’ protests, Trump has slowly built up the idea that the only way the government will respond to its critics is with violence and ridicule, rather than the democratic process our nation was built upon.

Every post uploaded by Trump or the White House containing immature AI slop only furthers America’s new identity being slowly cemented by our commander-in-chief, an identity filled to the brim with meaningless justifications for governmental atrocities.

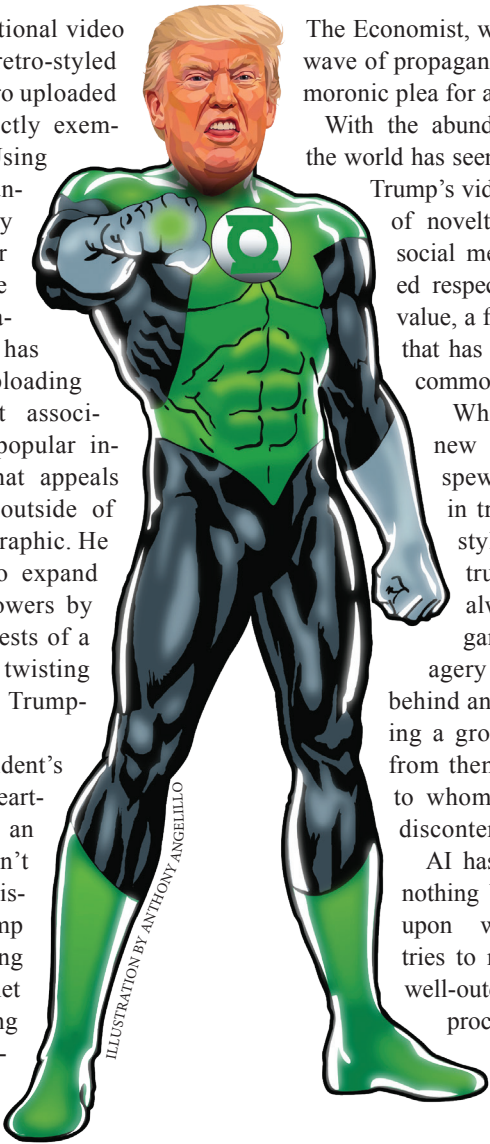
While these videos do serve to visualize Trump’s own egocentric beliefs and degrade America’s national identity, their primary function is far more calculated. His posts boil the resentment and blind hatred that make up the backbone of the “Make America Great Again” movement into one concentrated video. A racist person watching a video of Obama being arrested, posted from an official government-affiliated account, would likely feel a sense of justification for their despicable worldview, which would in turn further radicalize them to Trump’s cause. The White House has turned generative AI into a tool used to mass-produce propaganda with the express purpose of gaining MAGA supporters.

This propaganda has recently evolved to fit a younger generation of voters, incorporating elements of popular culture into its ceaseless Trump appraisalment.

The aforementioned Green Lantern vid-

eo, as well as an additional video depicting Trump as a retro-styled “Legend of Zelda” hero uploaded in recent days, perfectly exemplifies this notion. Using the rise of HBO’s “Lanterns” and the recently announced remaster of Nintendo’s “The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time,” Trump has evidently taken to uploading AI-generated content associated with currently popular intellectual property that appeals primarily to people outside of MAGA’s older demographic. He very clearly wants to expand the ranks of his followers by appealing to the interests of a younger generation, twisting Gen Z’s interests into Trump-themed AI hogwash.

Although our president’s recent AI kick is disheartening to witness as an American, one can’t help but get the satisfying sense that Trump is desperately grasping at straws. With his net approval rating sitting at a staggering -26 according to a report by



The Economist, what would be a sinister wave of propaganda feels far more like a moronic plea for attention.

With the abundance of generative AI the world has seen in the past year alone, Trump’s videos have lost any sense of novelty they once had. His social media presence has traded respect for AI-centric shock value, a failed gamble in a world that has rapidly normalized and commodified generative AI.

While AI has opened a new venue for Trump to spew hate and ignorance, in truth, nothing about his style of governance has truly changed. He has always utilized propagandistic speech and imagery to rally his supporters behind an imaginary enemy. Using a group of people different from themselves as a scapegoat to whom they can direct their discontentment towards.

AI has provided Trump with nothing but a soapbox to stand upon while he desperately tries to rally a nation behind a well-outdated set of beliefs, a process which has left him appearing as nothing else but a fool.

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Being a commuter can really suck. Is it worth saving five figures a semester? Absolutely. But is it worth the constant headache I get every time I try to park on campus? HELL NO!

Quinnipiac decided to change its parking permit policy once again, this time introducing an orange parking permit,

A mile in a commuter’s shoes

which means that freshman and sophomore commuters (me) can basically only park at Westwoods and the repaved Whitney Lot, which, of course, did not open until one week after the semester started.

Now, you may already know, but the two lots are a good distance from campus, so if you don’t want to walk a mile, you have to take the shuttle.

The Gold shuttle service, which was just introduced after the update to the parking permits, only runs until 8 p.m. This is NOT me hating on the shuttle drivers; they are wonderful people who deserve all the praise.

That’s plenty late for most people, but my schedule is a little crazy, and most of my days run way past 10 p.m. So now I have to think about different ways to park my car in North Lot and at Sleeping Giant, just so I

can save myself extra walking time.

Now, I am not supposed to park in North Lot, but I mean... I only do it later in the day when it’s less busy, and it does save me a lot of walking. But I still have to go out of my way to move my car at some point during the day so I don’t have to walk as much, even if I can still take another shuttle.

Yes, I know how ridiculous that sounds. We pay \$180 a year for these parking permits, and I still have to plan my day around where my car is sitting.

Every time I leave my car in North Lot, I’m basically betting \$50 that nobody checks my permit. Let three tickets go unpaid, and Quinnipiac will put a hold on your account that blocks you from registering for classes. That’s a lot riding on just one parking spot.

On top of all that, it’s only September. Once winter hits, walking a mile to get my car is going to feel like hiking Sleeping Giant in a snowstorm.

What bugs me most is that my class year decides where I can park. Juniors and seniors who commute get to park in North Lot; no sneaking required.

Meanwhile, sophomores who live in Quinnipiac housing get the EXACT same lots I do, and they don’t pay a dime for parking.

I understand there’s only so much parking to go around, and I’m not asking for a spot with my name on it. But North Lot is less busy later in the day, and Quinnipiac already lets any student with a permit park there from 5 p.m. Friday until Monday morning.

So let orange permits in after 5 p.m. on weeknights too, or keep the Gold shuttle running until the last commuter heads home. Either one would make my life so much easier.

Until then, North Lot and I will keep our little secret.

Well...until now.