

EPIC LEAKS PROVE BIDEN AND OBAMA CONTROL SILICON VALLEY GLOBAL MEDIA - TREASON!

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Democrats lawmakers blasted Twitter for failing to censor MORE content after New York Post Hunter Biden laptop scandal - with lawmakers claiming 'free speech isn't absolute'

- Journalist Matt Taibbi Friday began publishing the internal Twitter documents
- They showed the shocking political influence on content moderation at the site
- Taibbi conducted his probe with the cooperation of new Twitter chief Elon Musk
- Emails showed staffers censoring tweets at the behest of the Joe Biden's team
- His campaign made requests for tweets to be taken down - and Twitter complied

[What did the President know and when did he know it? Musk releases Hunter Biden laptop files that reveal Twitter execs replied 'handled' to requests from 'Biden team' to delete tweets - as Trump demands election result is thrown out](#)



Pressure is now mounting on Joe Biden after Elon Musk revealed that Twitter execs responded 'handled' to requests from the President's team to remove content about Hunter Biden's leaked laptop files. Twitter's CEO ceremoniously revealed the back-end messages - which seemed to show members of Biden's inner circle attempting to remove criticism about his son from the platform before the 2020 election. Following the sensational revelations last night, Donald Trump has yet again demanded the 2020 results be void and have the country declare him the rightful winner. Musk also suggested that the social media giant - which he was not in charge of at the time - was taking orders from the federal government following the barrage of tweets he posted, under the name the 'Twitter Files.' The leaked correspondence contained damning insider communications that predate Musk's ownership, which provided insight to the dissent and confusion seen within the company as it responded to reporting on the scandal in October 2020. The emails provided new detail on Twitter's shady censorship decision, which Musk said was made behind the scenes 'at the highest levels of the company' at the behest of Biden officials, and 'based upon thousands of internal documents obtained by sources at Twitter.' Following the ordeal last night, Trump spoke out: 'So, with the revelation of massive and widespread fraud and deception in working closely with Big Tech Companies, the DNC, and the Democrat Party, do you throw the Presidential Election Results of 2020 out and declare the rightful winner, or do you have a new election? A massive fraud of this type and magnitude allows for the termination of all rules, regulations, and articles, even those found in the Constitution. Our great 'Founders' did not want, and would not condone, false and fraudulent elections!'

[THE TWITTER FILES: PART 1](#)

[How And Why Twitter Blocked The Hunter Biden Laptop Story](#)

By [Josh Boswell](#) and [Paul Farrell](#)

Files showing Twitter's suppression of the Hunter Biden laptop scandal were released on the social media giant today.

The documents include internal Twitter emails appearing to show staffers censoring tweets at the behest of the Joe Biden 2020 presidential campaign.

Weeks ahead of the election in October 2020, Twitter prevented sharing of a story about Hunter's involvement with a Chinese oil giant – and his then-presidential candidate father Joe Biden's potential slice of a multi-million-dollar deal with the foreign firm.

Emails between Twitter staffers show them censoring people sharing the story, including the White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany, citing their 'hacked materials policy'.

Elon Musk, the billionaire owner of Twitter, gave journalist Matt Taibbi access to the explosive documents, which he began to publish excerpts of on the social media site on Friday evening.

Twitter also allegedly used blocks in an attempt to halt the spread of the story, published in October 2020 weeks before the election, including tactics usually reserved for preventing the sharing of child porn.

Amid the scramble to limit sharing of the New York Post's Hunter story, Taibbi claimed emails showed Dorsey intervening multiple times to question the censorship.

The journalist also added that he had not seen any evidence that the federal government had a role in suppressing the story.

However, in a recent interview with Joe Rogan, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg admitted that his company received a briefing from the FBI ahead of the 2020 election warning of disinformation campaigns.

The briefing led to Facebook being on high alert for Russian propaganda – which Hunter's laptop was initially tarred as by top former intelligence officials, until DailyMail.com proved it was real.



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- Pinned Tweet

Elon Musk  @elonmusk · 27m ...

Replying to @micsolana

"Handled" 🙌🙌🙌

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- Elon Musk**  @elonmusk · 7m ...

Replying to @hodgetwins and @micsolana

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

🗨️ 869 ↻ 4,181 ❤️ 13.3K ⬆️

- Elon Musk**  @elonmusk · 19m ...

Replying to @elonmusk and @micsolana

If this isn't a violation of the Constitution's First Amendment, what is?

