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## FBI Paid Twitter \$3.4M for Censorship Operation, Bureau Alumni Packed Payroll

So Twitter wasn't just a "subsidiary" of the FBI, as the [Twitter Files Part 6 revealed](#). It was a handsomely paid subsidiary, which might explain why it acted so quickly to crush the Hunter Biden laptop story at the FBI's behest.

From Michael Shellenberger's [Twitter Files Part 7](#), we now know that the FBI pushed Twitter to suppress the [laptop story](#) when it almost surely knew it was not "Russian disinformation," and Twitter complied within hours.

Once again in those files, we see the names of [San Francisco FBI man Elvis Chan](#) and his boon companion at Twitter, the [hate-Trump homosexual enforcer Yoel Roth](#).

The Bureau paid Twitter more than \$3 million to censor posts the FBI didn't like. And Twitter employed more than a few former agents.



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The story begins in December 2019 when a Delaware computer store owner named John Paul (J.P.) Mac Isaac contacts the FBI about a laptop that Hunter Biden had left with him

On Dec 9, 2019, the FBI issues a subpoena for, and takes, Hunter Biden's laptop.  
<https://t.co/TdaYhHMVRH pic.twitter.com/JxdkrkgAkI>

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### 10 Documents

Yet the FBI's possibly illegal activities began on December 19, 2019, when it issued a subpoena for the laptop that Hunter Biden left at [John Paul Mac Isaac's repair shop](#) in Delaware, [Shellenberger explained](#). By August 2020, because the FBI hadn't contacted him again, Isaac emailed Rudy Giuliani, who, in turn, in early October, handed the laptop's contents to the *New York Post*.

[Those emails showed](#) that [Joe Biden lied](#) when he said he knew nothing of his son's remarkably lucrative business ventures abroad.

"Shortly before 7 pm ET on October 13, Hunter Biden's lawyer, George Mesires, emails JP Mac Isaac," Shellenberger wrote:

Hunter and Mesires had just learned from the *New York Post* that its story about the laptop would be published the next day.

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Why is that? What, exactly, happened?

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Yet the FBI surely knew the laptop and its contents weren't just real, but a bomb about to explode in Joe Biden's face and wreck what would be his last presidential candidacy.

Hunter Biden "earned \*tens of millions\* of dollars in contracts with foreign businesses, including ones linked to China's government, for which Hunter offered no real work," [Shellenberger wrote](#):

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This is from a sworn declaration by Roth given in December 2020. <https://t.co/IvTjyYw9iR>  
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But the laptop wasn't just real and not a "Russian disinformation" operation. Twitter detected very little Russian activity, the Twitter Files show.

So "in the end, the FBI's influence campaign aimed at executives at news media, Twitter, & other social media companies worked: they censored & discredited the Hunter Biden laptop story."



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## **\$3.4M, Top-secret Clearances**

But Twitter was an FBI subsidiary not just because it censored tweets and suppressed accounts on FBI orders, as [previously reported](#).

Twitter's payroll included so many former agents that they had their own Slack channel for messaging. One of them was James Baker, the former FBI general counsel whom [Elon Musk fired](#) because he helped suppress the laptop story. Baker, of course, [was involved](#) in the [Clinton Campaign's Russia Collusion Hoax](#) in 2016. He was on the receiving end of Clinton cutout Michael Sussman's collusion lies.

27. As general counsel of the FBI, Baker played a central role in making the case internally for an investigation of Donald Trump <https://t.co/TMIMTpUjDw>

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29. As of 2020, there were so many former FBI employees — "Bu alumni" — working at Twitter that they had created their own private Slack channel and a crib sheet to onboard new FBI arrivals. <pic.twitter.com/prVhPGohOC>

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And even FBI alumni and top-secret clearance don't completely explain why Twitter became an FBI subsidiary.

"The FBI's influence campaign may have been helped by the fact that it was paying Twitter millions of dollars for its staff time," [the files reveal](#):

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Upshot of that fact: Taxpayers subsidized not only Twitter's effort to stop the laptop from wrecking the Biden campaign, but also its major censorship campaign [against conservatives](#) it falsely claimed were spreading "disinformation."

As [The New American reported](#) yesterday, Twitter might be open to First Amendment lawsuits because it censored on orders from the FBI. The latest — that the bureau paid Twitter for services rendered — won't help its defense.



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