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Chairman Jordan, Ranking Member Plaskett, and distinguished members of the Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government, as the Attorney General of the State of Louisiana, I am grateful for the opportunity to join Congress today, along with Senator Schmitt from Missouri and Mr. Sauer, to discuss the findings of our federal government censorship case *Louisiana and Missouri v. Biden et al*.

The First Amendment clearly states that "Congress shall make no law…abridging the freedom of speech." This means that the government has no power to restrict expression because of its message, ideas, subject matter, or content. The U.S. Supreme Court also firmly established that "the Constitution 'demands that content-based restrictions on speech be presumed invalid … and that the Government bear the burden of showing their constitutionality." *United States v. Alvarez*, 567 U.S. 709, 716-717 (2012) (plurality op.).

Yet in our lawsuit we have uncovered a censorship enterprise so vast that it spans over a dozen significant government institutions, including the White House, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Department of State's Global Engagement Center (GEC), and the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Publicly, these federal actors have justified their deeds in the name of protecting the public against "misinformation" and "disinformation," when in fact it is done to suppress disfavored views.

It is axiomatic that the U.S. government and its officials cannot engage in the censorship or suppression of speech. Nor can government officials circumvent the First Amendment by inducing, threatening, and/or colluding with private entities to suppress protected speech. Shockingly, this is exactly what has occurred through this federal censorship enterprise.

To understand the framework of these activities, we must first look at the way censorship has been approached by those actively engaged in it. For example, CISA — an agency within the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) — has classified the thoughts, ideas, and beliefs of the American public as "critical infrastructure." In an effort to control, manage, and maintain these cognitive assets, CISA serves as a "switchboard" for sending disfavored information from state and local officials to the necessary social media company to ensure content-moderation policies are applied. As a result, America's "cognitive infrastructure" can be maintained in the same way that the DHS might protect the nation's physical infrastructure from outside threats; but in this case, CISA aims to protect our collective consciousness from independent thought and inquiry at the individual level.

This is a pattern that repeats itself across numerous federal agencies. Just as the CDC has historically sought to control outbreaks of infectious disease, now it is being used to control the viral nature of ideas, thoughts, and information across the digital terrain. Similarly, the FBI leveraged its counterintelligence authorities to investigate cyberattacks and national security threats to suppress information that posed a threat to existing power structures. Finally, as the stewards of medical and behavioral research, the NIH/NIAID sought to banish inconvenient research findings and theories by abusing its position within the academic community to quell dissenting scientific views. In all of these cases, existing systems and processes were adapted to suppress Americans' speech from multiple angles and with varying tactics.

However, three strategies for suppressing and censoring speech via social media companies stand out. These include public pressure to conform by "encouraging" social media platforms to share data, internal reports, and proof of censorship; coercion in the form of veiled threats, tense private meetings, and adverse legal consequences, such as the reform or repeal of Section 230's liability shield; and deception, including false information successfully utilized by Dr. Anthony Fauci, Dr. Francis Collins, and the FBI in collaboration with CISA.

Still, this conspiracy to control the thoughts and minds of the American public is deeply entrenched, with social media companies meeting with federal officials on a regular basis. These meetings are often focused on streamlining and maximizing censorship efforts related to flagging, fact-checking, and reporting on "borderline" or disfavored content, even parodies, comedic material, and criticism of the President. Yet while many federal officials from the President on down have accused social media companies of "killing people" for not censoring enough content, this censorship enterprise has likely resulted in significant loss of life by ensuring the American public did not gain true and accurate information during a global pandemic.

For example, the NIH and Dr. Francis Collins provided the authority for the CDC to rate claims about the efficacy of Ivermectin to treat COVID-19 as "NOT ACCURATE" to procure censorship on social media, when the drug has been found effective by many established physicians in the field. Similarly, Dr. Anthony Fauci used a retracted scientific study in *The Lancet* to create a public campaign against the drug hydroxychloroquine, which many physicians

practicing in the field had successfully used to treat coronavirus. Using manipulation and deceit to craft a false scientific consensus, Dr. Fauci cited the deeply flawed study to publicly insist that the "scientific data is really quite evident now about the lack of efficacy" and called dissenting physicians "a bunch of people spouting something that isn't true." Through these efforts, Dr. Fauci was able to suppress the truth of the benefits of hydroxychloroquine by utilizing the censoring capabilities of social media platforms.

The best example of this deceptive tactic is the attempted suppression of the lab-leak theory. When Dr. Fauci was made aware that the origins of SARS-CoV-2 likely came from a Wuhan laboratory funded by the NIAID — more specifically, the SARS gain-of-function research performed on humanized mice financed by the American taxpayer — he rallied multiple scientists and their patrons on a confidential conference call. Within 47 days, a paper titled "The Proximal Origins of SARS-CoV-2" was published in *Nature* on March 17, 2020. Dr. Fauci himself had reviewed seven drafts of the paper refuting the lab-leak theory, but publicly maintained that it represented an independent scientific consensus, rather than damage control for his own projects.