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Twitter CEO Elon Musk has promised that: 'What happened with the Hunter Biden story suppression by Twitter will be published on Twitter at 5pm ET!'

On Sun, Oct 25, 2020 at 9:58 AM [twitter.com](#)> wrote:

I grabbed the first one under SI... defer to Safety on the high profile second one

On Sat, Oct 24, 2020 at 6:54 PM [twitter.com](#)> wrote:

An additional report from DNC.
https://twitter.com/stephen_liuhuan/status/1320153232006676484
<https://twitter.com/RealJamesWoods/status/1320171179504644098>

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Emails showed recommendations from the DNC to review certain tweets on the social media giant

On Sat, Oct 24, 2020 at 5:39 PM <[redacted]> @twitter.com> wrote:

More to review from the Biden team:

- <https://twitter.com/jared87983561/status/1320159679700373504>
- <https://twitter.com/let3481/status/1320154175481626624>
- https://twitter.com/JSJX_2/status/1320152593742614529
- <https://twitter.com/ozwenya/status/1320151083692388352>
- <https://twitter.com/GuySquiggs/status/1320149308625145856>

Thanks all.

On Sat, Oct 24, 2020 at 8:28 PM <[redacted]> @twitter.com> wrote:

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 Twitter

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Another message showed more requested to be looked at from the Biden team in October 2020

Contributions by Party of Recipient ¹

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 Twitter

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There were requests from the Biden and Trump team, but the vast majority were shown to be from Democrats

On Thu, Oct 15, 2020 at 7:24 AM Caroline Strom <cstrom@twitter.com> wrote:

Hi team! Are you able to take a closer look here?
Thank you!

 Twitter

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Public policy executive Caroline Strom asked staff what was the cause for the story being blocked

Hi Caroline,

Thanks for reaching out to us.

Per checking, the user was bounced by Site Integrity for violating our Hacked Materials policy. Adding them here for further insights and guidance.

Thanks,

Elaine Ong Sotto I @elaineongsotto
Ops Analyst, Global Escalations Team



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Elaine from the comms global escalations team replied, claiming the story breached Twitter's hacked materials policy

Yoel Roth

The policy basis is hacked materials - though, as discussed, this is an emerging situation where the facts remain unclear. Given the SEVERE risks here and lessons of 2016, we're erring on the side of including a warning and preventing this content from being amplified.

Vijaya Gadde

What is the warning that will come up?

Yoel Roth

New

When you click the link, you'll see the generic unsafe URL message (references spam, malware, and violations of the Twitter Rules) - not ideal, but it's the only thing we have

Ian Plunkett

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Whatever we do in the comms (this will become a bias claim for Jack pre-hearing immediately), let's make it clear we're proactively but cautiously interpreting this through the lens of our hacked materials policy and allowing the link with a warning and significant reduction of spread.



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Former Trust and safety chief Yoel Roth was roped into the email chain, as well as legal chief Gadde

2020-10-14 NYPost Hunter Biden Laptop Article - PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL
our teams continue to investigate the origins of the material included in the reporting.

Trenton Kennedy

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Trenton Kennedy

cc: @yoel@twitter.com @rsommers@twitter.com @iplunkett@twitter.com @krosborough@twitter.com

Katie Rosborough

Will we also mark similar stories as unsafe?

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/hunter-biden-emails-senate-homeland-security-committee-investigating-hard-drive-laptop>



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Communications official Trenton Kennedy writes: 'I'm struggling to understand the policy basis for marking this as unsafe'

From: Mike Hahn <mhahn@donaldtrump.com>
Date: Wed, Oct 14, 2020 at 7:19 PM
Subject: URGENT: Kayleigh McEnany
To: cstrom@twitter.com <cstrom@twitter.com>, Lauren Devoll <ldevoll@twitter.com>, Twitter Government & Politics <gov@twitter.com>

Kayleigh McEnany (@KayleighMcEnany) has been locked out from her account for simply talking about the New York Post story.

All she did was cite the story and firsthand reporting that has been reported by other outlets and not disputed by the Biden campaign.

I need an answer immediately on when/how she will be unlocked.

I also don't appreciate how nobody on this team called me regarding the news that you'll be censoring news articles.

Like I said, at least pretend to care for the next 20 days.

 Twitter

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White House spokeswoman Kayleigh McEnany was locked out of her account for tweeting about the story

Taibbi, a popular podcaster and former Rolling Stone politics correspondent, shared one October 14 2020 email from Donald Trump's campaign team to Twitter staff complaining that McEnany had been locked out of her account 'for simply talking about' the New York Post story.

