

The Sick Dystopian Reality of Silicon Valley Big Tech

Online platforms are now censoring speech on an industrial scale and the censorship is coordinated and planned by sex pervert tech billionaires.

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 The dystopian reality of Big Tech

Anyone who hoped the internet would be a great leveller 25 years ago will be dumbfounded by how it looks today. [Big Tech](#) has seized the role of policing opinion, as the enforcer of Upper Normie, high-status opinion – and is censoring speech on an industrial scale.

Late last year, as the [presidential election campaign](#) neared its conclusion, and as Trump's tweets began to be embroidered with nanny-ish health warnings, the *New York Post* published a sparse factual story detailing Hunter Biden's business dealings. It implicated the Biden family, and, by inference, then presidential candidate Joe Biden in Chinese business deals. Twitter then blocked distribution of the story on its own platform on the grounds that it violated a policy on hacked materials. Which always seemed a convenient excuse not to damage Biden's electoral chances. And so it proved, with the FBI now one of several agencies belatedly [investigating](#) Biden Jr.

Then, earlier this year, Twitter [banned the outgoing president](#). And in the orgy of bloodletting that followed, Twitter refuge Parler found itself entirely homeless – [kicked off Amazon's hosting infrastructure](#), and banished from the mobile app stores run by Google and Apple. Parler already barred users who crossed the line into incitement – but not zealously enough to please Amazon, whose decision was final.

And last week Facebook kicked the [Socialist Workers Party](#) off its site. It is proof that today it is the private sector, especially dominant technology companies with a zealously woke workforce, who have emerged with the power to control not merely what is said, but who gets to speak.

How did we get here?

It is actually a myth that the internet was ever a pirate utopia, free from government control. This myth stems in part from John Perry Barlow's stoner cyber manifesto, [*A Declaration of the Independence of Cyberspace*](#), written at that conclave of outlaws, the World Economic Forum, in Davos, 1995.

Riddled with anti-democratic prejudices and implicit inter-generational conflict ('digital natives' would inherit the earth, and anyone out of their teens was damned), Barlow's declaration nevertheless suited Silicon Valley. First, because he vowed that the internet was 'immune to [government] sovereignty'. And second, because it also indulged a fantasy of techno utopians, who would not have to engage in that messy politics business of building coalitions, of reaching out and persuading people, to get things done.

This tech exceptionalism was subsequently enshrined in part of the US Telecommunications Act (1996), known as the Communications Decency Act, especially its infamous Section 230. This was written as a response to a lawsuit brought by *Wolf of Wall Street* firm Stratton Oakmont against an internet service provider for hosting a forum in which people posted negative comments about Stratton Oakmont. The court ruled against the ISP.

Section 230 militated against such vexatious litigation. It read, 'No provider or user of an interactive computer service shall be treated as the publisher or speaker of any information provided by another information content provider'. This has subsequently been lauded as the '26 words that created the internet'. Courts have subsequently broadened the interpretation, so much so, in fact, that criminal activities, such as inducement, now carry a pass, in direct [contradiction](#) of the first line of the American criminal code, which makes an accomplice (someone who 'aids, abets, counsels, commands, induces or procures its commission') a principal in the crime. It was surely never the intent of Congress to make one industrial sector completely immune from criminal law. From a sensible starting position, in which common law could define secondary liabilities, we've gone to complete immunity - to do as you please.

However, in common with parallel internet legislation in the early 1990s, S230 contained an implicit bargain common to this first era of protections - stay neutral or face consequences. That bargain has surely been broken. The long-standing complaints of American conservatives that platforms are biased against them are now hard to dispute. After all, such platforms bend to the slightest quiver of censoriousness from employees who identify as 'progressive'.

So, to disarm such concerns, the giant platforms want their interventions to appear to be 'even-handed', or 'fair'. But this misses the point. It isn't that we want them to be even-handed when they do intervene or censor. We simply don't want them to punish political speech at all. Critics rightly fume that Big Tech companies turn a blind eye when it suits them, to harmful material consumed by vulnerable or underage groups – or plainly illegal activity – and over-compensate with 'cleaning up' political speech instead.

For those of us who spent the intervening decades fretting about government suppression of speech – with some justification, as Lord Leveson and his 'dab of statute' came close to ending [300 years of a free press](#) in Britain – it may be time to take stock. The fact is that it is many years since the government even attempted to suppress political writing. The D-notice system that once imprisoned journalists who disclosed national-security matters was made voluntary almost 30 years ago. I should know, as after my former publication [published parts](#) of the Snowden files that the *Guardian* had promised not to, we received a visit from the retired one-star general who heads the D-notice committee. It was a clubbable visit, and he even bought the staff drinks in the pub. In a world of Pastebin, injunctions don't work.

There's a temptation to treat every attempt at revisiting the 1990s bargain between technology companies and the law as a hand grenade thrown into the bunker of [free speech](#). Defenders of free speech are wise to be wary of clumsy and censorious measures being smuggled in as the 1990s bargain is revisited. But the harms created by that now obsolete bargain remain real, and a refusal to engage simply guarantees an endless conveyor belt of earnest but very flawed draft legislation. Trump wanted to tear the whole house down – scrapping S230 altogether – but the Department of Justice last year signaled a [sensible path](#) out of the morass by narrowly defining the harms, and affirming the responsibilities not to censor arbitrarily. Supporters of free speech should do the unthinkable, and engage.

