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FOX NEWS

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WARNING: Graphic footage— Hudson Institute senior fellow Miles Yu claims America's biggest leverage against the Chinese Communist Party is 'direct, candid conversations' with the Chinese people on 'One Nation with Brian Kilmeade.'

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Musk Says Twitter Suppressed Free Speech Under Orders From Government

By Tom Ozimek

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[Elon Musk](#) suggested that Twitter was acting under government orders to suppress [free speech](#), with his remarks coming hot on the heels of the release of a trove of documents that lift the lid on some of the social media platform's censorship machinations around the 2020 presidential election.

“Twitter acting by itself to suppress free speech is not a 1st amendment violation, but acting under orders from the government to suppress free speech, with no judicial review, is,” Musk said in a [tweet late Friday](#).

Musk's remarks came in the context of Friday's [unveiling of a series](#) of internal Twitter communications that give insight into steps taken by staff at the social media platform around suppressing the New York Post's explosive Hunter Biden laptop story.

‘Free Speech Suppression’

After earlier [teasing the imminent disclosure](#) of Twitter's internal files on the company's “free speech suppression,” Musk on Friday shared a thread from independent journalist Matt Taibbi, who [detailed a series](#) of internal Twitter communications that give insight into various actions taken by staff at the social media platform, including around suppressing the Hunter Biden laptop story.

The Epoch Times has not been able to independently verify the content of the disclosures published by Taibbi and shared by Musk.

In one of [his posts](#), Taibbi shared a screengrab of an internal Twitter email dated Oct. 24, 2020, which appears to show a Twitter executive sharing a list of five tweets allegedly identified by people from the campaign of then-candidate Joe Biden, a Democrat.

Taibbi wrote in a comment: “By 2020, requests from connected actors to delete tweets were routine. One executive would write to another: ‘More to review from the Biden team.’ The reply would come back: ‘Handled.’”

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— **Matt Taibbi (@mtaibbi)** [December 2, 2022](#)

Musk replied to Taibbi’s tweet with the word “Handled” followed by three “fire” emojis. He later responded to his own post with the statement: **“If this isn’t a violation of the Constitution’s First Amendment, what is?”**

The Twitter account @hodgetwins, ran by a pair of conservative comedians, [reacted to](#) Musk’s tweet: “It 100 percent is, collusion between govt. and big tech to violate the First Amendment.”

That prompted Musk to respond and say that Twitter as a private entity acting on its own to suppress free speech isn’t a First Amendment violation, but “acting under orders from the government to suppress free speech, with no judicial review, is.”

The First Amendment guarantees protections for freedom of speech, press, assembly, and religion.

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances,” states the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The Epoch Times has reached out to the White House for comment on Musk’s remarks about Twitter suppressing free speech under orders from the government.

‘Talk to the Trump Administration’

Some Twitter users pushed back on Musk’s claim that Twitter’s actions amounted to a First Amendment violation by pointing out that, at the time, former President Donald Trump was in power, not Biden.

“You should talk to the Trump administration about it since he was president at the time,” the @MuellerSheWrote [account wrote](#), with a [number of](#) prominent Twitter users making essentially the same argument.

Lawyer Jenna Ellis, who represented the 2020 Trump campaign, pushed back on the idea that just because Biden wasn’t in power at the time that pressure on Twitter staff from the “Biden team” can’t be considered a First Amendment violation.

“Lol RIP the replies that assume every elected office was Republican controlled in 2020... ‘government’ is more than one branch and one office, kids,” she [wrote in a tweet](#).

Ellis suggested that the Twitter disclosures also vindicate Trump’s long-standing claims that big tech firm put their collective finger on the scale to influence the 2020 presidential election in favor of his rival.

“Trump was right. This was literally the basis of his lawsuit against Big Tech,” Ellis said in a [separate tweet](#).

Ellis was referring to Trump’s [lawsuit against](#) Twitter, Facebook, and Google after the firms suspended his social media accounts over his comments after the Jan. 6 Capitol incident.

“It’s destroying the country,” Trump said at the time, referring to social media’s alleged control over political discourse in the United States.

Twitter, Facebook, and Google stated in January that they had banned Trump over his claims that the Nov. 3 election was stolen and alleged that he contributed to the Jan. 6 violence.

After taking over Twitter, Musk reinstated a number of suspended accounts, including Trump’s.

While the former president has yet to make any posts on Twitter, he took to Truth Social to comment on the Twitter Files revelations.

‘Various Forms of Government Fraud’

Trump said in a [post on Truth Social](#) that the Twitter disclosures should be seen as proof that Big Tech engaged in actions meant to influence the outcome of the 2020 election.

“Wow! That’s a really big story about Twitter and various forms of government Fraud including, specifically, Election Fraud,” Trump wrote.

“I am glad that everyone is now seeing the light on what I have been saying loud and clear for the last two years, that the 2020 Presidential Election was rigged and stolen by a combination of Democrats, Big Tech, ‘law enforcement,’ and other bad actors,” wrote the former president.

“The same level of Fraud took place with the other Big Tech companies, if not even worse (if that’s possible?),” Trump continued, adding, “We are living in a VERY CORRUPT COUNTRY.”

Congressional Inquiry

Meanwhile, the top Republican on the House Oversight Committee said that Twitter staff involved in suppressing the Hunter Biden laptop story ahead of the 2020 presidential elections will face Congress and testify about their actions.

Rep. James Comer (R-Ky.), the GOP ranking member on the Committee, made the remarks in a Friday appearance on Fox News after Musk shared Taibbi’s thread exposing some of the inner workings of Twitter’s censorship machine.

“Every employee at Twitter who was involved in suppressing the Hunter Biden laptop story will have an opportunity to come before Congress and explain their actions to the American people,” Comer told program host Sean Hannity.

Republicans have long accused Twitter—and some media outlets—of suppressing the Hunter Biden laptop story, which included reporting that bolstered claims that the president lied when he said he had no involvement in his son’s overseas business dealings.

‘Marking This as Unsafe’

In order to suppress the Hunter Biden report, Twitter executives marked it as “unsafe,” limiting its spread and even blocking it from being directly shared via the platform’s direct message function, Taibbi said in comments on the disclosures.

Taibbi noted that such extreme restrictions were reserved for content such as child pornography.

Messages between executives in Twitter’s communications and policy departments, shared by Taibbi in [screenshots](#), show some confusion about the actions taken, with a communications executive writing: **“I’m struggling to understand the policy basis for marking this as unsafe.”**

The disclosures show that both Democrats and Republicans had access to Twitter’s censorship system and each side lodged various requests and complaints with the social media platform’s staff. But because of Twitter employees’ predominantly left-leaning political convictions, Democrats had more avenues to press their case, Taibbi said.