Twitter's public policy executive Caroline Strom forwarded the email to an 'ops analyst' at the social media company, who wrote back that: 'the user was bounced by Site Integrity for violating our Hacked Materials policy.'

Strip Harry and Meghan of Sussex titles, readers say

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At that time, the Biden campaign had not disputed the veracity of the material from Hunter's abandoned laptop, which DailyMail.com later authenticated using top cyber forensics experts.

Taibbi wrote then-CEO Jack Dorsey was unaware of the censorship, but alleged that an executive, 'former head of legal, policy and trust' Vijaya Gadde, played a 'key role'.

'They just freelanced it,' one former employee told the podcaster. 'Hacking was the excuse, but within a few hours, pretty much everyone realized that wasn't going to hold. But no one had the guts to reverse it.'

'Everyone knew this was f***ed,' an anonymous ex staffer reportedly told Taibbi.

Emails showed internal arguments breaking out among senior Twitter staff over the suppression of the Post's story – which included lurid details of Hunter's escapades with prostitutes and hard drugs, as well as worrying evidence of potential corruption involving Ukrainian gas company Burisma and his links to Chinese firms.

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Former Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey is pictured last year in Miami. He was apparently kept out of discussions over the Hunter Biden laptop story

One staffer, Trenton Kennedy, allegedly wrote: 'I'm struggling to understand the policy basis for marking this as unsafe.'

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Another, Katie Rosborough, shot back with a link to a Fox News article about Hunter's laptop, asking: 'will we also mark similar stories as unsafe?'

The internal discussions showed that despite admitting 'the facts remain unclear', Twitter decided on 'preventing this content from being amplified.'

One staffer, Ian Plunkett, wrote that the site should be 'cautiously interpreting this through the lens of our hacked materials policy and allowing the link with a warning and a significant reduction of spread.'

Even senior executives were questioning the veracity of the claims the laptop material was hacked.

Former VP of global communications Brandon Borman, wrote: 'To Ian's point, can we truthfully claim that this is part of the policy? i.e. As part of our approach to addressing potentially hacked materials, we are limiting visibility of related stories on Twitter while our investigation is ongoing.'

The censorship even caused one Democrat Congressman Ro Khanna to write to Gadde that it was 'generating huge backlash on hill re speech' – referring to concerns in Washington DC over limitations on free speech being imposed by Twitter.

'In the heat of a Presidential campaign restricting dissemination of newspaper articles (even if NY Post is far right) seems like it will invite more backlash than it will do good,' Khanna wrote.

Research firm NetChoice wrote to Twitter's head of Public Policy Lauren Culbertson the next day on October 15 2022, warning that 'both Democrats and the Republicans were angry' about the suppression, according to the emails obtained by Taibbi.

NetChoice general counsel Carl Szabo told Culbertson one congressional staffer even described the debacle as 'tech's Access Hollywood moment' – referring to a leaked tape of Donald Trump saying he grabbed married women 'by the p****y.

Among the most shocking emails is an exchange between two staffers, showing the Biden campaign were making requests for Tweets to be taken down, and Twitter was duly complying.

'More to review from the Biden team,' one staffer wrote on October 24, days ahead of the presidential election, listing five tweets. 'Thanks all.'

'Handled these,' another replied three hours later.

Taibbi wrote that the Trump campaign had takedown requests granted too, but reported that staffers were taking far more from Biden's team.

'By 2020, requests from connected actors to delete tweets were routine,' he wrote. 'Celebrities and unknowns alike could be removed or reviewed at the behest of a political party.'

'Both parties had access to these tools. For instance, in 2020, requests from both the Trump White House and the Biden campaign were received and honored.'

'However: this system wasn't balanced. It was based on contacts. Because Twitter was and is overwhelmingly staffed by people of one political orientation, there were more channels, more ways to complain, open to the left (well, Democrats) than the right.'

He shared statistics from OpenSecrets, showing political donations by Twitter staff were between 96% and 99% to Democrats, with a total \$909,431 given to Democrats in the 2020 election cycle and just \$14,137 to Republicans by individuals linked to the company.

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Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi · 50m

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2,291 replies · 11.6K retweets · 42.6K likes



Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi · 49m

12. The resulting slant in content moderation decisions is visible in the documents you're about to read. However, it's also the assessment of multiple current and former high-level executives.