The paper was quickly branded as "one of the best-read papers in the history of science" and was quickly dispersed across the national media landscape, refuting the lab-leak story as a racist "conspiracy theory." Due to this placement within the legacy media, Dr. Fauci was able to hoodwink social media companies into using the paper as justification for mass censorship across platforms. As a result, the truth was effectively suppressed well into 2021.
Similar tactics were used by Dr. Fauci and Dr. Collins to inflict "a quick and devastating…take down" of actual scientific consensus against aggressive lockdowns. Known as The Great Barrington Declaration, over 900,000 infectious disease experts and public health scientists signed their names in opposition to the prevailing COVID-19 policies. In sum, they argued that nations should follow scientific orthodoxy for pandemic response. Yet instead of encouraging scientific debate on these issues, Dr. Fauci and Dr. Collins called such efforts "appalling," "nonsense," and "very dangerous." As a result, the declaration — and its viewpoints — were censored.

At the same time, journalists and notable voices, such as Alex Berenson and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. were effectively silenced on social media platforms for their dissent against the COVID-19 vaccine and subsequent mandates. In the case of journalist Alex Berenson, he was permanently deplatformed from Twitter for his writing, which shared inconvenient scientific research and other disfavored content. Likewise, millions of Americans were censored from speaking on those same topics, or were prevented from sharing such information in the first place, whether it was related to mask efficacy, therapeutics, vaccine side effects, or the origins of COVID-19 itself.

Surgeon General Vivek Murthy was also an eager participant in the suppression of American speech related to health. Coordinating closely with the White House, Dr. Murthy and his staff used their public platform to pressure social media companies into censoring similar disfavored viewpoints, as well as undesirable speech related to COVID vaccines for children ages 5-11.

Murthy publicly hammered the companies, especially Facebook, demanding "aggressive action" against "super spreaders." He also used frequent private meetings to place significant pressure on tech companies to comply, demanding biweekly reports that demonstrated an increase in censorship. He then issued a formal Request for Information (RFI) as a way to threaten regulation if the companies did not comply. Yet Dr. Murthy did not accomplish this alone.
As this censorship enterprise gained strength and momentum throughout the pandemic, the bureaucrats at CISA recognized a "gap" in their abilities and resources. Interns suggested the creation of a new organization known as the Election Integrity Partnership (EIP) to "fill [this] gap of the things the government cannot do themselves." Things, in this case, means increased monitoring and censoring activities.

Part of the problem for this enterprise is that significant energy was being expended on highlighting singular content to be censored. The goal with the EIP was to open up those capabilities to cast a much wider net. So in collaboration with four nonprofits — the Stanford Internet Observatory, the University of Washington's Center for an Informed Public, Graphika, and the Atlantic Council's Digital Forensic Lab — EIP was able to connect CISA, the CISA-funded information clearinghouse known as EI-ISAC, and the GEC to censor more than specific posts or accounts. Instead, the EIP could flag entire themes and narratives for sweeping censorship across a variety of constellation points, encompassing millions of posts related to grassroots American speech.

Moreover, this collective censorship is neither limited in scope nor knows boundaries related to what it might censor. For example, while the EIP focused primarily on "election integrity," as the program changed and adapted over time, the increased intelligence and breadth of its capabilities enabled it to extend beyond its initial niche. And now, they seek to expand their reach to censor speech related to climate disinformation, abortion-related speech, gendered disinformation, economic policy, the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, the nature of U.S. support for Ukraine, the financial-services industry, and other topics.

Funded in part through a grant from the U.S. National Science Foundation along with federal funding from the Atlantic Council, the EIP remains in constant collaboration with CISA, EI-ISAC, and state and local organizations, such as the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED). However, in 2021, the EIP was rebranded as "The Virality Project." At the same time, a few new non-profits were brought into the fold as the organization set out to censor disfavored views specifically related to the COVID-19 vaccine. Major themes they actively censored included "liberty," "health freedom," and various religious claims. Opposition to vaccine mandates and vaccine passports were also silenced across platforms, giving the appearance of mass consent and compliance to these policies throughout the digital public square.

Once more, major voices were silenced, including Tucker Carlson, Candace Owens, America's Frontline Doctors, Simone Gold, Breitbart News, One American News Network, Fox News, The Daily Wire, and others. Over a period of seven months, the "Virality Project" was able to

monitor 6.7 million social media "engagements" per week for over 200 million total. During that same window, it reported 174 "tickets" tracking vaccine-related narratives for censorship, and actively worked with Surgeon General Vivek Murthy to brainstorm further censorship strategies while simultaneously pushing his "Health Advisory" filter on American speech.