‘Just The Beginning’

Comer, in his interview on Fox News, said that “this story is just the beginning,” adding that “we’re going to have every single person at Twitter that was involved in this in front of the House Oversight Committee as soon as possible.”

The Epoch Times has reached out to Twitter with a request for comment on Comer’s remarks.

In his thread, Taibbi noted that there was “much more to come” and promised answers to questions around issues like “shadow-banning, boosting, follower counts, the fate of various individual accounts, and more.”

Musk [said](#) a second “episode” of the disclosures would be released on Saturday.

Caden Pearson contributed to this report.

EPOCH TIMES

FBI Coordination With Big Tech Censorship Ahead of 2020 Election Revealed in Agent Deposition, Missouri AG Says

By Petr Svab

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Officials from the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security frequently met with major social media companies ahead of the 2020 election and pointed out users and pieces of content for removal, according to information from a deposition of a senior FBI agent revealed by a state Attorney General.

“We found that the FBI plays a big role in working with social media companies to censor speech—from weekly meetings with social media companies ahead of the 2020 election to asks for account takedowns,” said Missouri Attorney General [Eric Schmitt](#) in a Dec. 2 [series of tweets](#), three days after deposing Special Agent Elvis Chan, who is in charge of cyber affairs at the FBI San Francisco Field Office.

Chan has given major social media companies warnings that have led them to censor information about a laptop belonging to Hunter Biden, son of President Joe Biden, shortly before the election that put Biden in office, according to a lawsuit against the Biden administration led by Schmitt and Louisiana Attorney General [Jeff Landry](#).

The laptop contained information about Hunter Biden’s overseas dealings that appears to indicate attempts to sell access to his father, who at the time was vice president.

The suit alleges the administration violated the First Amendment by influencing social media to censor speech, including the laptop story. Some survey data suggests Biden might have lost the election if his voters were aware of the information.

Chan testified that he and officials from the FBI’s Foreign Influence Task Force and the DHS’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency were meeting social media officials on a quarterly, then monthly, and finally, weekly basis as the election approached, Schmitt said in his tweets.

“Chan stated that the FBI regularly sent social media companies lists of URLs and social media accounts that should be taken down because they were disinformation from ‘malign foreign influence operations,’” Schmitt said, adding that “on many occasions, the platforms took down the accounts flagged by the FBI.”

The FBI defended itself by suggesting it was merely providing the companies information about who’s doing the talking on their platforms.

“The FBI regularly engages with private sector entities to provide information specific to identified foreign malign influence actors’ subversive, undeclared, covert, or criminal activities,” the bureau said in a [statement](#) to Fox News.

“It is not based on the content of any particular message or narrative.”

Yet the attorneys general believe the FBI was specifically trying to suppress the Biden laptop story.

“Chan personally told the social media companies that there could potentially be a Russian ‘hack and leak’ operation shortly before the election,” Schmitt said.

Chan also referred to the operation as a “hack and dump,” an unnamed source in Schmitt’s office told Fox News.

“On information and belief, the FBI’s reference to a ‘dump’ of information was a specific reference to the contents of Hunter Biden’s laptop, which was already in the FBI’s possession,” the suit says.

The FBI argued the tech companies are censoring the content of their own accord.

“Private sector entities independently make decisions about what, if any, action they take on their platforms and for their customers after the FBI has notified them,” its statement said.

The deposition, however, indicated that the FBI saw to it that its [censorship](#) suggestions were acted upon.

After flagging some links and accounts “the FBI then inquired whether the platforms have taken down the content,” Schmitt said in the tweets.

There's also evidence that the companies felt compelled to act on the takedown requests because they were coming from the FBI.

"If the FBI... if they come to us and tell us we need to be on guard about something, then I want to take that seriously," said Mark Zuckerberg, the chief executive of Meta, formerly known as [Facebook](#), during an August interview with podcast host Joe Rogan.

The FBI told Facebook ahead of the election to be "on high alert" regarding something "similar" to "Russian propaganda" ahead of the 2016 election, Zuckerberg said.

"There's about to be some kind of dump... that's similar to that, so just be vigilant," he recounted the FBI message as saying.

Facebook then suppressed the Biden laptop story.

Zuckerberg said he couldn't remember if the FBI flagged the story specifically, but said it "basically fit the pattern" the FBI had identified.

[Twitter](#) suppressed the story under its policy against "hacked" information, even though there was no evidence the information was hacked.

There was some confusion among Twitter leadership on how the suppression was justified, [according to](#) internal Twitter communications obtained by independent journalist Matt Taibbi.

"I support the conclusion that we need more facts to assess whether the materials were hacked," said Twitter's then-Deputy General Counsel James Baker, former general counsel for the FBI, in an internal communication.

"At this stage, however, it is reasonable for us to assume that they may have been and that caution is warranted."

Chan's deposition was ordered last month by District Judge Terry Doughty, an appointee of President Donald Trump.

Chan "played a critical role for the FBI in coordinating with social-media platforms related to censorship," the Louisiana federal judge said.

The order meant a significant victory for Schmitt and Landry.

“Since filing our lawsuit, we’ve uncovered troves of discovery that show a massive ‘censorship enterprise,’” Schmitt said in a statement his office emailed to The Epoch Times.

“Now we’re deposing top government officials, and we’re one of the first to get a look under the hood—the information we’ve uncovered through those depositions has been shocking, to say the least. It’s clear from Tuesday’s deposition that the FBI has an extremely close role in working to censor freedom of speech. Stay tuned.”

Landry added: “Americans should be angered that during the 2020 election cycle, federal agencies peddled information that has since been disproven. Additionally, agencies like the FBI contacted social media platforms to censor free speech to ‘protect us’ from disinformation. This case is just one of the many steps we have taken to stand up for the First Amendment rights of our citizens. No American should be censored by the government.”

Correction: A previous version of this article didn’t specify at what time James Baker served as a deputy general counsel at Twitter. While Baker held this role at the time he made the comments in questions, he no longer serves in this role.

EPOCH TIMES

Elon Musk Claims ‘More Smoking Guns’ Are on the Way From Twitter

By Jack Phillips

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New [Twitter](#) CEO [Elon Musk](#) said that there will be “more smoking guns” after he and a journalist released “The Twitter Files” late last week that revealed how Twitter’s previous management censored a New York Post article about Hunter Biden before the 2020 election.