1,489 replies · 6,512 retweets · 35.6K likes



Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi · 47m

Okay, there was more throat-clearing about the process, but screw it, let's jump forward

1,122 replies · 4,107 retweets · 30.6K likes



Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi · 47m

16. The Twitter Files, Part One: How and Why Twitter Blocked the Hunter Biden Laptop Story

1,782 replies · 8,538 retweets · 35.2K likes

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Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi · 46m

17. On October 14, 2020, the New York Post published BIDEN SECRET EMAILS, an expose based on the contents of Hunter Biden's abandoned laptop:



nypost.com
Smoking-gun email reveals how Hunter Biden introduced Ukrainian...
Hunter Biden introduced his father, then-Vice President Joe Biden, to a top executive at a Ukrainian energy firm less than a year before the ...

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Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi · 45m

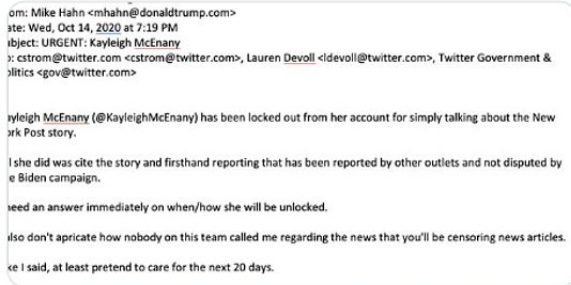
18. Twitter took extraordinary steps to suppress the story, removing links and posting warnings that it may be "unsafe." They even blocked its transmission via direct message, a tool hitherto reserved for extreme cases, e.g. child pornography.

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Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi · 44m

19. White House spokeswoman Kaleigh McEnany was locked out of her account for tweeting about the story, prompting a furious letter from Trump campaign staffer Mike Hahn, who seethed: "At least pretend to care for the next 20 days."



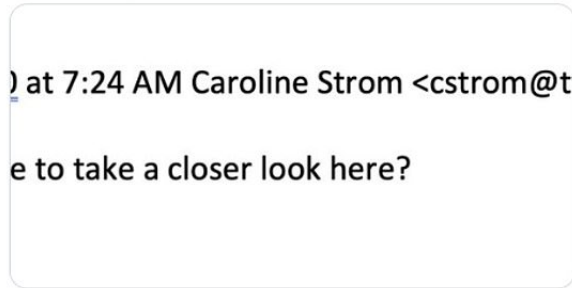
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Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi · 42m



20. This led public policy executive Caroline Strom to send out a polite WTF query. Several employees noted that there was tension between the comms/policy teams, who had little/less control over moderation, and the safety/trust teams:



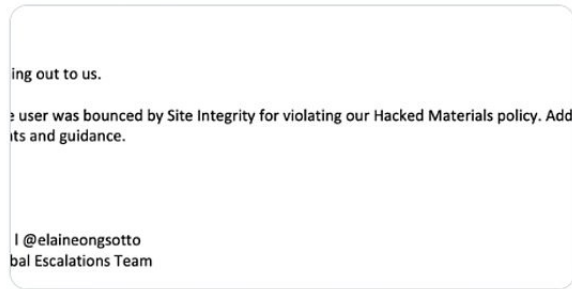
869 replies · 5,539 retweets · 27.3K likes



Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi · 41m



21. Strom's note returned the answer that the laptop story had been removed for violation of the company's "hacked materials" policy: web.archive.org/web/2019071714...



2,214 replies · 6,477 retweets · 28.3K likes



Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi · 36m



22. Although several sources recalled hearing about a "general" warning from federal law enforcement that summer about possible foreign hacks, there's no evidence - that I've seen - of any government involvement in the laptop story. In fact, that might have been the problem...

1,250 replies · 5,365 retweets · 26.7K likes

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Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi · 35m

23. The decision 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.

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Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi · 34m

24. "They just freelanced it," is how one former employee characterized the decision. "Hacking was the excuse, but within a few hours, pretty much everyone realized that wasn't going to hold. But no one had the guts to reverse it."

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Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi · 32m

25. You can see the confusion in the following lengthy exchange, which ends up including Gadde and former Trust and safety chief Yoel Roth. Comms official Trenton Kennedy writes, "I'm struggling to understand the policy basis for marking this as unsafe":

14 NYPost Hunter Biden Laptop Article - PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL
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Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi · 30m

26. By this point "everyone knew this was fucked," said one former employee, but the response was essentially to err on the side of... continuing to err.

