

Zuckerberg Has 'Regrets' About Meta's Tie to the Biden-Harris Campaign

Mark Zuckerberg admitted that Meta complied with pressure from the Biden-Harris campaign to place censorship on Americans' free speech.

In a letter to the U.S. House of Representatives, Zuckerberg wrote:

"I appreciate the Committee's interest in content moderation on online platforms. As you are aware, Meta has produced thousands of documents as part of your investigation and made a dozen employees available for transcribed interviews. Further to our cooperation with your investigation, I welcome the opportunity to share what I've taken away from this process."

"There's a lot of talk right now around how the U.S. government interacts with companies like Meta, and I want to be clear about our position. Our platforms are for everyone—we're about promoting speech and helping people connect in a safe and secure way. As part of this, we regularly hear from the governments around the world and others with various concerns around public discourse and public safety."

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The letter, addressed to Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH), admits that the social media outlets were pressured by the Biden-Harris campaign to censor information posted online about COVID-19 and the New York Post story which broke about the Biden

family's connection to Burisma Holdings Limited.

"In 2021, senior officials from the Biden Administration, including the White House, repeatedly pressured our teams for months to censor certain COVID-19 content, including humor and satire, and expressed a lot of frustration with our teams when we didn't agree," the letter continued.

Zuckerberg admits that Meta had the choice at the end of the day to comply with the demands or not, and Meta chose to follow through with the pressure.

"Ultimately, it was our decision whether or not to take content down, and we own our decisions, including COVID-19-related changes we made to our enforcement in the wake of this pressure. I believe the government pressure was wrong, and I regret that we were not more outspoken about it."

Zuckerberg further says that if given the opportunity today, Meta likely would not make the same decisions they did in 2021.

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"In a separate situation, the FBI warned us about a potential Russian disinformation operation about the Biden family and Burisma in the lead up to the 2020 election," Zuckerberg writes.

"It's since been made clear that the reporting was not Russian disinformation, and in retrospect, we shouldn't have demoted the story. We've changed our policies and processes to make sure this doesn't happen again—for instance, we no longer temporarily demote things in the U.S. while waiting for fact-checkers."



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Zuckerberg concludes the letter to Jordan by mentioning that his own political contributions in the last election were meant to be non-partisan. However, he admits that some "believe this work benefited one party over the other." As a response, Zuckerberg will not be making a "similar contribution this cycle."

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