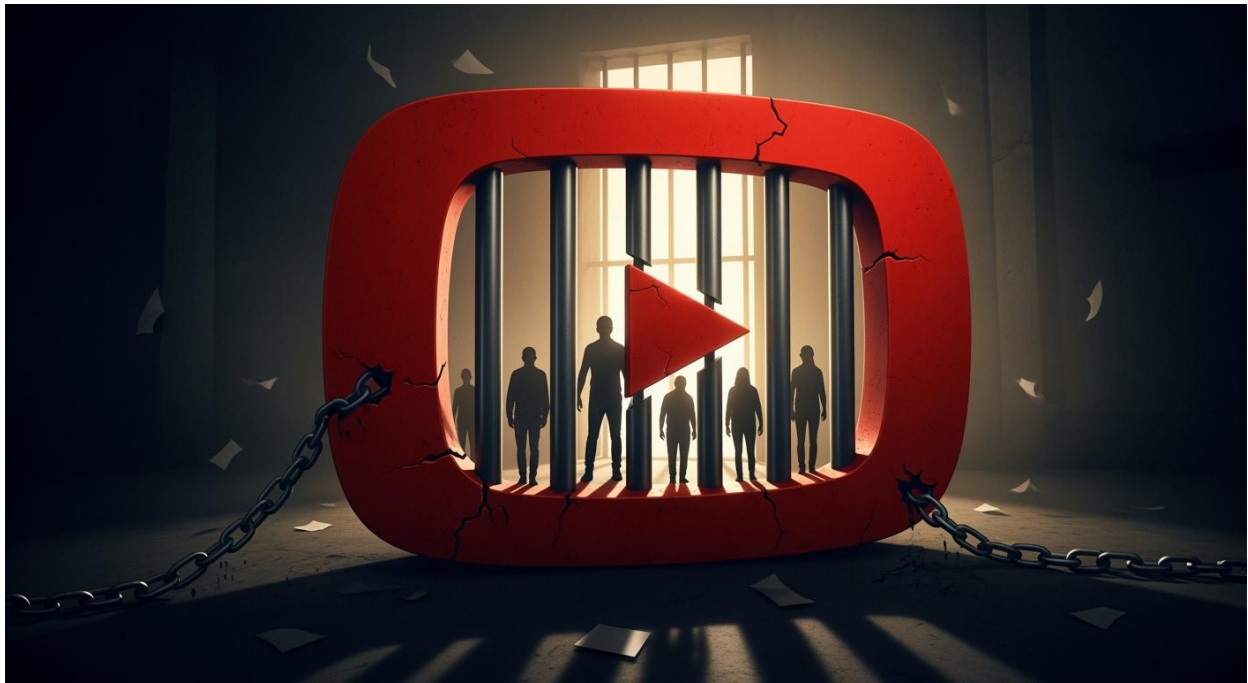


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## Google withdraws censorship measures on YouTube

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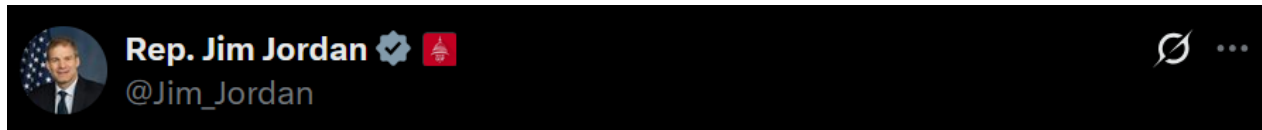
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**Those who lost their YouTube accounts during the Biden years because they were too critical of the coronavirus and the US elections can get their accounts back. This was announced by Google. And why is that? Because the political climate in Washington has changed, not because it was done out of conviction.**

With Donald Trump back in the White House, a little more freedom is returning to the internet - at least on the other side of the pond. Google, the parent company of YouTube, explained in a [letter to the US Congress](#) that all content creators banned during the Biden years will be allowed

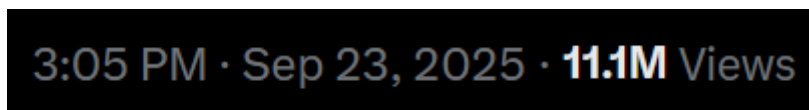
to return. Not because they have developed a conscience, of course, but because the political climate has changed and the old dogmas no longer fit into the current power game.