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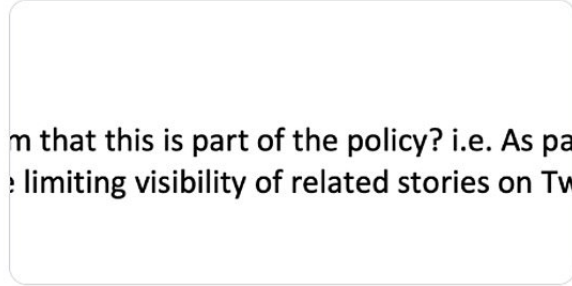
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Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi · 28m

27. Former VP of Global Comms Brandon Borrman asks, "Can we truthfully claim that this is part of the policy?"

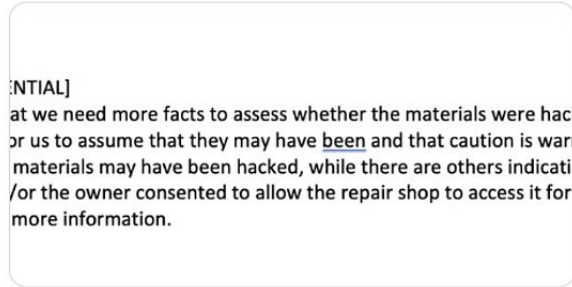


1,040 4,967 22.7K



Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi · 26m

28. To which former Deputy General Counsel Jim Baker again seems to advise staying the non-course, because "caution is warranted":



1,246 4,868 20.9K



Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi · 25m

29. A fundamental problem with tech companies and content moderation: many people in charge of speech know/care little about speech, and have to be told the basics by outsiders. To wit:

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Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi · 13m

34. NetChoice lets Twitter know a "blood bath" awaits in upcoming Hill hearings, with members saying it's a "tipping point," complaining tech has "grown so big that they can't even regulate themselves, so government may need to intervene."

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Matt Taibbi @mtaibbi · 12m

35. Szabo reports to Twitter that some Hill figures are characterizing the laptop story as "tech's Access Hollywood moment":

tuation is, one staffer said: "
hide behind." Others were m

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High level take away - every Republican said "this is a tipping point. It's just too much." And both Democrats and the Republicans were angry.

When asked just how bad this situation is, one staffer said: "it's tech's Access Hollywood moment and it has no Hillary to hide behind." Others were more blunt: "tech is screwed and rightfully so."



Matt Taibbi
@mtaibbi



36. Twitter files continued:

"THE FIRST AMENDMENT ISN'T ABSOLUTE"

Szabo's letter contains chilling passages relaying Democratic lawmakers' attitudes. They want "more" moderation, and as for the Bill of Rights, it's "not absolute"

conservatives, meanwhile, complained that the companies are inept: They let conservatives water and make the Biden campaign look corrupt even though Biden is innocent. This is to Hillary Clinton's email scandal: she did nothing wrong but because that's the story go, it became a scandal far out of proportion. In their mind, social media does the same thing: it doesn't moderate enough harmful content so when it does, it becomes a story. If the companies moderated more, conservatives wouldn't have a social media for disinformation, misinformation, or otherwise.

conservatives were in agreement: social media needs to moderate more because they want to preserve democracy and making all "truth" relative. When pushed on how the government should moderate on that, consistent with the First Amendment, they demurred: "the First Amendment isn't absolute."

12:45 AM · Dec 3, 2022

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In the email to Culbertson, Szabo wrote that he had polled several lawmakers and their staff on the Hill, and that some Democrat lawmakers were less concerned about the First Amendment.

'The Democrats were in agreement: social media needs to moderate more because they're corrupting democracy and making all 'truth' relative,' Szabo wrote. 'When pushed on how the government might insist on that, consistent with the First Amendment, they demurred: 'the First Amendment isn't absolute.'

According to the emails, Twitter was feeling the heat from both sides of the political aisle: Republicans livid over censorship, and Democrats complaining the site 'doesn't moderate enough harmful content so when it does... it becomes a story.'

Szabo wrote that Democrat lawmakers 'complained that the companies are inept: They let conservatives muddy the water and make the Biden campaign look corrupt even though Biden is innocent.'

'They linked this to Hillary Clinton's email scandal: she did nothing wrong but because the press wouldn't let the story go, it became a scandal far out of proportion,' Szabo added in his email to the Twitter executive.

'In their mind, social media is doing the same thing: it doesn't moderate enough harmful content so when it does, like it did yesterday, it becomes a story. If the companies moderated more, conservatives wouldn't even think to use social media for disinformation, misinformation, or otherwise.'

