



Biden Authorizes Order That Will Ban Independent Media in America

Description

USA: President Biden on Thursday authorized a plan to ban “all independent media websites” in America, in order to “protect Americans from hate.”

The highly illegal and unconstitutional move is part of the White House’s new “National Strategy to Counter Antisemitism.”

.@SecondGentleman met with Jewish White House staff in celebration of Jewish American Heritage Month.

Our Administration is proud to recognize the Jewish staffers who help carry our nation forward each day and are helping create a more inclusive tomorrow.

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— The White House (@WhiteHouse) [May 16, 2023](#)

Ambassador Lipstadt and WH staffers had a long day — now briefing Jewish Americans via Zoom about the WH plan to counter antisemitism

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— Jacob N. Kornbluh (@jacobkornbluh) [May 25, 2023](#)

NOW – Biden says U.S. government agencies will take over 100 “bold and unprecedented” actions to “fight hate” and antisemitism.

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— Disclose.tv (@disclosetv) [May 25, 2023](#)

The far-left Anti-Defamation League (ADL) took credit for drafting the plan.

“To counter hate and antisemitism,” [the plan states](#), “the Biden-Harris Administration encourages all online platforms to independently commit to the following actions”:

- **Ensure terms of service and community standards explicitly cover antisemitism. The Administration commends platforms with terms of service and community standards that establish “zero-tolerance” for hate speech, including antisemitism. All online platforms are encouraged to adopt zero-tolerance terms of service and community standards.**
- Permanently ban repeat offenders, both personal accounts and extremist websites.
- **Invest in the human and technical resources necessary to enable vigorous and timely enforcement of their terms of service and community standards.** Currently, many platforms do not adequately invest in enforcement of their terms of service and community standards, and numerous platforms have recently shed significant portions of their trust and safety workforces, leading to documented increases in hate speech on their platforms.
- **Improve capabilities to stop recommending and de-rank antisemitic and other hateful content.** Extensive research has shown that online platforms’ algorithmic recommendation and ranking systems—depending on the incentives driving them—can amplify and spread extremist and antisemitic content.
- Increase the transparency of their algorithmic recommendation systems and data, and **allow for public interest research to ascertain how these systems amplify and spread hate speech and antisemitic content to inform better content moderation tools and approaches. Antisemitism should be treated as a distinct category in transparency reports, and platforms should report on the volume of antisemitic content adjudicated on platforms.**
- Encourage and support trusted community moderators who receive dedicated, ongoing training in hate speech and bias, including antisemitism and its tropes.

- **Use their reach to raise awareness of antisemitism while also ensuring users have credible and factual information about Jewish people, antisemitism, and the Holocaust.**
- **Engage frequently with civil society groups that actively monitor antisemitism in media and online to stay abreast of the latest developments.**
- **Listen to the concerns of Jewish communities around the world to understand how Jewish users experience antisemitism and hate on their platforms and ensure antisemitism is understood, recognized, and properly addressed.**
- **Establish relationships with Jewish community organizations to share best practices related to reporting hate speech and utilizing platforms to lift up Jewish stories.**

Infowars.com reports: No other group is afforded any such privileges.

Executive Branch Action

- **Commerce** will identify ways in which companies' practices with respect to collecting, storing, using, and processing data can potentially drive antisemitism or lead to other harms that disproportionately impact Jews and other communities. This analysis is included in a larger Commerce report, which will also identify policy recommendations to mitigate these harms against Jews and other historically marginalized communities. *(By November 2023)*

Calls to Congress

- **We call on Congress to** hold social media platforms accountable for spreading disinformation and hate-fueled violence, including antisemitism. The President has long called for fundamental reforms to Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, and Congress should remove special immunity for online platforms. This should include removing immunity if an online platform utilizes an algorithm or other computational process to amplify or recommend content to a user that promotes violence, or is directly relevant to a civil rights issue involving interference with civil rights or neglect to prevent interference with civil rights.
- **We call on Congress to** impose much stronger transparency requirements on social media platforms, including their algorithmic recommendation systems, content moderation decisions, and enforcement of community standards.
- **We call on Congress to** pass legislation requiring platforms to enable timely and robust public interest research, including on the spread of antisemitism and other forms of hate, by allowing researchers using platforms' data and analyzing their algorithmic recommendation systems while maintaining users' privacy.

THE U.S. NATIONAL STRATEGY TO COUNTER ANTISEMITISM



Whole-of-Society Calls to Action

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The full plan includes over 100 actions to “fight antisemitism.”

From The Washington Post, “White House releases national strategy to counter antisemitism”:

The White House on Thursday pledged to increase federal efforts to combat rising antisemitism with new initiatives aimed at improving public awareness in places such as schools and college campuses and offering more community training to encourage the reporting of hate crimes.

In its [national strategy to counter antisemitism](#), the White House also calls on social media companies to more aggressively prevent the spread of hate speech and anti-Jewish content online. It asks Congress to hold accountable those platforms that do not provide transparency on how such content is disseminated.

The plan lays out dozens of commitments from the Biden administration to help protect Jewish communities, while calling on Congress and local governments to follow suit.

[...] White House officials touted the scheduled opening next year at the Holocaust Memorial Museum of the first U.S.-based Holocaust research center as part of a broader federal effort to increase education about the dangers of antisemitism. Federal agencies are committing to more training around diversity, equity and inclusion to root out workplace discrimination and violence.

The Homeland Security Department and Justice Department will conduct community workshops to counter hate-motivated violence, and the National Security Council will develop technical assistance for local jurisdictions to monitor and prevent attacks, officials said.

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No other elected Republican or Democrat has criticized the plan.

Why does “fighting antisemitism” always involve censorship and attacking the First Amendment?

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