“We’re just [going to] put all the information out there try to get a clean slate we will be iteratively better and it will force other media companies to also be more truthful or else they’ll lose their readership,” Musk said Saturday during a Twitter Spaces event. There was, he added, “a very different standard applied to Republican candidates in the U.S. versus Democrat candidates” by the company’s management before he bought it two months ago.

Musk said he believes there are “more smoking guns” from Twitter that he wants to reveal. He did not elaborate.

“It’s frankly the behavior that is to be expected from an organization that is based in San Francisco which is far left,” Musk said in the Twitter Spaces event, according to media outlets over the past weekend.

Musk appeared to have provided the internal files to journalist Matt Taibbi, who released them Friday night, and former New York Times journalist Bari Weiss. Both operate Substack pages.

In a lengthy Twitter thread, Taibbi posted screenshots of internal conversations amongst Twitter employees that indicated certain posts were flagged for removal by members of the Democrat National Committee and then-candidate Joe Biden’s campaign.

“More to review from the Biden team,” the employee said, while another Twitter worker replied with “Handled these.”

Taibbi wrote that the move to censor the NY Post's report, which included blocking sharing of the article in direct messages, was "made at the highest levels of the company, but without the knowledge of CEO Jack Dorsey, with former head of legal, policy and trust Vijaya Gadde playing a key role."

After Musk purchased the company for \$44 billion, all of its top management departed or were reportedly fired. That included Gadde and former Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal.

But Taibbi said that there was "no evidence—that I've seen—of any government involvement in the laptop story," adding that "in fact, that might have been the problem."

"Some of the first tools for controlling speech were designed to combat the likes of spam and financial fraudsters. Slowly, over time, Twitter staff and executives began to find more and more uses for these tools. Outsiders began petitioning the company to manipulate speech as well: first a little, then more often, then constantly," Taibbi, a former Rolling Stone journalist who publishes articles for Substack.

Feedback

Former Twitter executive Yoel Roth, who recently departed the firm after Musk bought the social media platform in October, on Friday accused Musk and Taibbi of endangering the individuals who censored the Hunter Biden story. A number of left-wing journalists, meanwhile, sought to downplay the censorship apparatus that apparently had existed at Twitter.

Republicans cited the material as proof that Twitter attempted to censor or hide stories and posts that were unfavorable to Biden during the 2020 campaign.

"We're learning in real-time how Twitter colluded to silence the truth about Hunter Biden's laptop just days before the 2020 presidential election," House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) [wrote](#) on Twitter. The GOP, he said, would attempt to "get answers for the American people" next year when Republicans control the House.

When the New York Post's Hunter Biden story was published in October 2020, it was dismissed by left-leaning journalists, mainstream outlets, and even some

former intelligence officials as Russian disinformation. Some of those same news outlets, including the New York Times and Washington Post, reported that the laptop was authentic many months later.

In a more recent development, Musk wrote Saturday he thought it was “possible” that personnel at the social media firm gave preference to left-wing candidates during Brazil’s election.

“I’ve seen a lot of concerning tweets about the recent Brazil election,” Musk wrote on Twitter when asked by a user about elections possibly “handled” by the company’s previous management.

Musk completed his acquisition of Twitter on Oct. 27, just days before Brazil’s presidential second-round runoff vote, when incumbent Jair Bolsonaro was defeated by leftist Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

“If those tweets are accurate, it’s possible that Twitter personnel gave preference to left-wing candidates,” added the billionaire.

Reuters contributed to this report.

TODD STARNES

CHILLING: 'If I Committed Suicide, it's Not Real,' says Elon Musk

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There are “more smoking guns” to reveal, Musk promised Saturday night on the Twitter Spaces audio platform.

He also noted the ire he is bringing upon himself for exposing the political bias on the social media giant, preemptively saying, **“I do not have any suicidal thoughts.**

“If I committed suicide, it’s not real,” he added, a reference to the theorists that repeat the mantra that Jeffrey Epstein did not kill himself.

Musk, after paying \$44 billion to buy Twitter, has been dealing with cancel culture operations from woke advertisers, but did suggest Saturday that the exposing of the 2020 presidential election cycle suppression of the Hunter Biden laptop story has reflexively brought the advertising revenue back to Twitter.

“Just a note to thank advertisers for returning to Twitter,” [Musk tweeted](#), having previously vowed to out the woke companies publicly, too.

Musk said Twitter’s commitment to the truth should ultimately force mainstream media to follow suit.

“We’re just gonna put all the information out there try to get a clean slate we will be iteratively better and it will force other media companies to also be more truthful or else they’ll lose their readership,” Musk told a live Twitter Space Question and Answer session, watched by tens of thousands of users, the [New York Post reported](#).

FOLLOW TODD ON TWITTER:

ANOTHER TWITTER BOMBHELL: Arizona Secretary of State Katie Hobbs was in regular communication with Twitter telling them who to censor. And Twitter complied. Arrest them all.

Musk said he is not getting into the minutiae of the Twitter files, leaving it to journalists he entrusted with the reporting on it, Matt Taibbi and Bari Weiss.

But Musk noted there has been “a very different standard applied to Republican candidates in the U.S. versus a Democrat candidates” in a U.S. election meddling campaign.

EPOCH TIMES

New Visa Card Features Personal Carbon Emissions Tracker

One of several new programs to monitor your spending habits

By Kevin Stocklin

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The monitoring of personal behavior by banks will take another step forward as Canadian credit union Vancity launches a new credit card technology to report users' carbon emissions.

On Oct. 19, Vancity [announced](#) that it will be “the first financial institution in Canada to offer its individual and business members a way to estimate the CO2 emissions that come from their purchases.” Vancity said that its carbon counter, which is attached to Visa credit cards, was developed with ecolytiq, one of Europe's leading climate engagement technology companies.

This will be the first carbon counter program for Visa holders. Mastercard already provides a CO2 emissions-tracking card, developed with technology from Swedish company Doconomy. The Visa credit card technology developed by ecolytiq also provides “education and behavioral nudging” so that card users aren't only informed about the CO2 emissions of their buying activity but also told how to reduce them.

According to ecolytiq: “The financial industry will play a major role in fighting climate change.

“Our Sustainability-as-a-Service solution enables financial institutions to offer their customers environmental footprinting as well as personalized impact offsetting and ESG investments.”

