

Restoring Freedom of Speech and Ending Federal Censorship

Administration Policy:

President Trump issued an Executive Order (EO) titled [Restoring Freedom of Speech and Ending Federal Censorship](#) to prohibit government censorship and restore the constitutional right to free speech. Specifically, this EO establishes that the policy of the United States is to “secure the right of the American people to engage in constitutionally protected speech.”

The EO highlights how “the previous administration trampled free speech rights by censoring Americans’ speech on online platforms.” This EO seeks to undo the damage done to free speech rights and protect the First Amendment, which the President says is “essential to the success of our Republic.”

Section 2 (c) of this order asserts that no further taxpayer resources may be used to “unconstitutionally abridge the free speech of any American citizen.”

Section 3 (b) requires the Attorney General (AG) to formally investigate the actions of the Biden administration and submit a report with suggestions for remediation to the President.

Background:

- Meta Platforms CEO Mark Zuckerberg admitted that the [Biden administration pressured Meta to censor COVID-19 information](#) in 2021.
 - Specifically, senior officials from the Biden White House pressured Meta to remove COVID-19 content it didn’t approve of, including humor and satire.
- The Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government released a [report](#) on how the Biden administration coerced Big Tech companies to censor Americans.
 - This report found that companies like Facebook, YouTube, and Amazon changed their content moderation policies as a direct result of pressure from the Biden administration.
 - The report also revealed that the Surgeon General attempted to remove “true information about side effects.”
- The [Supreme Court declined to take action](#) against the Biden Administration in 2024 for its role in censorship on media platforms.
- The [Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act](#) passed the House of Representatives in 2023, and would prohibit federal employees from using their authority to advocate for censorship or pressure private companies to censor free speech.