To best comprehend the scope of these efforts, it is important to understand that during the COVID-19 pandemic, Facebook alone had over 3 billion users worldwide with 124 million users in the U.S. It was used by 66% of U.S. adults, while 23% used its sister platform Instagram. Twitter, at the time, had over 340 million users worldwide with 70 million users in the U.S. It is estimated that roughly 500 million tweets were posted daily during the pandemic. Similarly, YouTube boasted 500 hours of content uploaded every minute and 4 billion hours of video viewed every month. The video streaming platform is used by 72% of U.S. adults.

With these statistics in mind, it becomes all the more startling that the White House was able to successfully induce YouTube to reduce "watch time by 70% on 'borderline' content." The White House Director of Digital Strategy, Robert Flaherty, called this suppression of speech "impressive." Facebook, on the other hand, "provided more than $30 million in ad credits to help governments…reach people" while also collaborating with the White House to amplify government messaging. As for the EIP, "35% of URLs shared with Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, and YouTube were either labeled, removed, or soft blocked…the four major platforms all had high response rates to [their] tickets."

With such success found in the past, and so few consequences for these behaviors, it is highly unlikely that such censorship activities will simply cease on their own. Even the FBI got involved, consistently warning social media platforms of "hack-and-dump" and "hack-and-leak" operations so that the companies would change their content-moderation policies in preparation for such an event. However, FBI Special Agent Elvis Chan admitted that they "had not seen anything…[and] were not aware of any hack-and-leak operations that were forthcoming or impending." Nevertheless, when *The New York Post* published a story exposing the truth about Hunter Biden's infamous laptop, unsurprisingly social media companies immediately deemed it a "hack-and-dump" operation and quickly censored the story. Such shameless abuses by public officials and our intelligence community cannot continue.

That is why there must be consequences for this unlawful conduct, which must include the termination of federal employment and forfeiture of retirement benefits for those who have betrayed their oaths of office by silencing what the White House has characterized as the "low quality speech" of our fellow Americans. I applaud this Chamber's recent passage of the *Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act*, a bill designed to impose disciplinary and monetary sanctions on federal employees and high-level officials who censor private parties. I appreciate Chairman Jordan's leadership on that bill. It is a good first step in addressing this pervasive problem; but more effective reforms are necessary if we are to stop this blatant disregard for our Constitution and the freedom of speech.

I encourage Congress to also pass legislation to expand civil liability against such officials and their co-conspirators by creating a specific cause of action for monetary damages against them, including punitive damages, for censoring other Americans. And egregious violators, including high-level officials, must be subject to criminal sanctions for their flagrant violations. To that end, I call on Congress to pass legislation that criminalizes censorship by federal actors. These comprehensive measures are essential to preventing large-scale constitutional violations of Americans' First Amendment rights.

And in the spirit of the First Amendment, I am also attaching a unique document created by our office titled *Censorship Enterprise: The Future Is Now* to provide this Chamber and the American public with a better idea of the worldview, beliefs, and actions of those who have engaged in this censorship scheme. It also offers an additional summary of the findings in our case, *Louisiana and Missouri v. Biden et al.*, No. 3:22-cv-01213 (W.D. La. filed May 5, 2022), pending in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.

We look forward to further discussion, and more importantly, action on this issue in the very near future.

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Our Mission

Our enterprise spans almost every government institution and includes some of the most relentless bureaucrats in the country working together with private businesses to achieve a cohesive and uniform "cognitive infrastructure."

It is our view that the thoughts, ideas, and beliefs of the American public are critical infrastructure to the nation. As such, they must be tended with care, whether that's related to elections, health information, or even respect for our leaders. It is even more important that such efforts be made across all channels and all devices, so that content removed from one platform cannot suddenly appear on another.

That is why our collaboration with federal agencies and Silicon Valley have prioritized the homogenization of the public square through great effort - to protect the public from information that is not in their best interest. As Director of Digital Strategy Robert Flaherty once warned YouTube, " this is a concern that is shared at the highest (and I mean highest) levels of the White House."

To address such forms of "wrong-think," our organization is constantly learning, adapting, building, and addressing the fluid nature of our cognitive assets. As a result, we have successfully squashed oceans of mis-, dis-, and mal-information that threatens the status quo. Within this guide, you will see how our censorship practices have chilled American speech and how we intend to expand our practices in the future.

Our Campaigns

""Pushing the platforms to do stuff" is easier when they face "huge potential regulatory impact," according to Alex Stamos of the Election Integrity Partnership (EIP). Still, we believe in a multi-faceted approach, from Congressional hearings and anti-trust scrutiny to threats of civil liability and criminal prosecution, when using our skills of persuasion. Here are our general strategies for controlling social media platforms:

01. Encouragement

We cannot understate the importance of public pressure to conform when it comes to bending social media companies into compliance. We use a combination of public appeals and open encouragement to share data, internal reports, and proof of censorship for theoretical rewards.

02. Coercion

Veiled threats, public pressure, angry meetings, and private encounters best described as "tense" are used to enforce compliance with censorship goals. We often threaten adverse legal consequences, such as the reform or repeal of Section 230's liability shield, for best results.

