

YouTube and AI: 2026

This companion guide compiles the official policies, verified news articles, and strategies from top practitioners to help small business owners navigate the rapidly changing YouTube AI landscape.

1. Official YouTube Policies & Guidelines on AI and Content

- **Official Channel Monetization Guidelines:** [YouTube Channel Monetization Policies](#)
- **Detailed Industry Analysis on Policy Changes:** [Why YouTube is Cracking Down on AI-Generated Content in 2026](#)
- **Media Coverage of "AI Slop" & Human-Led Rules:** [AI Slop Is Transforming YouTube](#)
- **Synthetic Content and Disclosure Toggles:** [YouTube AI Monetization Policy 2026](#)

2. "Ask YouTube" & Conversational AI Search

- **Official Announcement from Google I/O:** [All the YouTube news from Google I/O 2026](#)
- **Product Insights & Conversational Features:** [Ask YouTube Compiles Video Answers To Your Questions](#)
- **Technical Integration Details:** [YouTube search adds 'Ask YouTube' and Gemini Omni to Shorts Remix](#)

3. AI-Powered "Replace Song" Tool in YouTube Studio

- **Official Release Announcement:** [YouTube adds AI track replacement tool for copyright claims](#)
- **How to Use & Strategy Implications:** [YouTube's new AI-generated music tool can save a copyright claim](#)

- **Technical Details on Audio Replacement:** [YouTube Studio adds AI music generator to fix copyright claims](#)

4. Shorts Creative AI Tools (Dream Screen & Veo)

- **Official Help Center Guide on AI Creation:** [Create content for Shorts using AI-generated features - YouTube Help](#)
- **Product Analysis on Veo 2 Integration:** [Google Rolls Out 'Veo 2' Video Generation For YouTube Shorts](#)
- **Technical Walkthrough of Dream Screen features:** [YouTube Enhances AI-Powered Dream Screen with Veo 2 for More Creative Shorts](#)