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1. TWITTER FILES: Supplemental More Adam Schiff Ban Requests, and "Deamplification"

2. Staff of House Democrat @AdamSchiff wrote to Twitter quite often, asking that tweets be taken down. This photo of Joe Biden. The DNC made the same request:

Twitter post by Nate's Liver - Commentary @SIEERabbit with a video of Joe Biden and a 'The media could not be played' error message.

Smaller version of the Joe Biden video tweet.

3. The real issue was Donald Trump retweeted the Biden pic. To its credit Twitter refused to remove it, with Trust and Safety chief Yoel Roth saying it had obvious "humorous intent" and "any reasonable observer" - apparently, not a Schiff staffer - could see it was doctored.

Screenshot of a tweet from a user mentioning a doctored image and a link to a report.

4. Schiff staffer Jeff Lowenstein didn't give up, claiming there was a "slippery slope concern here."

Direct messages from Jeff Lowenstein and Lauren Culbertson.

5. Twitter also refused requests for bans of content about Schiff and his staff, e.g. "complete suppression of] any and all search results about Mr. Misko and other Committee staffers." Twitter said this would not be "conceivable."

Screenshot of a tweet with a PDF link and a reply from a user.

6. Even when Twitter didn't suspend an account, that didn't mean they didn't act. Schiff's office repeatedly complained about "QAnon related activity" that were often tweets about other matters, like the identity of the Ukraine "whistleblower" or the Steele dossier:

Twitter post by Pat Reed #PatReed with a video and a reply from a user.

7. Twitter policy at the time didn't ban QAnon, but "deamplified" such accounts. About the batch of tweets that included those above, Twitter execs wrote: "We can internally confirm that a number of the accounts flagged are already included in this deamplification."

Twitter post from a user with a link to a report on coordinated harmful activity.

8. Schiff's office had a concern about "deamplification," though: it might make it harder for law enforcement to track the offending Tweets.

9. "WE APPRECIATE GREATLY" "We are curious whether any deamplification measures implemented by Twitter's enforcement team - which we appreciate greatly - could... impede the ability of law enforcement to search Twitter for potential threats about Misko and other HPSCI staff."

Large screenshot of a tweet with a PDF link and a reply from a user.

10. For more, watch @ShellenbergerMD, @BariWeiss, @LHFang, @DavidZweig, @AlexBenson, and others.

Twitter had no editorial input. Searches were carried out by third parties, so the documents could be limited.

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