

BIG TECH, CENSORSHIP, & DATA TASK FORCE

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House Republicans will fight Big Tech's censorship by proposing conservative solutions to promote freedom of speech for all political viewpoints and support and preserve a marketplace that rewards innovation and competition.

Scrap 230 and Start Over and Hold Big Tech Accountable for Political Bias

House Republicans will scrap Section 230 protections for Big Tech behemoths and subject them to liability and accountability for the suppression of speech while retaining Section 230 protections for new entrants and small businesses. House Republicans will also prevent bias against certain political emails by email services.

- **More Speech, Not Less:**

- Narrows liability protection to incentivize companies to leave up most constitutionally protected speech;
- Removes discretion and ambiguity currently exploited to censor conservatives;
- Holds Big Tech accountable for content they promote, amplify, or edit;
- Requires quarterly filings detailing Big Tech's censorship decisions and actions;
- Sunsets these more narrow liability protections to ensure Congress keeps pace with technology and provide a mechanism to consistently review Big Tech's behavior;
- Prohibits the government or its officials from forcing, coercing, or suggesting private companies censor individuals' free speech; and
- Conditions Big Tech's new, more narrow liability protections on not censoring media outlets to prevent Big Tech from meddling in future elections as they did by censoring the New York Post Hunter Biden laptop story.

- **Recourse for Americans if Censored:**

- Pre-notification: Big Tech must notify users if they believe their content violates the company's rules prior to censoring, which includes suspending or banning user accounts.
- After receiving notice, users can adjust their content, choose to delete it, or challenge Big Tech's decision.
 - If a user decides to challenge the decision, Big Tech must decide on the same day and ensure a real person can be reached for assistance.
 - If Big Tech censors the user, then the user may petition their State Attorney General to bring legal action on their behalf.



- **Crack Down on Political Bias in Email Algorithms:**

- Prevent email services from using filtering algorithms to on emails from federal political campaigns and campaign committees unless the user marks them as spam.
- Increase transparency over email services use of algorithms for political emails by requiring periodic disclosures to political campaigns and committees related to percentage of emails flagged as spam, number of emails that reach inboxes, and an explanation of why certain emails did not reach a user's inbox.

- **App Stores:**

- Ensure app stores are not engaging in unfair or deceptive practices against developers without expansive anti-trust authorities for Chair Lina Khan.

Preserve Market for Competition

House Republicans will ensure new entrants are not crushed by incumbent players by preserving a market in which companies can grow, innovate, and compete.

- **Web Services:**

- Preserve innovation on the Internet and access to certain web hosting services by ensuring a handful of companies cannot remove new competitors from the Internet.

- **Strengthen Anti-Trust Review and Enforcement:**

- Provide expedited process with direct appeals to the Supreme Court; and
- Empower State Attorneys General to help in the fight against Big Tech.