## Mark Zuckerberg 2019 Resolution: More Political Censorship on Facebook

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg arrives at the European Parliament, prior to his audition on the data privacy scandal on May 22, 2018 at the European Union headquarters in Brussels. (Photo by JOHN THYS / AFP) (Photo credit should read JOHN THYS/AFP/Getty Images) JOHN THYS/AFP/Getty Images

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