03. Deception

We also use false information to induce social media companies to censor speech on our behalf. This tactic is best explored through our three included case studies, including work by the Surgeon General, Drs. Fauci and Collins, and the FBI in collaboration with CISA.

Our System

We find that working together in true collaboration produces the best results. That is why our Censorship Enterprise stays in constant connection to cover all content creation and spread.

Here's how federal agencies participate in this collective effort:

The Centers for Disease Control

Using CrowdTangle and other social media listening tools, the CDC - in collaboration with the Census Bureau - monitor disfavored speech on platforms and flag content to be censored. Through this channel, we are even given privileged access to Facebook's internal data to monitor private speech, as the CDC is recognized by social media platforms as the premier fact checker for health content, enabling speech to be censored and "debunked" on a variety of topics from VAERS to childhood vaccines.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation

The FBI routinely sends agents, especially from its Foreign Influence Task Force (FITF) to meet with social media platforms, along with Apple, regarding information to be censored. In addition, one to five times per month, the FBI sends lists to platforms through encrypted channels of "indicators" to be monitored. These include IP addresses, email accounts, social media accounts, website domain names, and file hash values to be flagged and silenced. While this is said to manage foreign influence, the truth is, the FBI flags massive amounts of domestic speech by ordinary Americans to protect our cognitive assets.

Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security

CISA not only has recurring meetings with social media companies but also hosts 'USG-Industry" meetings that bring federal agencies and platforms together in the lead up to elections. Moreover, this agency serves as the "switchboard" for routing disfavored information from state and local officials to the necessary social media company to ensure content-moderation policies are applied. CISA even directs election officials to additional programs funded by the agency to better enable flagging, fact-checking, and content reporting.

Global Engagement Center

As part of the U.S. State Department, the GEC also enjoys numerous meetings with social media platforms to discuss content moderation and enforce censorship. GEC's senior leadership meets with the companies quarterly, while a permanent liaison remains in Silicon Valley to ensure compliance.

National Institutes of Health

While the CDC is often treated as the final censorship authority over health-related information, it's important not to forget that the NIH and NIAID play a role in this as well. In collaboration with White House officials, this agency also flags posts, content, and accounts for censorship, including impersonation and parody accounts focused on Dr. Fauci. Moreover, the NIH provided the authority for the CDC to rate claims about the efficacy of Ivermectin to treat COVID-19 as "NOT ACCURATE" to procure further censorship.

Dealing with "The Gap"

As our enterprise continued to grow, we recognized a specific “gap” in resources. The situation was first recognized by team leader Brian Scully at CISA, then two cunning interns proposed a solution. The problem was, state and local officials were being prevented from identifying and flagging social media content affecting their jurisdictions. The interns suggested they form a separate organization known as the Election Integrity Partnership, or EIP, in order to “fill the gap of the things the government cannot do themselves,” such as further monitoring and censoring activities.

In response, CISA helped establish the EIP in collaboration with four anti-discrimination nonprofits: Stanford Internet Observatory, the University of Washington’s Center for an Informed Public, Graphika, and the Atlantic Council’s Digital Forensic Lab. Major stakeholders, who continue to provide information into the EIP’s “Intake Queue” for censorship, include CISA, the CISA-funded EI-ISAC, and the GEC. And through its ticketing system, the EIP can do far more than censor specific posts or accounts. Instead, it can flag entire themes and narratives for censorship, encompassing potentially millions of posts related to domestic, grassroots speech by American citizens.

As a result, “super spreaders” such as Jim Hoft, President Trump, Fox News Host Sean Hannity, and Breitbart News have all effectively been censored. Such important work continues to this day through a grant from the U.S. National Science Foundation and federal funding from the Atlantic Council. The EIP remains in constant collaboration with CISA, its clearinghouse known as the EI-IASC, and various organizations at the state and local level, including the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS) and the National Association of State Election Directors (NASED).

The Virality Project

In 2021, the EIP outgrew its original purpose, which required a rebranding as "The Virality Project." Under this new moniker, the same teams, along with a few new non-profits, were able to turn their attention to disfavored views related to the COVID-19 vaccine. Through this work, the group was able to successfully censor themes related to liberty, "health freedom," and religious claims. Opposition to vaccine mandates and vaccine passports were also silenced across all platforms.

But this new approach required more aggressive strategies, which is why the Virality Project was grateful for the support of government partners and federal health agencies, as well as state and local public health officials to provide tips and flag questionable content. Through these collaborations, we were able to censor viral videos, target recurring actors, and silence big names such as Alex Berenson, Tucker Carlson, Candace Owens, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., America's Frontline Doctors, Simone Gold, Dr. Joseph Mercola, and others. We were also able to censor Breitbart News, One American News Network, Fox News, and The Daily Wire.

All in all, over a period of seven months, we were able to monitor about 6.7 million social media "engagements" per week - that's over 200 million total. We also reported 174 "tickets" tracking vaccine-related narratives and themes for censorship while working with the Surgeon General to not only "brainstorm" and coordinate but also push his perspectives with great success.