Other tech companies are joining in this quest. John Michael Evans, president of Alibaba Group, a Chinese tech company, announced at the World Economic Forum in 2021 that his company was developing an “individual carbon footprint tracker”

that will monitor people's behavior in terms of **“where they are traveling, how they are traveling, what they are eating, what they are consuming.”**

While this technology was ostensibly developed to fight climate change, many worry that it's a step toward personal social credit scores and could be used to track other types of behavior besides carbon emissions. For example, credit card companies Visa, Mastercard, and American Express announced in September that they would begin tracking purchases made at gun stores.

At the same time, the Biden administration is moving forward with an initiative to create a central bank digital currency (CBDC), which could ultimately replace the U.S. dollar. In place of bank deposits, a CBDC would be a digital currency issued directly by the federal government that people or banks would hold in digital wallets, similar to bitcoins. But by contrast to bitcoins, a CBDC would be controlled by either the Federal Reserve or the U.S. Treasury Department.

President Joe Biden took a [step](#) in March toward creating a U.S. CBDC, directing his administration to report to him by October on how it would create a digital currency.

“My administration places the highest urgency on research and development efforts into the potential design and deployment options of a United States CBDC,” Biden stated.

Other countries are also in the race to develop their own digital currencies. Among the priorities that Biden set for the CBDC were fighting climate change and “financial inclusion and equity.”

Biden also instructed his attorney general, Merrick Garland, to determine if he will need congressional approval to launch a CBDC, or whether the Biden administration could do it on its own. That report has since been delayed.

In February, however, the Boston Fed completed the first phase of [Project Hamilton](#), a CBDC simulation it developed with MIT's Digital Currency Initiative. And on Nov. 21, the Fed launched a [pilot program](#) to test a digital dollar through its New York Innovation Center.

“The New York Innovation Center (NYIC) is participating in a proof-of-concept project along with members of the private sector to explore the feasibility of an

interoperable network of digital central bank liabilities and commercial bank digital money,” the Fed [stated](#).

This program is being done in collaboration with BNY Mellon, Citibank, HSBC, Mastercard, PNC Bank, TD Bank, Truist, U.S. Bank, and Wells Fargo.

Among the world’s major economies, **China’s ruling communist regime was among the first to issue a CBDC**. In 2020, it introduced the e-CNY or digital yuan. By the end of 2021, the digital yuan had [260 million users](#), representing about one-fifth of China’s population, according to the People’s Bank of China. China’s CBDC gives its central bank access to, and control over, every digital yuan transaction.

THE HILL

Fed to launch real-time payments system in 2023

by [Sylvan Lane](#) - 08/05/19 3:32 PM ET

The Federal Reserve announced Monday it would create and implement a system that would allow consumers and businesses to send and receive money instantaneously by 2023.

The system, called the FedNow Service, would allow any U.S. bank to immediately complete debits, virtual transfers and checks. Those transactions can take up to three days to finalize with current technology, posing challenges for households with tight budgets and limited financial flexibility.

“Everyone deserves the same ability to make and receive payments immediately and securely, and every bank deserves the same opportunity to offer that service to its community,” said Fed Governor Lael Brainard in a speech announcing the decision.

“FedNow will allow faster payments to reach banks of all sizes and their customers across the country.”

The FedNow system will operate nonstop and is set to launch in four years. The Fed’s board of governors approved the proposal on Aug. 2 in a 4-1 vote, with only Randal Quarles, the Fed vice chair for supervision, opposing the plan.

The Fed currently processes payments by settling debts between banks in large, daily batches, which delays recipients’ access to funds. There is substantial bipartisan support for some type of national system to eliminate payment processing delays, along with the late fees and overdraft costs they create for consumers.

For example, a worker who receives a paycheck on a Friday may lack sufficient funds to pay a bill due the following Monday because checks can currently take up to three days to clear. That worker may need to overdraw their bank account or take out a high-interest loan to pay the bill, incurring large costs.

Real-time payments could also help small businesses with tight margins cover expenses with immediate access to funds from debit card payments, which right now also take days to clear.

“Immediate access to funds could be especially important for households on fixed incomes or living paycheck to paycheck, when waiting days for the funds to be available to pay a bill can mean overdraft fees or late fees that can compound,” Brainard said.

“Similarly, getting immediate access to funds from a sale in order to pay for supplies can be a game changer for small businesses.”

The Fed’s announcement won praise from Democratic lawmakers, consumer advocates and liberal researchers, who have pressured the Fed to create a real-time payments system.

“Today’s decision from the Federal Reserve is a huge win for the American people and for our economy. For too long, consumers and small businesses have unfairly shouldered the costs our slow payments system,” said Sen. [Chris Van Hollen](#) (D-Md.) in a statement.

Sen. [Elizabeth Warren](#) (D-Mass.), a 2020 presidential candidate, said, “I’m glad the Fed has finally taken action to ensure that people living paycheck-to-paycheck don’t have to wait up to five days for a check to clear so that they can pay their rent, cover child care, or pick up groceries.”

But the decision is expected to draw skepticism from large U.S. banks, who’ve developed their own real-time platform, and right-leaning critics who prefer a private-sector solution.

REBEL NEWS

Liberals continue to expand their medical homicide regime, this time to the mentally ill

Societies that convince the public it is okay to kill the most vulnerable because of their inconvenience do not last —because they should not last. And it's going to get much worse.

By [Sheila Gunn Reid](#) November 20, 2022

Canadians need help, not homicide.

But that's not what many chronically ill, poor, homeless, and mentally struggling people are getting. They are getting told to end their lives for expediency, efficiency, and convenience.

Physician-assisted suicide has received a rebrand to shirk the stigma. It's now called MAID, medical assistance in dying. It seems less sinister when you put it that way, less like doctor-induced homicide, and more like a helping hand. But it might be more accurate in some respects, since it's easier than ever to take your own life with the help of the publicly funded, rationed healthcare system. A nurse or a pharmacist can help a "patient" to end their life now in Canada.

Medical homicide is happening for all manner of reasons, and not just because someone is facing imminent death due to a painful illness.

[A 54-year-old Vancouver](#) woman plagued with debts because of her medical conditions told Chatelaine that a medically assisted death might be her only option.

[This young woman wants](#) to choose medical assistance in death due to chronic illness, diabetes and bulimia. She wants to leave behind a fiance and a young son.

And then, [a veterans affairs caseworker](#) allegedly admitted to helping Canadian veterans end their lives.

These people need help, not homicide. They need better healthcare, better home care, and better options. They need to know that their worst day should not be their last day.

This is the end stage of Rome. Societies that convince the public it is okay to kill the most vulnerable because of their inconvenience do not last —because they should not last.