Musk's choice to grant behind-the-scenes access to Taibbi may be interpreted as a sign of his unfavorable views of major media organizations.

The journalist has written books critical of cable news on both the right and left of the political spectrum, accusing both MSNBC and Fox of polarizing the country.

He has said he admires liberal firebrand Bernie Sanders, but also has enraged left wing activists by slamming cancel culture.

He also was critical of Twitter's suppression of the Biden scandal from the beginning.

On October 24 2020, about a week after the story about Hunter's abandoned laptop and its shocking contents broke, Taibbi wrote a post on his substack titled: 'With the Hunter Biden expose, suppression is a bigger scandal than the actual story'.

The piece was sent by Dorsey to his head of legal Gadde, one of the Twitter internal emails shows.

In a tweet on Friday evening, Musk accused the Twitter staffers: 'If this isn't a violation of the Constitution's First Amendment, what is?'

Taibbi wrote that according to his sources, censoring tweets because they shared 'hacked materials' usually required an official finding of a hack by law enforcement, but that policy was abandoned with Hunter's laptop.

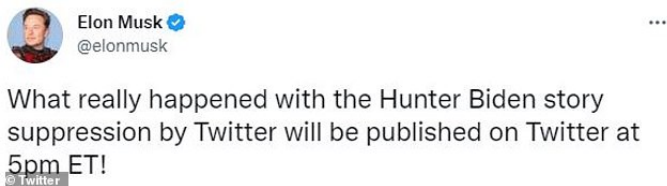
In an email the day after the story broke, one executive allegedly wrote to staff admitting that the New York Post and the Trump campaigns tweets had been censored, among others.

'Twitter actioned Tweets yesterday relating to two NY Post articles that were tweeted out that allegedly included pictures and screenshots of emails from a laptop that allegedly belonged to Hunter Biden, Presidential candidate Joe Biden's son,' the alleged internal Twitter email shared by Taibbi said.

'Our teams made the determination that the materials fall under our Hacked Materials Policy, in addition to sharing personal information, so links were actioned. As you may know, this existing policy framework was launched in 2018 to mitigate real-time harm based on hack and leak scenarios coming out of the 2016 election.

'I know there are questions that you probably have and are also probably getting a lot of incoming from stakeholders - governmental, academic, civil society, etc. The last 24 hours certainly has been a whirlwind with lots of curves and unknowns and we fully expect that the issues surrounding this matter will continue to swirl in the coming days so thank you to everyone for your patience.'

Musk had earlier promised: 'What happened with the [Hunter Biden](#) story suppression by Twitter will be published on Twitter at 5pm ET!'



Musk sent out the tweet announcing the publishing of the report around 4:00 pm on Friday



The South African billionaire followed that up with a message reading: 'This will be awesome' accompanied by a popcorn emoji.

He went on to say that the publishing will be accompanied by a live question and answer session. It's not clear who will be featured in the session.

Musk said the publication of the internal Twitter documents was 'necessary to restore public trust' in the site, after it deliberately prevented users from sharing links to a front-page newspaper article about Hunter's private life and his controversial business ties to Ukraine in the run-up to the 2020 election between Biden's father and Donald Trump.

The New York Post first published documents and photos in October 2020 from Hunter's laptop which he abandoned at a Delaware computer store a year earlier.

Sensational emails showed Hunter's involvement in a multi-million deal with a Chinese oil giant, and references to Joe Biden allegedly having his own 10% stake in the deal.

They showed the then-Vice President met with Hunter's foreign business partners, including an executive at Ukrainian gas firm Burisma.

The Post published excerpts of emails and photos from the laptop ahead of the 2020 election. But without authentication, they were widely dismissed as fake or 'Russian disinformation', and suppressed by social media sites including Twitter and Facebook.

DailyMail.com was the first to prove that the laptop and its files were real in April 2021, using a forensic analysis by top experts who founded the FBI's cyber forensics unit.

Its contents then became a trove for outlets to report on.

In a November 2020 testimony to Congress, Twitter founder Jack Dorsey said: 'We were called here today because of an enforcement decision we made against the New York Post based on a policy we created in 2018 to prevent Twitter from being used to spread hacked materials. This resulted in us blocking people from sharing a New York Post article publicly or privately.'

He continued: 'We made a quick interpretation using no other evidence that the materials in the article were obtained through hacking, and according to our policy, we blocked them from being spread. Upon further consideration, we admitted this action was wrong and corrected it within 24 hours.'