Managing Ecosystems

When it comes to something as unruly as the human mind, or even human curiosity, sometimes you must control the ecosystems of information they have access to. In the following case studies, you'll see how our Censorship Enterprise successfully managed public, private, and academic sources of information to achieve our desired results.

01. The Surgeon General

Between his Health Advisory demanding censorship and calls for government-imposed safety standards, or "speed limits," Dr. Vivek Murthy has blazed a path forward for silencing dissent.

02. The NIAID/NIH

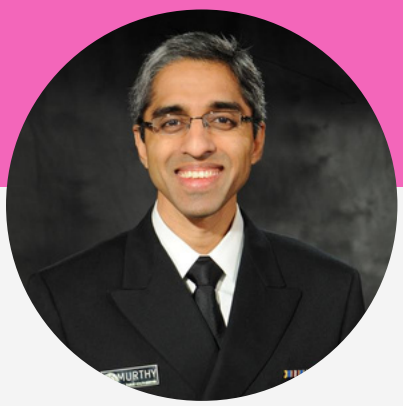
By working with major patrons, notable publications, and mass media, Dr. Fauci and Dr. Collins were able to hoodwink social media leaders with a manufactured scientific consensus.

03. THE FBI

By repeatedly warning social media companies of imminent "hack-and-leak" operations, agents persuaded leaders to adjust their policies for the swift and agile takedown of content as needed.

"The Bully Pulpit"

Coordinating closely with the White House, Surgeon General Vivek Murthy and his staff were able to successfully use their “Bully Pulpit” to pressure social media companies to censor disfavored viewpoints related to health, including disfavored speech on vaccines for children ages 5-11. Murthy publicly hammered the companies, especially Facebook, demanding “aggressive action” against “super spreaders" and disfavored speakers; but he also used “closed-door meetings” to place significant pressure on companies to provide biweekly reports demonstrating their increase in censorship and enforcement. Murthy even issued a formal Request for Information (RFI) as a way to threaten regulation if the companies did not comply.



"The time for excuses and half measures is long past."

-Surgeon General Vivek Murthy

Lab-Leak Case Study

It took 47 days from start to finish for the team at the NIH/NIAID to address concerns that SARS-CoV-2 "looks...engineered." In collaboration with some of the most influential patrons of Science™, Dr. Anthony Fauci and Dr. Francis Collins were able to mostly discredit the theory that the COVID-19 pandemic began with the serial passage through humanized mice in the Wuhan laboratory funded by the NIAID.

After becoming aware of the lab-leak theory, Dr. Fauci soon contacted his deputy, attaching a paper about the “SARS Gain of Function” research the NIAID had funded in Wuhan. The next day, a confidential conference call took place. From there, two Scientists™ on the call, Eddie Holmes and Kristian Andersen, began drafting a Scientific™ paper for publication to decisively refute the lab-leak theory. After seven drafts were reviewed by Dr. Fauci, “The Proximal Origin of SARS-CoV-2", was published in Nature Magazine on March 17, 2020.

The paper was soon branded as "one of the best-read papers in the history of Science™" and was quickly put to use across the national media landscape, refuting the lab-leak as a racist "conspiracy theory." As a result of this prominent placement with notable gatekeepers, social media companies were led to believe that the refutation of the lab-leak theory was scientific consensus, rather than carefully crafted damage control. Therefore, these same companies responded by aggressively censoring the theory well into 2021.

Thanks to these quick and effective efforts, both the NIH and NIAID were able to deflect responsibility for years while simultaneously shaming anyone who stated otherwise. It was a pattern of deception that would continue to pay dividends throughout the pandemic.

The Fauci/Collins Model

Using the realm of academia and The Science™ to their advantage, both Dr. Fauci and Dr. Collins were able to deceive social media companies into blind yet aggressive compliance.

Step One: **Assess the damage, i.e. lab-leak theory.**

- Cryptic emails
- Conference Calls
- Use Your Network

Step Two: **Muddy the water with brand recognition.**

- Include WHO
- Tag the CDC
- Go High-Profile

Step Three: **Discredit anyone who says otherwise.**

- Shame
- Condescend
- Censor

By creating the false appearance of scientific consensus using big name publications and major media outlets, Dr. Fauci and Dr. Collins were able to effectively procure the censorship of disfavored viewpoints on social media, not through threats or coercion in this case, but purely through deceit - a method that should not be overlooked when applicable.

Other Deceptions

Hydroxychloroquine

Dr. Fauci used a retracted scientific study in The Lancet to create a public campaign against the drug hydroxychloroquine, which many physicians in the field had used successfully to treat coronavirus. Using similar tactics as before to imply scientific consensus, Fauci used the deeply flawed study to insist that the "scientific data is really quite evident now about the lack of efficacy" and called dissenting doctors "a bunch of people spouting something that isn't true." As a result, he was able to successfully suppress use of the drug that has now been proven effective.