And it's going to get much worse. [As Amanda Achtman](#) writes, medical associations are considering playing fast and loose with the numbers, by considering not putting MAID as an official cause of death on [death certificates](#), but rather the reason MAID was requested.

And now, [the Liberals have removed the 10-day waiting period](#) between when someone asks for medical assistance in dying and when they receive it. There's not a moment for a sober second thought now.

As of March 2023, mental illness will be included in the criteria for assessing medical assistance in death. It can be accessed by people whose natural death is not in the foreseeable future. You simply must be in a state of decline that cannot be reversed in ways that you find acceptable. Fatality or terminality of a condition is not a requirement.

Being poor or sick, or depressed should not be a death sentence. It should be a reason the community reaches out to help, to lift up, not to harm and exterminate.

If you agree with me that medical assistance in dying is not a cure for depression and poverty and despair, and it should not be a euphemism for infanticide, please sign our petition to the federal health minister, Jean-Yves Duclos, at HelpnotHomicide.com.

WATT--LOGIC

Smart meters: handing over control of electricity usage

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This month saw a flurry of negative press about smart meters as journalists awoke to the implications of some proposed industry changes that could lead to suppliers remotely switching off appliances used by domestic consumers.

Back in July, SSE proposed a [modification](#) to the Distribution Connection and Use of System Agreement (“DCUSA”): *DCP 371 – Last resort arrangements for Distributors to manage specific consumer connected devices*. This innocuous-sounding modification suddenly hit the mainstream media in mid-September when various journalists [reported](#) that energy companies would have the power to disconnect people’s central heating or electric car chargers by sending instructions through their smart meters.

A [comment piece](#) in the Telegraph, sums up the sentiment:

The critics of smart meters were right all along



ROSS CLARK

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I imagine that you do as the Government wants you to do and buy an electric car. Then you replace your dirty old gas boiler with an electric heat pump and install a smart meter. You think you have done your bit to help the environment.

So what is your reward? To have your electricity company use your smart meter to turn off your power because there is not enough juice in the grid. Suddenly, you find yourself sitting in a cold home and your plans to drive to Birmingham tomorrow are scuppered because your car won't be fully-charged.

Smart meters have been sold to us as part of a green future where we can manage our homes via mobile phone, switching appliances on and off remotely so as to cut our bills. But it is the cynics, so often denounced in the past few years as paranoid and backward-thinking, who have worked out the real reason why electricity companies are so keen to install them in our homes: they want to ration our electricity.

The Energy Networks Association hit back, saying that the articles are “inaccurate and misrepresent the measures energy networks have in place to ensure security of supply”:

“Networks are there to keep Britain’s energy flowing and are doing exactly that. The proposed modification makes it clear that this would only take place as a last-resort contingency measure and only with the consent of the customer, taking place where new, innovative and flexible solutions have not been able to protect the whole network. The claims that have been made are irresponsible and

misleading and may hinder the move to smart meters which is vital to achieving net zero emissions,”

– Ross Easton, Director of External Affairs, Energy Networks Association

So who's right?

Reading the proposal, it says that: “electricity networks in Great Britain were not designed to accommodate the significant additional demand that certain consumer devices (such as electric vehicle (EV) chargers) presents (sic).”

It goes on to say that “Distributors recognise the important role that flexibility services providers and market solutions will play in delivering efficient future networks. In the event that market mechanisms fail or do not deliver to the extent anticipated the Distributors will still need to protect physical assets from overload caused, for example, by the take up of low carbon technologies (LCTs) by domestic customers. This change proposes a Distributor smart intervention as a last resort, emergency measure, to protect customers security of supply and the network assets. This proposal is not to enable the Distributor to become a flexibility service provider or to subvert market solutions.”

The proposal states that customers would be contacted, and the need for demand reduction explained to them in order to obtain their consent. This is acknowledged in the Telegraph article, but the newspaper suggests that this is the start of a slippery slope and that case-by-case customer consent can easily evolve into an automatic feature of supply agreements as the costs of balancing an increasingly intermittent electricity system grow.

In a nutshell, this captures one of the main consumer fears around smart meters – that they would be used to control their supply and the amount of energy they are allowed to use. Another fear relates to time-of-use pricing, sometimes rather sensationally referred to in the press as “surge pricing” where consumers could see prices ramping up at times of the supplier's choosing.

Smart meter roll-out under pressure

Not surprisingly, this translated into reluctance by some consumers to accept the installation of a smart meter. Installations of SMETS2 smart meters passed the [5 million](#) mark recently, while there are still some 14 million SMETS1 meters of which

over [4 million](#) are operating in “dumb” mode, as they lost smart functionality when the consumer switched suppliers.

As expected, installations all but [halted](#) during lockdown, and the deadline for fixing the problems with SMETS1 devices has been [pushed back](#) to the end of 2021. Over the summer, Ofgem [fined](#) Ovo Energy £1.2 million for the failure by its new acquisition SSE to install enough smart meters in 2019. SSE paid a £700,000 fine in respect of insufficient installations in 2018. Although it is not mandatory for consumers to accept a smart meter from their supplier, suppliers must meet installation targets, which has led to hard-sell tactics as suppliers seek to avoid such fines.

According to [Ofgem](#), half of the larger suppliers failed to meet their annual installation milestones in 2019 and were outside the 10% tolerance allowed. As the technology develops, there are now customers that could have smart meters, that previously could not – unsurprisingly, suppliers report higher rates of uptake among these newly-eligible consumers than among consumers that had already declined (or at least failed to accept) the offer of a smart meter. Ofgem requires suppliers to step up their consumer engagement in order to incentivise uptake:

“We have observed that one way energy suppliers have been encouraging customers to accept the offer of a smart meter is through their product and service offers. We expect the range of innovative products and services linked to smart metering to grow over time, providing benefits to consumers, and note that energy suppliers are permitted to charge different prices for tariffs that require a smart meter and to apply entry criteria to a tariff. Such criteria may include the requirement to have a smart meter or indeed to register an interest in having one installed,”

– Ofgem

Such measures are unpopular among consumers as the letters pages of British newspapers suggest. Some consumers that cannot have a smart meter due to technology constraints such as lack of local communications connectivity object to being unable to benefit from the cheapest tariffs, while others simply object to being blackmailed into accepting a device they do not want for whatever reason.

Negative sentiment is further supported by a steady drip of media reports such as [this article](#) about a vulnerable pensioner left without a working boiler, or [this](#) about

a customer who eventually had a non-smart meter reinstalled following two faulty smart meters, or [this](#) about a pensioner whose smart meter was installed 9ft above the ground due to the poor mobile phone signal, which then didn't work with the customer being asked to take readings herself, presumably with the aid of a ladder.

