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# Leftists on Twitter Hope for POTUS, FLOTUS Deaths. Will Twitter Suspend Accounts?

The news that President Trump and First Lady Melania have COVID has provoked exactly what one would expect from the radical Left, including two prominent political figures.

Wishes for Trump and the First Lady to die are legion on Twitter, a violation of its rules.

The question is whether the social media site will suspend those accounts, or permit users to continue the unconscionable tweets, <u>just as the site did</u> with "burn-down-Lousiville" tweets last week.

Expecting Twitter to act might well be the triumph of hope over experience.



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#### Trump's Tweet

In the wee hours just after a tweet about aide Hope Hicks, Trump announced that he and Mrs. Trump had contracted the Chinese Virus, which might be a Red Chinese bioweapon:

Tonight, <u>@FLOTUS</u> and I tested positive for COVID-19. We will begin our quarantine and recovery process immediately. We will get through this TOGETHER!

— Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) October 2, 2020

Later reports said <u>Trump was suffering</u> mild symptoms from the Asiatic pathogen that might be the result of sloppy, <u>U.S.-taxpayer-subsidized lab work</u> at the Wuhan Institute of Virology.

But then came the Twitterstorm of hate <u>curated at Breitbart</u> and other websites.

Perhaps the most shocking tweets came from two prominent political figures who should know better. One was a former spokeswoman for Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign, Zara Rahim, who also worked for President Barack Hussein Obama.

Rahim set her account to private, the <u>Washington Times reported</u>, but popular Cuban-American conservative Robby Starbuck preserved her vile message: "It's been against my moral identity to tweet this for the past four years, but I hope he dies."

Wrote Starbuck, "She tried to delete her horrible tweet but @ZaraRahim is a communications person so she knows, the internet is forever. After finding out Trump had coronavirus, the former Obama WH staffer and Clinton National Spokeswoman tweeted 'I hope he dies.'"

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WH staffer and Clinton National Spokeswoman tweeted "I hope he dies". <u>pic.twitter.com/ZQ9cRjb7P7</u>

Robby Starbuck (@robbystarbuck) October 2, 2020

A candidate for public office in California, Steve Cox, wrote similarly. "What if, in the end, both shitty candidates die and #COVID19 ends up saving the world?" he tweeted.

When a follower replied "you're better than that," Cox's twitter finger was ready:

"No, I'm not. I hope they both die."

Steve, you're better than that. Come on.

— [][]The Mrs.[][] (@Skippeachicky) October 2, 2020

No I'm not. I hope they both die.

- Steve Cox (@RealSteveCox) October 2, 2020

Max Berger, a former staffer for failed Democrat presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren, deleted this tweet reproduced by *Newsweek*:

I can't think of anything more distasteful than wishing death upon another human, except maybe causing preventable mass death because you don't want to damage the stock market or your reelection chances. All jokes aside, I hope the President injects himself with bleach.

Before Berger hysterically wrote that Trump "did this to himself. He inflicted this same misfortune upon millions of others."

And, of course, he's a "white supremacist":

Trump did this to himself. He inflicted this same misfortune upon millions of others.

He's a corrupt, white supremacist criminal who's responsible for more American deaths than 9/11 and the wars in Vietnam, Korea, Iraq and WWI combined.

No one should feel bad for him.

- Popular Front 2020 (@maxberger) October 2, 2020

A prominent left-wing journalist tweeted the same thing:

"I don't hope Trump dies from Covid." Eleanor Penny wrote. "I hope he dies from anything, I'm really not fussy."

Unsurprisingly, <u>Penny toiled</u> for Hungarian subversive billionaire George Soros.

Yet another unhinged leftist is Alex Blagg, who claims to be a comedian.

"This is the first time in like 4 years I woke up to a news alert on my phone that was actually good," Blagg wrote.

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He quickly added this sentiment: "Just a quick note of support for Hope Hicks and President Trump I hope they both die," he wrote.

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– Alex Blagg (@alexblagg) <u>October 2, 2020</u>

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#### Burn Down Louisville

Twitter, apparently, is wondering what to do, <u>Newsweek reported</u>.

"A Twitter spokesperson who asked for images of the potentially-violating tweets did not immediately respond after being forwarded multiple screenshots," the magazine reported. "A spokesperson for Facebook, when asked if that social network had a policy about users publishing posts about Trump's death, sent Newsweek a link to the website's bullying and harassment policy."

The social media site's policy says, "We do not tolerate content that wishes, hopes or expresses a desire for death, serious bodily harm or fatal disease against an individual or group of people."

That is either demonstrably untrue, demonstrably unenforced, or both.

As *The New American* reported last week, Twitter did not crack down on angry "burn-down-Louisville" tweets after a grand jury correctly decided to not indict police officers in the death of Breonna Taylor.



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