

Missouri AG Provides 'Hard Evidence' Biden Admin Colluded with Big Tech to Censor COVID Vaccine 'Misinformation'



Missouri's new Attorney General, Andrew Bailey, claims he has "hard evidence" that the Biden Administration colluded with social media companies to censor differing viewpoints and silence "misinformation" on COVID-19 that later turned out to be true.

This evidence was obtained as part of a massive lawsuit filed by Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry and former Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt against the Biden administration and 67 defendants for allegedly colluding with social media companies to censor freedom of speech on several topics, including COVID-19.

In [emails](#) released Friday on Twitter, Bailey disclosed an

email from White House employee Clarke Humphrey to Twitter asking the social media giant to remove a tweet by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. "ASAP." As Bailey pointed out, Kennedy is an outspoken critic of the White House's COVID-19 narrative.

Here, a White House employee asks Twitter to silence Robert Kennedy, Jr., a known critic of the White House's COVID-19 narrative. (3/9) pic.twitter.com/kIVv60W8Gt

– Attorney General Andrew Bailey (@AGAndrewBailey) [January 7, 2023](#)

The White House took issue with Kennedy's tweet insinuating Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine may have caused Hank Aaron's death.

[#HankAaron](#)'s tragic death is part of a wave of suspicious deaths among elderly closely following administration of [#COVID](#) [#vaccines](#). He received the [#Moderna](#) vaccine on Jan. 5 to inspire other Black Americans to get the vaccine. [#TheDefenderhttps://t.co/vbuHt22bJz](#)

– Robert F. Kennedy Jr (@RobertKennedyJr) [January 22, 2021](#)

The White House employee then asked Twitter to "keep an eye out" for tweets that "fall in this same genre."

In [another email](#) shared by Bailey, Rob Flaherty, White House Director of Digital Strategy, emailed Facebook to ask that they remove specific posts by prominent conservatives related to COVID vaccines. The first post at issue was by Fox News host Tucker Carlson, who insinuated the vaccines don't work. The second post was by Tomi Lehren, who said she would not get a COVID shot.

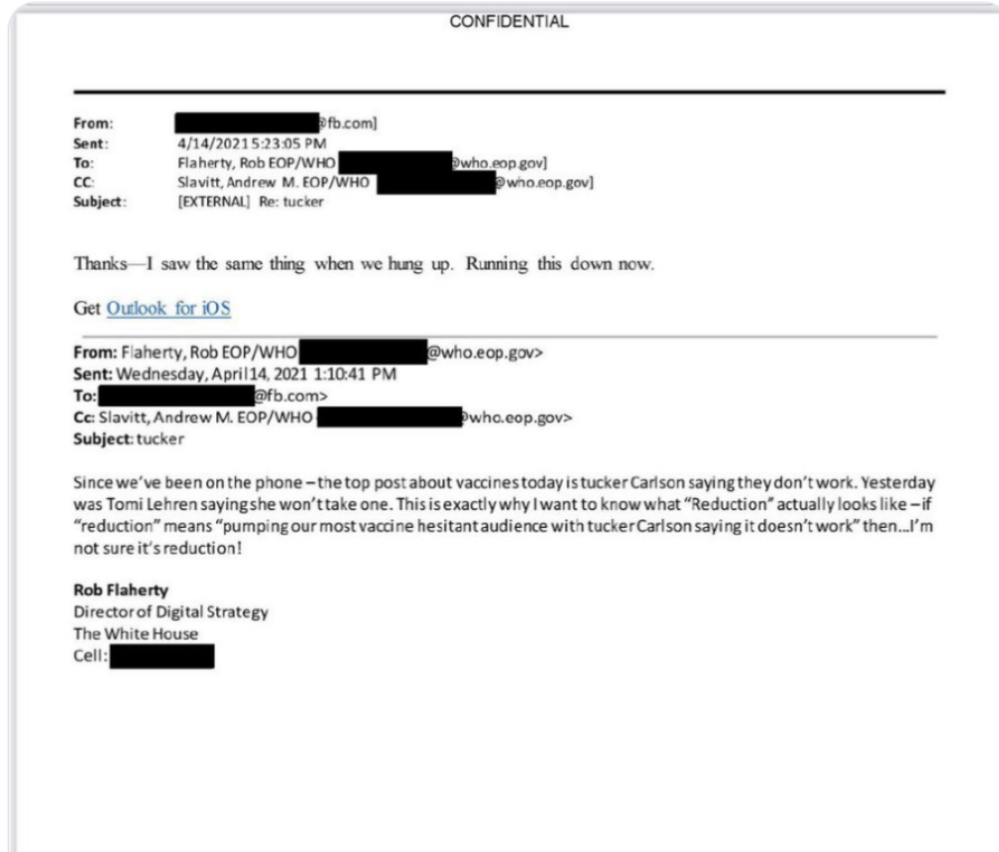
The Facebook employee responded that he "saw the same thing" when they got off the phone and is "running this down now."