According to a [2019 survey](#) by price comparison service uSwitch:

31% of households with smart meters had reported issues with their devices since they were installed –

- 39% said that their smart displays stopped working;
- 32% said that their devices went dumb after switching;
- 13% said that their meters stopped functioning entirely.

The survey also found that, a third of households with SMETS2 meters have encountered issues since they were installed.

Despite the costs increasing and benefits [shrinking](#) at each review, the Government remains [bullish](#) insisting they will make the road to net-zero emissions faster and cheaper while reducing energy costs for consumers; however, as I have described previously, the idea that smart meters save either money or carbon emissions is a [myth](#).

Handing over control

In Britain, we are used to unlimited domestic electricity supplies. Those of us living in rural areas know all too well that security of supply is far from ubiquitous, with fairly frequent micro-outages lasting just long enough to re-set the clocks on our kitchen appliances (ours is the last house on the local network with only a single-phase supply available. We're also on the very end of the gas main!)

This means that the idea that someone other than ourselves could choose our levels of consumption is disturbing, but that is already the case in other countries. France, with its low levels of domestic gas use, has an electricity system that provides households with heating as well as all other power needs, and is therefore significantly more temperature-sensitive than our own. There, customers agree a [consumption level](#) with their supplier, and if they exceed that level the power cuts out – connecting one more appliance can cause the main fuse to trip. There are

also [peak-off-peak tariffs](#) available, and some consumers have alarms fitted to their meters to notify them when peak hours begin.

There is also a tariff called [“Tempo”](#) in which the year is divided into days: “blue” days are the cheapest, and there are 300 blue days per year. Next are “white” days, of which there are 43 per year, and finally the coldest, most expensive days are “red” days. There are 22 red days in a year which fall between 1 November and 31 March, but not on weekends or public holidays. Each day is then broken up into 2 tariffs, so there are 6 different prices in total for a kWh of electricity.

A small box provided by the supplier, which is plugged into a power socket, lights up at 8pm each evening with the colour of the next day’s electricity tariff, beginning at midnight. The idea is that on red days, people will spend more time outside the house, keeping their consumption to a minimum. Consumers are not disconnected by the suppliers, but are strongly incentivised through higher prices to reduce their electricity usage.

A letter published recently in the Telegraph from an ordinary householder said that following the disruptions of the 1970s, they had decided to never live in a house where they could not activate a hob or heating using a match. As the drive towards net-zero is pushing people towards electrification, people may do well to remember this and diversify their heating and cooking sources.

Although some are [lobbying](#) for an end to use of natural gas for domestic heating and cooking, consumers will not be encouraged by the measures being proposed under DCP 371 and may seek to hang on to their traditional boilers and cookers, as well as solid fuel heating. Others may try to diversify with solar panels and batteries. And keeping small petrol-fuelled domestic back-up generators primed just in case.

GATEWAY PUNDIT

'SMART CITIES' Worldwide Being Converted Into 'Open Concentration Camps,' Says Ex-Silicon Valley Engineer Turned Whistleblower

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'SMART Cities' worldwide being converted into 'open concentration camps,' says ex-Silicon Valley engineer turned whistleblower

Aman Jabbi is a native of India and an engineer who worked in Silicon Valley for 25 years, co-inventor of two cellphone camera apps. He emigrated to the United States in 1988 because he admired America's culture of liberty and ingenuity.

Jabbi now lives in Big Fork, Montana, and has become, in my opinion, one of the most important whistleblowers and voices of warning about **the coming beast system.**

His message needs to be heard by all Americans and I highly recommend my readers find one hour during the Thanksgiving weekend to hear him out in the video I have posted below. If you agree with me that his message is essential, please share this article and the video with your friends and family.

Before you can break out of the matrix, you need to know that you live in a matrix, and that involves recognizing the tentacles of the matrix gaining a stranglehold on your life.

Most of us spend way too much time focused on the wrong things. We talk endlessly about what's going on in Washington when we've invited the beast system right into our homes, even get it injected into our own bodies. We place ourselves on a path to destruction out of fear, lack of information (ignorance) and lack of discernment.

Even if you live in a red state like Florida, Georgia, Tennessee or Texas, you will not be insulated or protected from the beast system because its claws are already dug into the infrastructure of all 50 states.

We have people, well-intentioned people, in the conservative movement who make their living warning us about the socialists, the communists or the Islamists.

Here's the hard truth: We could eliminate every single socialist, communist and Islamist from America tomorrow and we would still be in a heap of trouble because the globalists already have the laws and technological infrastructure in place to convert our Republic into a technocratic slave state.

Some of the most advanced elements of this infrastructure, as Jabbi points out, are in states like Florida and Georgia and other red states.

This is the dark underside of tyranny that nobody wants to talk about. Not a single politician talks about it on a regular basis. Senator Rand Paul of Kentucky comes perhaps the closest to understanding this system but I wonder if even he understands the full scope of the problem.

The way to defeat this system is so simple and yet so difficult. One thing I can promise you is that we will never vote our way out of it because the same people who are laying the infrastructure for SMART Cities worldwide are in control of the voting systems internationally.

Because there are so many of us as opposed to so few of them, we must use the power of numbers.

All we have to do is say no. Reject the tools of our enslavement that are offered on a shiny silver platter that looks so enticing.

We must recognize that these are the very same tools and products that make our busy 21st century lives so convenient, so efficient and entertaining. And so we buy them on cue, we upgrade them on cue, we hand over our biometric data on cue, until one day we will wake up and realize we have inconvenienced ourselves and entertained ourselves right into a digital gulag from which there is no escape.

This is how the globalists intend on breaking the backs of free Americans. They will do it through our finances, through the healthcare system and through the entertainment systems. Digital ID cards disguised as “health passports” or “SMART Health Cards,” will be required to work a job, to access the Internet and the coming digital bank accounts or digital wallets. The convergence of all these systems will make sure, in the words of U.N. Agenda 2030, “no person gets left behind.”

By the time most people wake up and see that they have walked into a trap, it will be too late. They will have all your data, they will know everything about you, your strengths, your weaknesses, your vulnerabilities.

As Jabbi says, “You can deny reality but you can’t deny the consequences.”

The choice is simple. Will you choose to live as a slave in a digital concentration camp, or as a free human being in full possession of your bodily autonomy and your free will?

