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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 16, 2022

Mr. CLYDE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

RESOLUTION

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Resolved, That the President is requested to transmit to the House of Representatives, not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution, in complete and unredacted form, copies of all documents or records, including written correspondence and memoranda, advisory legal opinions, emails, calendar entries, to-do list entries, telephone system records, logs, and transcripts (including for cell phones, pagers, landlines, and other electronic devices), voicemails, text messages, instant messages, postings on social media, blogs, and other internet sites, message board and chat room transcripts, audio recordings, captured still images, papers, presentations, financial statements, invoices, or financial instruments, no matter how stored, including electronically and on any and all media or storage devices (including on optical discs, hard drives, solid state drives, in portable storage, and in remote or “cloud” storage), either generated or received by the office of the President, that refer or relate to—

(1) the Election Integrity Partnership, including Federal grants to the Election Integrity Partnership or its consortium members;

(2) efforts to censor information, including purported misinformation, disinformation, or malinformation;
(3) attempts to do “fact-checks”;

(4) procedures to create “tickets” with social media companies or flag incidents or emerging narratives to be assessed by social media companies;

(5) implementation of resilience efforts to counter election misinformation;

(6) consortium agreements collaboration, or meetings about social media or disinformation, malinformation, or information, with any private entities including the Democratic National Committee, the NAACP, Common Cause, Stanford Internet Observatory, the University of Washington’s Center for an Informed Public, the Atlantic Council’s Digital Forensic Research Lab, and social media analytics firm Graphika;

(7) the removal, throttling, and labeling of content;

(8) flagged URLs, including the labeling, removal, or soft-blocking of such URLs;

(9) the removal, throttling, or labeling of news and opinion organizations or the content of news and opinion organizations, including the New York Post, Fox News, Just the News, the Washington Times, Gateway Pundit, the Epoch Times, the Associated Press, Breitbart, or SeanHannity.com;
(10) meetings or discussions regarding misinformation and disinformation with the former Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Christopher Krebs, former Facebook Chief Security Officer Alex Stamos, Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, Associate Professor at the University of Washington Katie Starbird, Chief Medical Adviser Dr. Anthony Fauci, the Atlantic Council’s Emerson Brooking, or Surgeon General Vivek Murthy;

(11) “Platform interventions” in response to “delegitimization of election results”, ballot-counting machines, COVID–19, or COVID–19 vaccines;

(12) communications on “misinformation” or “disinformation” concerning individual Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram users, including Sean Hannity, Charlie Kirk, Mark Levin, Tom Fitton, and Alex Berenson;

(13) content moderation;

(14) “Far-right influencers”; 

(15) National Science Foundation grants to Stanford and University of Washington to, among other things, “study ways to apply collaborative, rapid-response research to mitigate online disinformation”;
(16) incident reports for tweets and retweets;
(17) spreading misinformation and
disinformation on Hunter Biden or White House
Chief Medical Advisor Dr. Anthony Fauci; and
(18) “repeat spreaders” of election “misinf-
formation”. 