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Here, the Biden White House directs Facebook to shut down conservative voices @TuckerCarlson and @TomiLahren (4/9)



Here's an example of Big Tech, specifically YouTube, "toeing the line for Biden." The Biden administration is clearly attempting to censor speech that may cause vaccine hesitancy, even if that speech is true.



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Here is an example of Big Tech toeing the line for Biden. (5/9)

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@google.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 20, 2021 2:36 PM
To: Flaherty, Rob R. EOP/WHO <[REDACTED]@who.eop.gov>
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@google.com>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] YouTube Announcement

Thanks Rob,

We appreciate your interest in our announcement yesterday. With regards to your question on the Tweet, it is important to keep in mind that borderline content accounts for a fraction of 1% of what is watched on YouTube in the United States. We use machine learning to reduce the recommendations of this type of content, including potentially harmful misinformation. In January 2019, we announced changes to our recommendations systems to limit the spread of this type of content which resulted in a 70% drop in watchtime on non-subscribed recommended content in the U.S. and our goal is to have views of non-subscribed, recommended borderline content below 0.5%. I will keep you updated with any new policy or product improvements that we make as we continue our work to help people find authoritative health information on YouTube.

Best Regards

3:40 AM • Jan 7, 2023

98 Likes 24 Retweets

Bailey provided another instance of collusion: This email provides an example of an article by Children's Health Defense that violates the "misinformation and harm" policy because it may "contribute to vaccine hesitancy or present a barrier to vaccination."

In other words, content is not allowed to be posted on social media if it might cause someone to question getting an endless barrage of COVID shots, even if it is true.

The author of the email goes on to provide examples of what types of content violate said policy, including content that contains sensational or alarmist vaccine misrepresentation, true but shocking claims, personal anecdotes (i.e., vaccine injury stories), or "discussing the choice to vaccinate in terms of personal and civil liberties or concerns related to mistrust in institutions or individuals." Posts that fall into these categories receive the gift of various degrees of censorship.



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Here's more collusion. (6/9)



But wait, it gets better. Below is an email showing the White House couldn't care less about a product unless it "has a measurable impact" on suppressing speech. In this email, the White House's Flaherty demands answers on how effective Facebook has been at reducing the spread of "vaccine-skeptical CONTENT and misinformation" to "vaccine fence-sitters" in the "now-folded lockdown."

In the same email, Flaherty admits Facebook deployed an algorithm to promote "quality news and information" to users about "the election," but only after the election. He then blames Facebook for election skepticism and the Jan. 6 "insurrection" and wants assurances Facebook is not "doing the

same thing again here” as it pertains to COVID-19 vaccines.



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The truth no longer matters to the White House. They “Really couldn’t care less about products unless they’ve having measurable impact” on suppressing speech. (7/9)

From: Flaherty, Rob EOP/WHO [REDACTED]@who.eop.gov>

Date: Friday, April 9, 2021 at 2:56 PM

To: [REDACTED]@fb.com>

Subject: RE: Follow up--WA responses

Thanks for this, [REDACTED]. Your should be trying to land a time.

Will say I’m really mostly interested in what effects the interventions and products you’ve tested have had on increasing vaccine interest within hesitant communities, and which ones have shown promise. Really couldn’t care less about products unless they’re having measurable impact. And while the product safari has been interesting, at the end of the day, I care mostly about what actions and changes you’re making to ensure sure you’re not making our country’s vaccine hesitancy problem worse. I definitely have what I believe to be a non-comprehensive list of products you’re building but I still don’t have a good, empirical answer on how effective you’ve been at reducing the spread of vaccine-skeptical content and misinformation to vaccine fence sitters in the now-folded “lockdown.” If [REDACTED] can speak to those things, great. [REDACTED] hasn’t been able to, but I’m sure someone there can.

In the electoral context, you tested and deployed an algorithmic shift that promoted quality news and information about the election. This was reported in the New York Times and also readily apparent to anyone with cursory social listening tools. You only did this, however, after an election that you helped increase skepticism in, and an insurrection which was plotted, in large part, on your platform. And then you turned it back off. I want some assurances, based in data, that you are not doing the same thing again here.

9:41 PM · Jan 6, 2023



“These emails confirm what we’ve known all along, the Biden Admin has been colluding with social media companies to stifle opposing voices,” Bailey said in a tweet. “I will continue to push back against this blatant attack on the 1st Amendment with every tool at my disposal.”

The Biden administration owes the American people an explanation for why it thinks a government that works for the people, elected by the people, can manipulate the people. We should demand accountability and transparency – and the government should take responsibility for the millions of people who have undoubtedly been injured at the hands of government-perpetuated propaganda.