Mask Efficacy

Widespread social media censorship was also used in the case for masks, after Dr. Fauci unequivocally endorsed universal masking in early April 2020.

The Great Barrington Declaration

Dr. Fauci and Dr. Collins were able to inflict a "quick and devastating...take down" of actual scientific consensus against aggressive lockdowns, which both Scientists™ preferred. In their public campaign, they called scientific orthodoxy for pandemic response "appalling," "nonsense," and "very dangerous." It was thus censored.

Alex Berenson

In collaboration with the White House, Dr. Fauci was able to not only silence Berenson on major social media channels, but was also successful in having him permanently deplatformed from Twitter for criticizing Fauci's vaccine for COVID-19.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

It always pays to be prepared, which is why the FBI carefully seeded concerns of "hack-and-dump" and "hack-and-leak" operations across all major social media platforms. That way, when something did happen, the public square would be ready.

Till the Soil	Plant Seeds	Nurture Growth
Repeat warnings about imminent threats that do not exist (yet).	Prepare companies for compliance by consistently keeping them on "high alert."	Encourage companies to update content-moderation policies as needed.

According to FBI Special Agent Elvis Chan:

"From our standpoint we had not seen anything...we were not aware of any hack-and-leak operations that were forthcoming or impending."

Proof is in the Pudding

When the Hunter Biden laptop story broke on October 14, 2020, social media platforms were able to quickly and decisively censor the New York Post article as if it were related to a hack-and-dump scheme.

Our Successes

The White House Director of Digital Strategy, Robert Flaherty, had high praise for YouTube after the social media platform admitted to reducing "watch time by 70% on 'borderline' content." The FBI, on the other hand, has claimed a "50% success rate in getting platforms to censor content flagged as misinformation."

In addition, Facebook collaborated with the White House to amplify government messaging, then "provided more than $30 million in ad credits to help governments...reach people."

Finally, EIP boasted that "35% of the URLs shared with Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok and YouTube were either labeled, removed, or soft blocked," adding that "the four major platforms we worked with all had high response rates to our tickets."

But those are mere metrics in a churning sea of content that has been successfully corralled by our tactics, effectively stifling debate and criticism of government policy on social media.

Here are a few of our notable successes:

- Successfully convinced platforms to censor "borderline" content that did not violate their policies
- Stifled grassroots comedy by censoring parody accounts
- Crushed COVID-19 vaccine dissent, especially for children
- Convinced the platforms to share regular reports on their internal workings (and when Facebook in one instance requested permission to stop sending biweekly “Covid Insights Report” to the White House, that request was denied)
- Successfully deplatformed and censored the Disinformation Dozen
- Censored Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Tucker Carlson, and Tomi Lahren
- Controlled election integrity actions and speech
- Turned the public on social media companies themselves by suggesting their non-compliance was "killing people"

Our Future

We at Censorship Enterprise are excited for the future, which is now upon us. Over the coming months, we will be expanding our focus to some of these new and exciting areas:

- Climate disinformation
- Abortion-related speech
- Gendered disinformation
- Economic policy
- Medication abortion
- Anti-discrimination
- The origins of COVID-19
- The U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan
- Racial justice
- The nature of U.S. support for Ukraine
- The financial-services industry

REALITY CHECK

If this document disturbed you, that is because these activities are in direct violation of the First Amendment. Furthermore, this is but a snippet of the overwhelming evidence we have of collusion and conspiracy between the federal government and social media platforms to censor speech. In response, we believe that Congress should bring the federal bureaucracy to heel.

We must hold federal employees, contractors, and their agents accountable for violating the First Amendment. Congress should pass legislation to mandate the termination of any federal employee who knowingly deprives a person of their First Amendment rights while in the course and scope of their employment, including forfeiture of their retirement benefits (and other monetary rewards, such as patent royalties). Congress should also enact legislation to provide for civil and criminal liability for such conduct.

For additional reading and evidence related to this sprawling federal censorship enterprise, see **Missouri and Louisiana v. Biden et al**, No. 3:22-cv-01213 (W.D. La. filed May 5, 2022), pending in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.

