



## Where is America Heading?

## News:

After purchasing Twitter for \$44 billion, Elon Musk has released internal tweets, called the 'Twitter Files' about the company's censorship of US conservatives. Fox news reported on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December that: "Republicans ramp up investigation into Twitter, Facebook on collusion with Biden admin to censor speech... in violation of the U.S. Constitution." Republicans want an investigation into reports that "social media companies acted on behest of government agencies and officials when removing, restricting, or disclaiming content".

## Comment:

The US is deeply divided about the Twitter Files as it is about so much else. The liberal left media are ignoring the story and the Biden administration is distracting people with new legislation reaffirming gay marriage and media events at the White House with queer drag queens. The conservative media on the other hand is getting ready for war. They are focusing on two issues.

First, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) was in constant communication with Twitter and Facebook during the 2020 US election campaign and the result of these meetings was censorship of news that would harm the Biden campaign. Twitter blocked the circulation of a news story from the New York Post on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 titled: "Smoking-gun email reveals how Hunter Biden introduced Ukrainian businessman to VP dad". The Post released emails extracted from Hunter Biden's laptop that showed how he benefited a Ukrainian company that was paying him a \$50,000 monthly salary: "Dear Hunter, thank you for inviting me to DC and giving an opportunity to meet your father..." Less than 8 months after that meeting, according to the post, "the then-vice president admittedly pressured Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko and Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk into getting rid of Prosecutor General Viktor Shokin by threatening to withhold a \$1 billion US loan guarantee during a December 2015 trip to Kiev."

In April, Musk stated: "Free speech is the bedrock of a functioning democracy, and Twitter is the digital town square where matters vital to the future of humanity are debated." The "Twitter Files" show for the first time exactly how the social media platform was working with the deep state to censor conservatives under false pretexts. Trump was banned from Twitter soon after losing the election, which was known to everyone, but know the inner workings of how many conservative voices were secretly silenced by 'shadow banning' where their accounts remained, but their posts were made less visible and stopped from spreading widely.

The second issue to spark outrage amongst conservatives is that the person in twitter who was responsible for deciding whose accounts or tweets to censor was a man who once wrote: "I enjoy having the kinds of meetings where googling "gay bareback porn" is considered academic work." Sep 24, 2012. Yoel Roth was appointed as Global Head of Trust & Safety at Twitter until Musk fired him and released his internal correspondence. Musk accused him of failing to protect children: "It is a crime that they refused to take action on child exploitation for years!" Roth has subsequently had to run away from his house because of enraged Americans trying to bring him to account. Conservatives such as Steven Crowder, who has 5.91M subscribers, are saying "this guy is telling people that child porn should be acceptable –and we're supposed to feel bad for him? Come on guys, there is not going to be a civilization left to protect unless you put your foot down."

Yoel's major qualification for his job at Twitter was a Ph.D. that he was awarded in 2016 in which he wrote: "..it's worth considering how, if at all, the current generation of popular sites of gay networked sociability might fit into an overall queer social landscape that increasingly includes individuals under the age of 18... Rather than merely trying to absolve themselves of legal responsibility or, worse, trying to drive out teenagers entirely, service providers should instead focus on crafting safety strategies that can accommodate a wide variety of use cases for platforms like Grindr –including, possibly, their role in safely connecting queer young adults." Roth joined the "trust and safety" team in 2015 where he tweeted later that year: "Twitter will live to porn another day!" –Thing I just yelled loudly at work."

US conservatives are outraged at people like Yoel Roth being appointed to highly sensitive positions on the basis of their so-called non-binary gender affirmation or their sexual orientation. Also in the news there is: "Biden's sticky-fingered nuclear waste staffer Sam Brinton eyeballs the camera in new mugshot as he appears in court following SECOND arrest for stealing woman's airport luggage." As the liberal agenda moves forward and erodes civilization, as we used to know it, even the language is changing. The Cambridge Dictionary now defines a woman as: "an adult who lives and identifies as female though they may have been said to have a different sex at birth."

The power of hidden forces to dictate the dissemination of ideas and the choices people make is not a new revelation, but the Twitter Files add something new. A few multi-billion dollar companies now have monolithic power to promote one political opinion at the expense of another, and it was only another billionaire with \$44 billion to spend who could expose it.

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