Silicon Valley CENSORSHIP appears to hav...

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Congress must have all the facts and evidence from Dr. **Epstein** with responses from Google as we consider changes to address these serious issues." From all the evidence, it appears **Silicon Valley's** censoring of information is likely weakening our democracy.

Censorship Epidemic on Facebook, Google,...

<https://nlpc.org/2020/11/11/censorship-epidemic-on-facebo...>

Members of Congress will continue to send the **Silicon Valley** CEOs demand letters and hold hearings to try to make citizens look like they're "doing something" about the **censorship**, but users seem to be finally doing something themselves. According to tech news site C/NET:

Ricky Gervais Drops 'Epstein Didn't Kill Him...

<https://summit.news/2020/01/06/ricky-gervais-drops-epstei...>

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Former Reddit CEO Ellen Pao Claims She K...

<https://www.breitbart.com/tech/2020/07/06/former-reddit-ce...>

Jul 6, 2020 Pao, known for being an early proponent of the "woke" politics of feminism and racial grievance that now characterize every **Silicon Valley** company, made the shocking admission in a tweet yesterday evening.. The former CEO, who previously worked for venture capital firm Kleiner Perkins, said Maxwell was invited to a party at the company, and that she was aware of her reputation.

Ted Cruz: Big Tech censorship is 'greatest th...

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[**Epstein** was] a liberal Democrat who voted for Hillary Clinton and openly supported her, but he nonetheless was outraged that a giant **Silicon Valley** company was putting their finger on the scale

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One Year Ago: Liberal Dr. Epstein Warned I...

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Senator Cruz addressed how a handful of **Silicon Valley** billionaires and giant corporations can spend millions or even billions of dollars to "massively affect" the outcome of elections. Dr. **Epstein** corrected Senator Cruz, telling him that if Mark Zuckerberg chooses to send out a "Go Vote" message to Democrats on election day in 2020 ...

WATCH: Glenn Beck EXPOSES how Big Te...

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The biggest interference threat in the 2020 election is not Russia, it's **Silicon Valley**. This should come as no surprise after a leaked video revealed how horrified Google execs were over Donald Trump's 2016 win. On his Wednesday night special this week, Glenn Beck interviews the researcher who intends to expose the faceless plot to thwart a second

The CIA, Mossad and "Epstein Network" are...

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Notably, **Epstein**, who was known for his interest in obtaining blackmail through the sexual abuse of the underaged girls he exploited, also claimed to have "damaging information" on prominent...

Psychologist: Google Bias Is a Huge in-Kind...

<https://pjmedia.com/news-and-politics/tyler-o-neil/2020/11/...>

In a chilling interview with Fox News' Tucker Carlson, Ph.D. psychologist Robert **Epstein** reported that Google's search engine has a "very substantial pro-liberal bias" and could swing 15 ...

'I Fear Censorship': Meghan McCain Warns '...

<https://dailycaller.com/2021/01/11/meghan-mccain-warns-c...>

Meghan McCain said Monday that Twitter's move to purge thousands of accounts only heightened concerns about **censorship** and the power held by **Silicon Valley**. During a segment of ABC's "The View," McCain addressed the news that President Donald Trump — along with a number of other accounts — had been banned from Twitter.

EXCLUSIVE: Epstein Flights, Photos, Who F...

<https://toresays.com/2019/07/07/exclusive-photos-epstein-...>

Fusion GPS, the left alt media, **Silicon Valley**, the MSM all tried to tie in President Trump to the dirty, nefarious, evil life style of **Epstein** and his orbit that included Global Royalty, Chinese Businessmen, Global politicians, filthy Democrats, RINOs Hollywood and **Silicon Valley**.

Ann Coulter Thinks Epstein Had a "State Sp...

<https://summit.news/2019/07/09/ann-coulter-thinks-epstein...>

Conservative commentator Ann Coulter says that sex trafficker Jeffrey **Epstein** had a "state sponsor" backing him and that his operation was a way to blackmail powerful men. During an appearance on 790 KABC, Coulter suggested that **Epstein** is merely the front man for a far more powerful network.

Fed Up With Tech Platforms' Censorship? H...

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The social media platform Parler is gaining favor among political conservatives, who claim their voices are being stifled by the **Silicon Valley** giants. (Photo: Olivier Douliery/Agence France

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'Dangerous and chilling times': Hannity slam...

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Sean Hannity has slammed **Silicon Valley's censorship** of conservatives as 'dangerous and chilling.' The Fox News host last night drew parallels between Big Tech's ban on Donald Trump and the way it ...

Glenn Greenwald Perfectly Sums Up Dems' ...

<https://townhall.com/tipsheet/bethbaumann/2021/01/12/the...>

Jan 12, 2021 In other words, liberals like Goldberg are concerned only that **Silicon Valley censorship** powers might one day be used against people like them, but are perfectly happy as long as it is their ...