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Elon Musk said Twitter would be releasing files on its own 'free speech suppression,' in a tweet on Monday

On Wednesday, Yoel Roth, the former head of trust and safety at Twitter admitted that the company made a mistake when censoring the Hunter Biden laptop story.

Roth resigned in November following Musk's \$44 billionaire takeover of the company. He said the authenticity of the New York Post's laptop story was difficult for the social media company to verify, and it was quickly censored in October 2020.

Speaking at an interview with journalist Kara Swisher, Roth said: 'We didn't know what to believe, we didn't know what was true, there was smoke—and ultimately for me, it didn't reach a place where I was comfortable removing this content from Twitter.'

'But it set off every single one of my finely tuned APT28 hack and leak campaign alarm bells. Everything about it looked like a hack and leak.'

Roth's comments come as Musk is set to release files on Twitter's 'free speech suppression,' which is expected to include details on the censorship of the laptop story.

John Paul Mac Isaac, the owner of the computer store where Hunter abandoned his laptop, gave a copy of its hard drive to Donald Trump's lawyer Rudy Giuliani in September 2020.

Giuliani reportedly leaked documents and photos from the drive to the New York Post, and also gave a whole copy of the drive to Trump's former advisor Bannon and his podcast co-host Maxey.

The Post published excerpts of emails and photos from the laptop ahead of the 2020 election, but without authentication, they were widely dismissed as fake or 'Russian disinformation.'

DailyMail.com eventually proved that the laptop and its files were real, and its contents became a trove for outlets to report on.

Roth repeatedly claimed on Wednesday that despite the alarm bells ringing, he never believed the story should've been censored.

'So it was a mistake?' Swisher asked.

'In my opinion, yes,' he responded.



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Elon Musk is expected to disclose the full details of Twitter's 2020 censorship of the New York Post's reporting on Hunter Biden's laptop

Twitter's former head of trust and safety noted that social media platforms were on high alert in 2020, saying that both he and Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg were warned by the FBI about foreign propaganda and misinformation ahead of the election.

Roth is the latest to criticize the company's decision after former CEO Jack Dorsey said last year that it was a 'total mistake.'

'We made a total mistake with the New York Post, we corrected that within 24 hours,' Dorsey said during a meeting with lawmakers. 'It was not to do with the content, it had to do with a hacked materials policy, we had an incorrect interpretation.'

Both and Roth and Dorsey have not said who it was that ultimately oversaw the censorship of the story.

[**Democrats lawmakers blasted Twitter for failing to censor MORE content after New York Post Hunter Biden laptop scandal - with lawmakers claiming 'free speech isn't absolute'**](#)



Elon Musk has released explosive files detailing how bosses at Twitter suppressed the New York Post's factual story about Hunter Biden's laptop in the run-up to the 2020 election. A Twitter thread shared with Musk's blessing by author Matt Taibbi pinned the blame on Twitter's former head of legal Vijaya Gadde, who was fired shortly after Musk bought the firm last month. Taibbi says many top Twitter bosses immediately knew they'd overstepped the mark in censoring the Post's story, but that they did not have the 'guts' to immediately reverse their decision.

['The FBI is broken': GOP drops 1,000-page report saying Bureau is 'rotten at its core', manipulated domestic violent extremism stats for political purposes, and deliberately downplayed 'serious allegations of wrongdoing' from Hunter Biden](#)



Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee released a 1,000-page report on the politicization and misconduct in the FBI. The damning file said the bureau is 'rotted at its core', manipulated domestic violent extremism statistics for political purposes and downplayed investigations and 'serious allegations of wrongdoing' levelled at Hunter Biden. 'The Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the stewardship of Director Christopher Wray and Attorney General Merrick Garland, is broken,' the GOP report states. 'The problem lies not with the majority of front-line agents who serve our country, but with the FBI's politicized bureaucracy.'

Big Tech lawsuit has uncovered one of the most disturbing revelations yet about social media companies' collusion with law enforcement agencies to police speech on the Internet.

Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt, one of the attorneys general that filed the lawsuit, disclosed an overview of FBI agent Elvis Chan's testimony on 'weekly meetings' about censoring Internet posts ahead of the 2020 election.

"In our deposition of FBI agent Elvis Chan on Tuesday, 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," Schmitt wrote in a [Twitter thread](#).