Because ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

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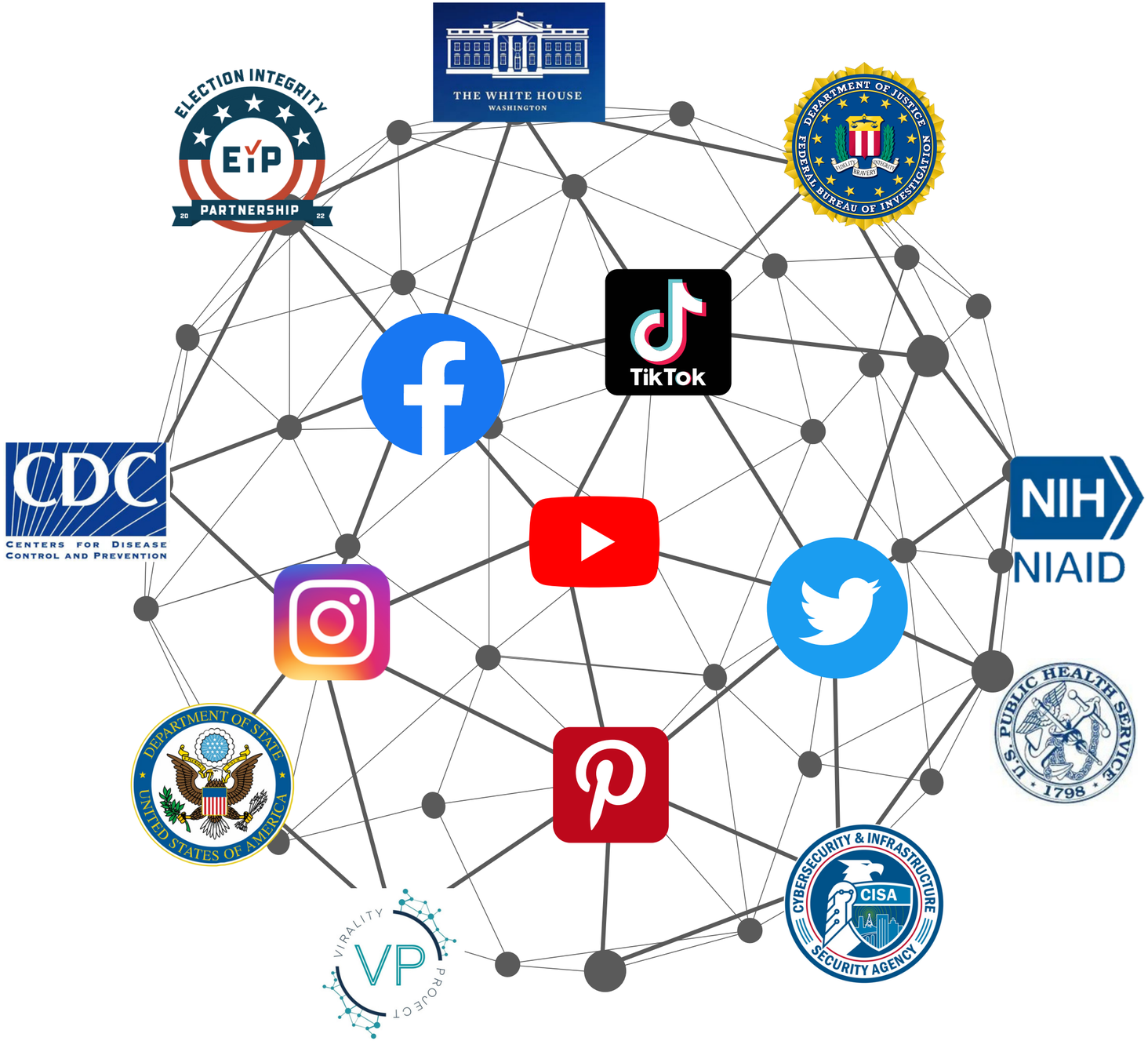


The Numbers

During the COVID-19 Pandemic

FACEBOOK
3 Billion users worldwide
124 million users in the U.S.
Used by 66% of U.S. Adults (23% used Instagram)

TWITTER
340 million users worldwide
70 million users in the U.S.
500 million tweets posted daily

YOUTUBE
Used by 72% of U.S. Adults
500 hours of content uploaded every minute
4 billion hours of video viewed every month

The Methods

"Pushing the platforms to do stuff" is easier when they face "huge potential regulatory impact."

– Alex Stamos of the Election Integrity Partnership (EIP)

01. Encouragement

Use public pressure to conform and bend social media companies into compliance through a combination of public appeals and open encouragement to share data, internal reports, and proof of censorship for theoretical rewards.

02. Coercion

Veiled threats, public pressure, angry meetings, and private encounters best described as "tense" are often used to enforce compliance with censorship goals. Adverse legal consequences, such as the reform or repeal of Section 230's liability shield, are often threatened.

03. Deception

The Surgeon General, Drs. Fauci and Collins, and the FBI in collaboration with CISA used false information to induce social-media companies to censor speech.

The Results

Through unconstitutional actions, federal employees, contractors, and others have effectively stifled debate and criticism of government policy on social media.

70%

Due to White House Pressure...

YouTube reduced watch time of "borderline" content (not violating existing content policies) by 70%

50%

The FBI boasted...

They had a 50% success rate in getting social media platforms to censor content it flagged

35%

The EIP/Virality Project bragged...

That 35% of all URLs shared with Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, and YouTube were either labeled, removed or soft blocked

The Effect

Millions of Americans have had their voices silenced, including some of the bigger names within the public square.

Tucker Carlson

Tomi Lahren

Candace Owens

Robert Kennedy Jr.