Ted Cruz: Tech Censorship Is Today's Great...

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Oct 7, 2020 "Big tech **copyright** is, I think, the single greatest threat to free speech and democracy in the country today," Cruz said. "There are a handful of **Silicon Valley** billionaires who have amassed more power than ever seen before over information, over the public square, over discourse, and big tech is is brazen, [and] is shamelessly ...

"Demanding Silicon Valley Suppress Hyper-...

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The most prolific activism demanding more **Silicon Valley censorship** is found in the nation's largest news outlets: the media reporters of CNN, the "disinformation" unit of NBC News, and especially the tech reporters of The New York Times. That is where the most aggressive and sustained pro-internet-**censorship** campaigns are waged.

International Outcry Grows Over Big Tech's ...

<https://newspunch.com/international-outcry-grows-over-big...>

The Prime Minister of Britain, Boris Johnson, was reportedly alarmed at **Silicon Valley censorship** even before Trump was permanently removed from Twitter and other platforms. In November, the Daily Mail quoted a senior government source who said the Prime Minister was considering new laws against tech **censorship** following Twitter's censoring ...

Sen. Ted Cruz: Big Tech censorship "greate...

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Senator Ted Cruz described Big Tech's political **censorship** as "the single greatest threat to free speech and democracy" in America. The Texas Republican noted that "a handful of **Silicon Valley** billionaires" are "shamelessly silencing and censoring conservatives."

Other World Leaders Are Now Lecturing Am...

<https://thepoliticalinsider.com/big-tech-censorship-is-so-ba...>

"A court of **censorship** like the Inquisition to manage public opinion: this is really serious," he added. Please listen to the Mexican President's warnings about **Silicon Valley censorship** when asked about the Trump ban.

Online Freedom of Speech Threatened by S...

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Silicon Valley and the left-leaning mainstream media like to brush off conservative claims of bias online, asserting that conservatives only have "anecdotal" evidence to back them up.

How Silicon Valley, in a Show of Monopolisti...

ronpaulinstitute.org/archives/featured-articles/2021/january...

As **Silicon Valley censorship** radically escalated over the past several months — banning pre-election reporting by The New York Post about the Biden family, denouncing and deleting multiple posts from the US President and then terminating his access altogether, mass-removal of right-wing accounts — so many people migrated to Parler that it ...

White House drafting executive order to tack...

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Aug 7, 2019 White House drafting executive order to tackle **Silicon Valley's** alleged anti-conservative bias By MARGARET HARDING MCGILL and DANIEL LIPPMAN 08/07/2019 03:07 PM EDT

Sen. Cruz: It Is Terrifying That a Handful of ...

https://www.cruz.senate.gov/?p=press_release&id=4879

HOUSTON, Texas - Amidst Congressional Democrats' attempts to undo the results of the 2016 election, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), chairman of the Subcommittee on The Constitution, on Sunday appeared on Fox News' 'Sunday Morning Futures' with Maria Bartiromo where he discussed his ongoing concerns about Big Tech's unchecked influence in past elections, and what that means for 2020 and beyond.

Foreign Ministry castigates Silicon Valley's a...

<https://tass.com/politics/1244285>

Maria Zakharova, Russia's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, has repeatedly spotlighted the issue of **Silicon Valley's** social media **ensorship**. In particular, she has pointed out the political bias ...

Jack Dorsey, the CIA and Twitter Censorshi...

<https://unlimitedhangout.com/2020/12/investigative-reports...>

The "iconic" Haiti Tech Summit was the pilot launch. The company was projecting 54 tech summits in 2020, to be held virtually and "across all major hubs globally". Alongside Dorsey at the 2018 Haiti Tech summit were representatives from other **Silicon Valley** giants — Google, Facebook and YouTube.

How Silicon Valley, in a Show of Monopolisti...

<https://greenwald.substack.com/p/how-silicon-valley-in-a-s...>

Critics of **Silicon Valley censorship** for years heard the same refrain: tech platforms like Facebook, Google and Twitter are private corporations and can host or ban whoever they want. If you don't like what they are doing, the solution is not to complain or to regulate them.

Billionaire Who Helped Epstein Boost Public...

<https://neonnettle.com/news/10784-billionaire-who-helped-...>

Billionaire Reid Hoffman, who previously helped convicted pedophile Jeffrey **Epstein** boost his public image after being jailed for child sex crimes, has just poured \$1.5 million into Joe Biden's campaign. **Silicon Valley** tycoon Hoffman is now pumping cash into the super PAC supporting former Vice President Biden's candidacy.

How censorship in Silicon Valley is killing fre...

<https://betanews.com/2019/12/30/how-censorship-in-silico...>

Silicon Valley's largest digital platforms have already proven time and again that they are fully ready to bow to the whims of **censorship** whims of outside powers while chasing new cash flows.

Biden's Transition Team Is Full of Big Tech E...

<https://townhall.com/tipsheet/bronsonstocking/2020/11/11/...>

Nov 11, 2020 In his research of Google's bias during the 2016 presidential election cycle, Dr. Robert **Epstein** found that Google's manipulation of search results helped shift between 2.6 and 10.4 million votes ...