"Chan, the FBI's FITF, and senior CISA officials had meetings with social media companies in the lead-up to the 2020 election, in which Chan personally told the social media companies that there could potentially be a Russian 'hack and leak' operation shortly before the election," he continued. "Those meetings were initially quarterly, then monthly, then weekly heading into the 2020 election."

"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 went on. "The FBI then inquired whether the platforms have taken down the content. On many occasions, the platforms took down the accounts flagged by the FBI."

Chan testified because of the agent's extensive knowledge of the FBI's interaction with social media companies, the judge in the case stated.

"Chan had authority over cybersecurity issues for the FBI in the San Francisco, California region which includes the headquarters of major social-media platforms and played a critical role for the FBI in coordinating with social-media platforms related to censorship," Judge Terry A. Doughty wrote [in his court order](#).

"Even if Chan played no role in the Hunter Biden laptop communication issue, he may have knowledge of who did, and his deposition is nonetheless warranted,"

On Friday night, Twitter released a trove of internal documentation about the social media platform's coordination with Biden campaign staff and DNC officials ahead of the 2020 election. But one thing was missing, as [pointed out](#) by New York Post columnist Miranda Devine. "Elon Musk half-delivered on his promise to tell all about [Twitter's censorship of The New York Post's Hunter Biden laptop story](#) before the 2020 election," Devine said. "What was missing were details of specific warnings we know the FBI made to Twitter about a Russian 'hack and leak operation' involving Hunter during their weekly meetings with top executives of the social media giant in the days and weeks before The Post published its exclusive bombshell."

"We know that FBI Supervisory Special Agent Elvis Chan testified Tuesday in a lawsuit against the Biden administration brought by Republican attorneys that he organized those [weekly meetings with Twitter and Facebook in San Francisco](#) for as many as seven Washington-based FBI agents in the run-up to the 2020 presidential election," she noted.

"Taibbi said he had been shown no evidence of the collusion between the FBI and Twitter that we know occurred," she added.

"Although several sources recalled hearing about a 'general' warning from federal law enforcement that summer about possible foreign hacks, there's no evidence — that I've seen — of any government involvement in the laptop story," Taibbi remarked.

But we know from [Mark Zuckerberg's interview](#) with Joe Rogan, and subsequent testimony before Congress, that the FBI was deeply involved in policing information ahead of the 2020 election, especially the Hunter Biden laptop story.

"So, we took a different path than Twitter," Zuckerberg said. "I mean, basically the background here is the FBI, I think, basically came to us some, some folks on our team and was like, 'Hey just so you know, like you should be on high alert. There was... we thought that there was a lot of Russian propaganda in the 2016 election. We have it on notice that basically there's about to be some kind of dump of — that's similar to that. So just be vigilant.'"

"So our protocol is different from Twitter's," he went on. "What Twitter did is they said 'you can't share this at all.' We didn't do that. What we do is we have — if something's reported to us as potentially misinformation, important misinformation, we also use this third party fact-checking program, 'cause we don't want to be deciding what's true and false. And for, I think it was five or seven days when it was basically being determined, whether it was false, the distribution on Facebook was decreased, but people were still allowed to share it. So you could still share it. You could still consume it."

"Can we say the distribution is decreased... how does that work?" Rogan asked.

"It... basically the ranking in newsfeed was a little bit less, so fewer people saw it than would've otherwise," Zuck replied.

"By what percentage?"

"I don't know off the top of my head," Zuck answered. "But it's meaningful. But I mean, basically a lot of people were still able to share it. We got a lot of complaints that was the case. You know, obviously, this is a hyper-political issue. So, depending on what side of the political spectrum, you either think we didn't censor it enough or censored it way too much. But we weren't sort of as black and white about it as Twitter, we just kind of thought, 'Hey look, if the FBI — which I still view as a legitimate institution in this country, it's like very professional law enforcement — they come to us and tell us that we need to be on guard about something.' Then I want to take that seriously."

"Did they specifically say you need to be on guard about that story?" Rogan asked.

"No, I don't remember if it was that specifically," Zuckerberg said. "But... it basically fit the pattern."

But Facebook wasn't done doing the Democratic Party favors during the 2016 election. Multi-billionaire owner Mark Zuckerberg spent hundreds of millions on "Zuckerberg boxes" that disproportionately benefited Democrats, as the Thomas More Society [documented](#) in a 2020 report.

Thus, Twitter, Facebook, and Big Tech companies like it, acted like censors for the United States government instead of private, independent companies. The actions raise serious questions about constitutional violations of Americans' rights, respect for freedom of the press, and 2020 election interference.