Without further ado, I invite you to hear Aman Jabbi. If you don’t have the time to listen to the full video, you will still learn a lot in the first 20 to 25 minutes. In fact, I would recommend watching only half of this video and making notes, process it, then watch the second half.

Jabbi gives what I believe is the most comprehensive description of the Beast System that I have seen anywhere.

So you can see that most of the damage is being done at the local level using federal money.

The large cities are toast. They’re all converting to SMART technology and anyone still living in one should make plans to leave immediately.

If you don’t believe me, type “Smart city networks” into your favorite search engine and peruse what comes up.

But it’s more than just big cities. I’m not sure that many medium or even small cities will be able to resist being folded into this techno-totalitarian infrastructure. What is still within our control is our homes and, ultimately, our own souls, and this is

what we must protect from the demonic spirits of control that have been unleashed upon the world.

What Jabbi is describing in the above video is an extremely invasive technology being set up in SMART Cities – from license-plate readers to SMART Lights and SMART Poles to SMART cars and SMART neighborhoods, SMART homes and SMART appliances – all connected to 5G and wirelessly communicating with each other.

If you pay attention, you will see hundreds of these LED light poles lining streets and highways and in many cases they are retrofitted with surveillance cameras and speakers for listening. Jabbi also talks about drones charging stations being set up and how drones might be weaponized against citizens.

All of this weaponized infrastructure is being installed with federal money, hundreds of millions of dollars tucked into Joe Biden's infrastructure bill as well as his Inflation Reduction Act bill, both of which were passed by Congress with help from Republicans.

City and county leaders are fools for federal grants. They typically don't even question what they are buying into with someone else's money. To them, it's just free money to "invest" in local infrastructure.

And, as Jabbi lays out, it's all being done in the name of safety and security.

OUR STREETS ARE SPYING ON US

Many of these LED Smart lights are outfitted with what's called [PUKE Ray technology](#), which can be weaponized and used to incapacitate humans. This is a military technology being applied in our cities for potential use against civilians, courtesy of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

All major intersections in a SMART City have digital surveillance cameras. Pay attention to interstate highways, which are also now being outfitted with this technology. These cameras will be capable of logging the license plates of every car that passes by in real time.

Cameras and listening devices are going up everywhere, in large, medium and even smaller cities.

OUR CELLPHONES ARE SPYING ON US

Your cellphone is listening to you as well. And many of the newest phones are capable of tracking your eye movements on the screen.

“They’re listening in, they’re watching, they’re analyzing, they’re learning and then it repeats the process,” Jabbi said. “It’s an open concentration camp for surveillance.”

And all of this technology is not for our safety and security, as advertised. It’s to grab data and use it to “change your behavior,” meaning the data will be used to enforce the coming social-credit scoring system on all Americans and free people everywhere.

OUR APPLIANCES ARE SPYING ON US

If you have one of the newer models of refrigerators that digitally tracks your fridge’s inventory, all that data is being logged for future use against you. Eating too much meat and dairy? Your social credit score just got lowered a notch because the globalists don’t like us eating meat. It’s not “sustainable,” in their vision for the world.

OUR CARS ARE SPYING ON US

By 2025, Jabbi said every new car will have a minimum of 16 cameras, all digitally connected and feeding information via the internet.

Driving too much outside of your home base adding unnecessarily to your carbon footprint? That’s a waste of gasoline and your social credit score just ticked down another notch.

OUR BANKS ARE SPYING ON US

It’s already been confirmed, earlier this year, that the major banks and credit card companies track your purchases of guns and ammunition, and all of the biggest banks are experimenting with a “voluntary” carbon tracker app that notifies you of your carbon footprint. This is just a warm up for when they launch the new digital

money, when keeping track of your carbon output no longer falls under the “voluntary” mode.

OUR DIGITAL THERMOSTATS ARE SPYING ON US

Remember how that worked out in Colorado this summer, when people enrolled in a “voluntary” temperature monitoring program suddenly lost all control over their home thermostats.

The goal is to digitally map all things, living and non-living, even every tree and bush in nature will have a digital ID. Because once you catalogue them, and map them, now you can track them and control them.

The infrastructure for a lockdown police state is already in place.

There are 1 billion digital surveillance cameras connected to the Internet worldwide. And 50 million of them are in US. That’s more per capita than they have in China, according to Jabbi.

The difference is that in China the people know they are being watched 24/7 and they’re compliant, because they know there will be penalties for violating the rules. They know they are slaves and they accept it.

“In the U.S. they are already doing this (surveillance),” Jabbi says. “The only difference is they haven’t told us yet... We are already in the same global system of surveillance.”

Some call it the “Internet of Eyes.” But the beast also has ears.

It’s not human eyes and human ears that are tracking everything we do, like in Nazi Germany or the old Soviet Union. No, it’s artificial intelligence, A.I., which is now watching over the prison.

Unlike in China, where the slaves know their lot in life, most Americans are still oblivious to the prison walls going up around them.

This prison is built on oppression and collection. The beast feeds on data. Your data.

We don't see it because the tools of oppression, the same tools used in China, are presented differently here in America. We're told the surveillance cams are all there to catch bad guys.

It's for our safety and security.

SAFETY

SECURITY

CONVENIENCE

Those are the three catch words used to draw us in.

If you know you're not a bad guy, but you enjoy convenience, it's tempting to say to yourself, "I have nothing to hide." If you still have those thoughts, you have a very naïve view of how these systems work and what their ultimate agenda entails.

It's not just about catching bad guys and bad people.

While they can be used for that purpose, there is much more going on.

The data they are gathering on you is considered valuable for one reason and one reason only: to get you to change your behavior and submit to the beast system – a system that knows where you are at all times, what you are doing, what you are spending your money on, your time on, even what you are thinking.

By giving them your data, you give them the ability to monitor and assess your behavior, which can now be *converted into a social credit score*. That score is then used to determine what privileges you qualify for and which ones you don't in the new slave society.

Are you living a SUSTAINABLE lifestyle and helping to fight climate change? Are you a team player? If not, you will not be allowed to participate in society.

This is exactly how the C-19 vax was rolled out, through coercive policies enforced not just by government but by its corporate partners, and [John Kerry said at the COP27 conference in Egypt](#) that this is the model they will use to enforce compliance with the sustainability agenda being pushed by the United Nations and its myriad partners in the private sector, headed by the World Economic Forum.

If your social credit score dips below a certain level you lose your privileges, maybe your kids don't get into the better schools, or you lose out on promotions at work. You can't enter restaurants or public events. You're separated out by the new Apartheid system being overseen by artificial intelligence.

