



# Google CEO slammed by lawmakers for declining to testify at Senate hearing



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On the same day that President Trump slammed social media companies for what he claimed was a bias against conservative media, a bipartisan group of lawmakers went after Google's CEO for refusing to testify next week on Capitol Hill.

Google CEO Sundar Pichai drew widespread criticism from senators of both parties after it was announced that he would not testify on Sept. 5 before the Senate Intelligence Committee, but instead would send Kent Walker, the company's senior vice president for global affairs, to the hearing.

"This is the United States Senate, this is an important issue, and we deserve to hear from the decision-makers, not the people who carry out the decisions," said Sen. Angus King, a Maine independent who caucuses with Democrats, [according to Bloomberg](#).

Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., who chairs the committee, said that Walker was not sufficiently