



# Twitter Displays Glaring Bias as It Censors Trump's Election-related Tweets

Twitter is once again revealing its bias against President Trump, this time by repeatedly censoring his post-Election tweets pertaining to the very real possibility of fraud and corruption.

Hours after the polls closed on Election Day, President Trump took to Twitter to voice concerns about the voter counts, prompting Twitter to swiftly take action and begin replacing his tweets with warning labels. Trump's tweets were blocked by a Twitter label. When clicked, the label disappears and the original text of the tweet becomes visible, but a "misleading" content label is placed above the text and a fact-check link is placed below.



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In one such instance, President Trump tweeted, "Last night I was leading, often solidly, in many key States, in almost all instances Democrat run & controlled. Then, one by one, they started to magically disappear as surprise ballot dumps were counted. VERY STRANGE, and the 'pollsters' got it completely & historically wrong!"

Twitter has placed a label on that tweet that states, "Some or all of the content shared in this Tweet is disputed and might be misleading about an election or other civic process." Below, Twitter provided a link for readers to click to "Learn about US 2020 election security efforts." Of course, that link merely provides information about the laws governing the counting of ballots without giving any credence to the many ways these laws can be broken.

As noted by the <u>Daily Wire</u>, "The censorship ratcheted up the day after the election, as Trump began to hammer the election fraud theme."

The censoring has continued two days after the Election. The latest tweet to be censored as of this writing came on November 5 at 12:21 p.m. The tweet reads simply, "STOP THE FRAUD!" Twitter has once again labeled the tweet "misleading." This time, when you click the link to learn about election security efforts, it takes you to Twitter's "Help Center" page that outlines its "Civic integrity policy," which begins, "You may not use Twitter's services for the purpose of manipulating or interfering in elections or other civic processes. This includes posting or sharing content that may suppress participation or mislead people about when, where, or how to participate in a civic process. In addition, we may label and reduce the visibility of Tweets containing false or misleading information about civic processes in order to provide additional context."

Sadly, these censorship tactics come as no surprise. In fact, Twitter has been censoring President Trump's voter fraud concerns since May, when the social-media platform placed its first fact-check label on a Trump tweet, citing its "misleading information" policy introduced during the COVID lockdowns.



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Under that policy, posts can be blocked out and replaced with warning labels.

"There is NO WAY (ZERO!) that Mail-In Ballots will be anything less than substantially fraudulent," Trump tweeted on May 26. "Mail boxes will be robbed, ballots will be forged & even illegally printed out & fraudulently signed. The Governor of California is sending Ballots to millions of people, anyone living in the state, no matter who they are or how they got there, will get one. That will be followed up with professionals telling all of these people, many of whom have never even thought of voting before, how, and for whom, to vote. This will be a Rigged Election. No way!"

Twitter claims it can censor posts that contain "misleading information," "disputed claims," or "unverified claims." According to Twitter spokesperson Katie Rosborough, Trump's tweet contained "misleading information."

Of course, Twitter has run interference for the Biden camp even when the tweets have nothing to do with election fraud.

When the *New York Post* broke the Hunter Biden story last month, Twitter locked down the *Post's* account and suspended the Trump campaign's official account for daring to retweet the story. Twitter also prohibited users from <u>sharing</u> the article with a notice that stated, "We can't complete this request because this link has been identified by Twitter or our partners as being potentially harmful."

Public outcry over Twitter's actions eventually prompted the social-media giant to reverse its position. Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey even issued something of an apology, tweeting, "Straight blocking of URLs was wrong, and we updated our policy and enforcement to fix." But Twitter did not <a href="https://www.unblock.nih.gov/unblock">unblock</a> the *Post's* account until two weeks later.

Twitter has long been accused of liberal <u>bias</u>. In 2018, the platform hired liberal academics to combat so-called hate speech. That announcement came after a number of conservatives had been shadow-banned on the platform, the Daily Wire reported at the time.

But Twitter's interference in the 2020 presidential elections has been its most shameful display of bias yet.





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