Now, once the digital programmable money is in place, you don't get to spend your money on certain things and it's limited to certain areas.

Once this system is in place, you will have a digital ID for EVERYTHING.

- The government of Canada is just one of the many countries [rolling out a digital ID](#).
- The government of Scotland also announced recently a [new digital ID](#) that will be connected to the U.K.'s social security system, its National Health System and Experion Credit.
- The government of Qatar rolled out a [new "pay by face" technology](#) at the World Cup tournament.

Eventually, you won't be able to access any government or public services, you won't be able travel across national borders or access healthcare, or the internet without a digital ID.

They believe they can get away with this because some 5 billion of the world's 7.5 billion people already complied with the dry run, the dress rehearsal if you will, which was the job and accepting it as the passport for entry into public places.

You will be required to prove your identity through a digital program containing your unique biometric markers, a thumb print or a facial scan. Cellphones are already asking and prodding us for this information. The new driver's licenses all want biometric markers.

Your face will be linked to a new digital CBDC currency. Without it, you will be locked out of the system – no job, no healthcare, no social security check, no buying or selling, nothing. That's the plan folks. And they want to achieve this by 2030 at the latest. They will likely spring the new digital money system on us in 2023, and phase out cash all together within a few years after that.

We can still fight back but we must harden ourselves and resolve not to become a digital slave. How do we do that?

SOLUTIONS:

- Ditch all unnecessary devices. Apple Watches, RING doorbells, Alexa, robotic vacuum cleaners, baby monitors, high-tech refrigerators. THESE ARE ALL EYES AND EARS RIGHT INSIDE YOUR HOME!
- Shop local farmers for your vegetables, meat and dairy. Use thrift shops and smaller independent gas stations (yes you'll usually pay a little more). It's always better to buy with cash from a local mom and pop retailer who doesn't have cameras on you from the time you walk into their store till the time you walk out.
- Turn off routers before you go to bed at night.
- Use Faraday bags for phones when traveling, but let's be honest, we're all going to have to destroy our cellphones at some point if we want to remain free.
- Develop parallel systems, focusing on low tech alternatives.

BOTTOM LINE: This is a spiritual war being waged with high-tech tools in the hands of very wealthy Luciferian elites.

But there is nothing higher than the throne of Christ. We will win if we live in close relationship with Him.

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ZERO HEDGE

The Establishment Is Using An Ideological Monopoly In Big Tech To Maintain Control

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The news surrounding Elon Musk's acquisition of Twitter and the political firestorm it has caused probably hasn't escaped most people. The platform which once represented the very root of leftist cancel culture and activist organization for attack mobs has suddenly been turned upside down. Musk's position appears to be a simple one: Free speech within the bounds of the law. He has so far made good on that promise, and the leftists are losing their collective hive mind because of it.

In the process of coping with the loss of their prize, leftist activists and establishment elitists in Big Tech and government have been searching for a way to undermine or sabotage Twitter. The bottom line? If they can't have it, they will try to burn it all down so that no one can have it.

This mentality has led to a rather predictable outcome, which is for corporations and Big Tech companies to exert economic leverage against Musk. Why? On the face of it the explanation is simple: They hate free speech. Specifically, though, they hate conservative and liberty minded speech.

The average leftist on Twitter will never challenge the establishment narrative. They are absolutely controlled and commonly regurgitate whatever claims the mainstream media makes on a daily basis without researching validity. Some conservatives do this as well, but then there is the rogue element, the large percentage of conservatives/libertarians that question the narrative and are willing to make a stand based on principles rather than pure emotions and fear. The idea that such people might have access to an open forum as vast as Twitter terrifies the powers that be.

The fascinating thing about the Twitter situation is that it reveals a much bigger underlying danger beyond the zealotry of the political left; massive collusion has

been revealed between elements of government, corporations and the ideological mob.

It is hard to say how organized this collusion really is. The average woke activist is a useful idiot more so than a competent agent of destruction. But the system is clearly acting to protect itself from the thing it fears most – Fair debate and a level playing field. In response, they are willing to expose their existing monopoly to stop the shift.

This monopoly is partially economic, with only a small handful of companies in control of a large portion of the overall tech pie, but it is important to understand that it is more dangerous than other historic examples because this monopoly is an ideological monopoly.

In the past companies were primarily motivated by profit and would not sacrifice profit by alienating consumers and users with political zealotry. These days, however, all that has changed. Now companies fully discriminate according to political beliefs and are willing to lose untold billions in profits if it means doing damage to people they disagree with.

Leftists argue that this is an example of the “free market” at work, but that is a lie. It is in fact the basis of control used within Marxist inspired societies – Marx, Lenin, Stalin and Mao all advocated for the use of denial of access to the economy and to society as a first line measure to control dissent. Their reasoning? If a person is in opposition to the foundations of the collective, then he is dangerous to the collective and therefore the collective must shun him to prevent him from causing harm. And of course, the elites get to decide what is in the best interests of the collective.

In fact, Marxists/socialists tend to treat ideological dissent as far worse than any typical crime such as theft or murder, because political dissent “hurts all of society” rather than one person or a handful of people.

This is the core rationale for the reactions on display against conservatives in our era, and denial of access is a weapon they have now deemed acceptable. They pretend as if it is nothing more than private businesses making independent decisions to not associate with certain types of people, but in truth it is a coordinated effort between ideological partners and often governments.

We saw this with the organized attack on the Parler social media platform and the use of Big Tech collusion as a means to remove them from app stores and from their own server. Now, leftists are demanding that the tactics used against Parler also be used against Twitter, with companies like Apple threatening Twitter's availability ([according to Elon Musk](#)) for download at their App Store.

Apple and Google control almost all major internet access for online companies via their app stores. Without download availability, social media companies stand to lose significant traffic and may even be put out of business over time.

In a move that was once unthinkable only a few years ago, Big Tech corporations are acting on partisan motives to subdue and destroy any social media outlet that presents a legitimate threat to the ideological monopoly. And it won't stop there – It is likely we will see the targeting of other websites and individuals in due course.

Internet server providers, search engines and even banks may act to completely cut off businesses run by conservatives. We have seen some examples of this (gun manufacturers come to mind), but as the establishment becomes threatened by a balancing of political engagement we are liable to see far more discrimination.

Monopolies are illegal and they are anti-free market, but the definition of monopoly is too limited. Economic monopolies are not the only threat to our freedom, now we must also worry about ideological monopolies within the corporate world and their power to limit free speech by extorting media sites and businesses into self censorship.