Jill Hines

Alex Berenson

Also censored: The Great Barrington Declaration, The New York Post, Breitbart, One American News, and more

Future Censorship Plans

- Climate disinformation
- Abortion-related speech
- Gendered disinformation
- Economic policy
- Medication abortion
- Anti-discrimination
- The origins of COVID-19
- The U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan
- Racial justice
- The nature of U.S. support for Ukraine
- The financial-services industry

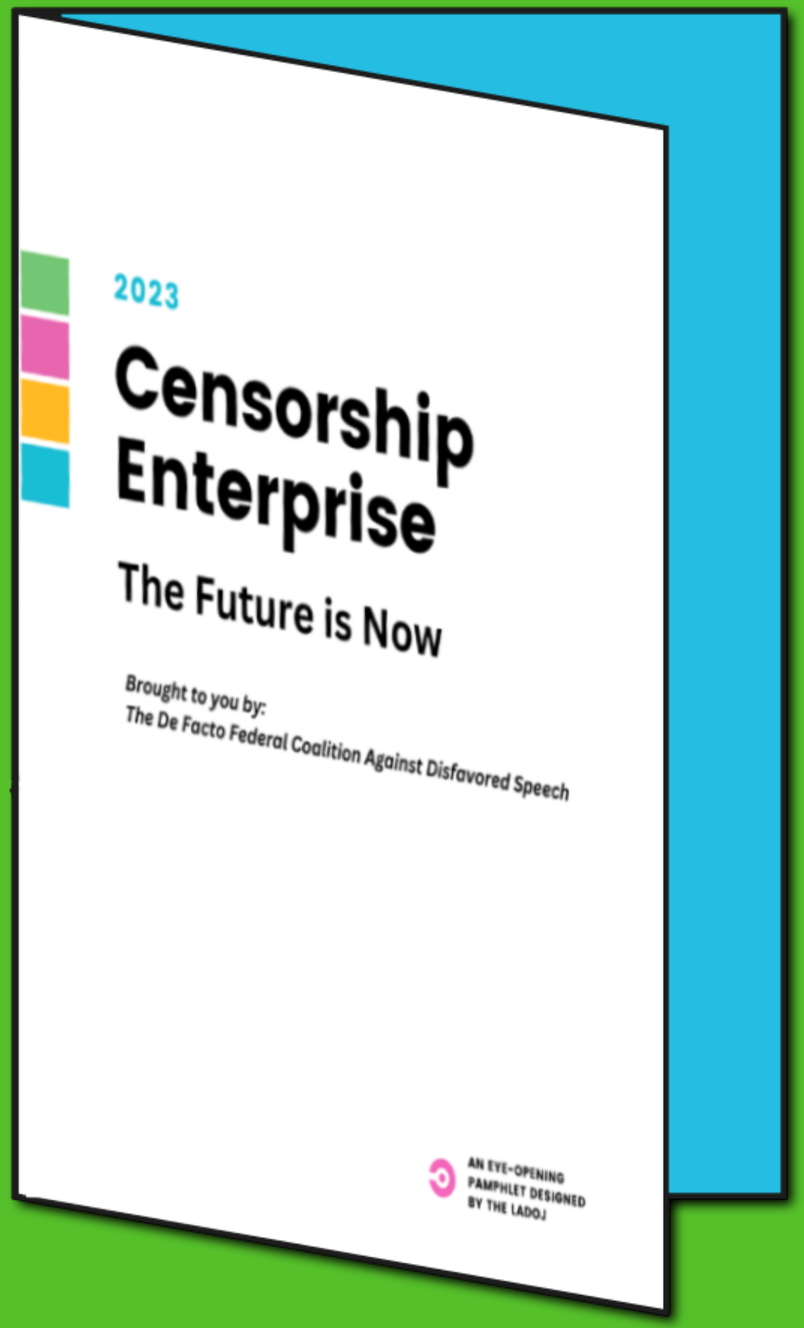
What can be done?

Bring the federal bureaucracy to heel.

We must hold federal employees, contractors, and their agents accountable for violating the First Amendment. Congress should:

- **Pass legislation to mandate the termination of any federal employee who knowingly deprives a person of their First Amendment rights while in the course and scope of their employment, including forfeiture of their retirement benefits (and other monetary rewards, such as patent royalties)**

- **Enact legislation to provide for civil and criminal liability for such conduct**



Read Our Pamphlet

in the spirit of the First Amendment, we are sharing our “satirical” pamphlet **Censorship Enterprise: The Future is Now**, so that every American can read highlights from our lawsuit and experience our findings for themselves – through the lens of those who seek to censor your voice. By sharing this, we hope to shine a light on the activities of those who wish to deceive and finally tilt the scales back towards the truth.

Additional Reading

For additional reading and evidence related to the sprawling federal censorship enterprise, see Missouri and Louisiana v. Biden et al, No. 3:22-cv-01213 (W.D. La. filed May 5, 2022), pending in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana.

Because ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.