The company's reasoning? Well, they had to weigh up freedom of expression and protection from "real harm" "in an unprecedented time". In other words, they did what the Biden administration demanded and sold it as a moral duty. The fact that critics, doctors, scientists, but also satirists and journalists were systematically silenced in the process is today only worthy of a vague justification.



BREAKING: Due to our oversight efforts, GOOGLE commits to offer ALL creators previously kicked off YouTube due to political speech violations to return to the platform. BUT THAT'S NOT ALL.

<p>Chairman Committee on the Judiciary United States House of Representatives 2056 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515</p> <p>Dear Chairman Jordan:</p> <p>This statement of facts is submitted on behalf of our client Alphabet, Inc. and its subsidiary YouTube (collectively, "Alphabet" or the "Company") in response to subpoenas issued by the House Committee on the Judiciary (the "Committee") on February 15, 2023 and March 6, 2025.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Throughout the Committee's investigations, Alphabet provided responsive information to the Committee to fulfill its oversight responsibilities, producing internal records and providing extensive testimony, including more than 40 sets of responsive documents and the voluntary participation of 20 executives in transcribed interviews.</li><li>2. Alphabet's collection of business, the impact of which is to create Alphabet, and discussion are in the public's interest, which is why YouTube expanded its approach to educational, documentary, scientific and artistic content on the platform.</li><li>21. In contrast to other large platforms, YouTube has not operated a fact-checking program that identifies and compensates fact-checking partners to produce content to support moderation. YouTube has not and will not empower fact-checkers to take action on or label content across the Company's services.</li><li>22. YouTube also began offering a feature on YouTube beginning in June 2024 that allows users to add notes to provide relevant, timely, and understandable context on videos. The pilot is available on mobile in the U.S. and in English, and YouTube continues to collect feedback on the feature. YouTube also features an extensive comment section, where viewers can comment and share their views on content posted by creators.</li><li>23. The Company terminated channels for repeatedly violating its Community Guidelines on elections integrity content through 2023 and COVID-19 content through 2024. Today, YouTube's Community Guidelines allow for a wider range of content regarding COVID-19 and elections integrity. Reflecting the Company's commitment to free expression, YouTube will provide an opportunity for all creators to rejoin the platform if the Company terminated their channels for repeated violations of COVID-19 and</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5. The Company has a commitment to freedom of expression. This commitment is unwavering and will not bend to political pressure.</li><li>6. Transparency regarding government interactions with private platforms is essential for fostering public trust and upholding principles of free expression; the Committee's investigation brought to light new information that enhanced public understanding in this respect.</li></ol> <p><b>The Biden Administration and Alphabet</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>7. The COVID-19 pandemic was an unprecedented time in which online platforms had to reach decisions about how best to balance freedom of expression with responsibility, including responsibility with respect to the moderation of user-generated content that could result in real world harm.</li><li>8. Senior Biden Administration officials, including White House officials, conducted repeated and sustained outreach to Alphabet and pressed the Company regarding certain user-generated content related to the COVID-19 pandemic that did not violate its policies. While the Company continued to develop and enforce its policies independently, Biden Administration officials continued to press the Company to remove non-violative</li></ol> <p>The Honorable Jim Jordan September 23, 2025</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>27. The Committee has taken important investigative steps to highlight that onerous obligations under laws such as the Digital Services Act and Digital Markets Act may stifle innovation and restrict access to information. These laws place a disproportionate regulatory burden on American companies, and the Company has long expressed its concern about the risk that the DSA may pose to freedom of expression within and outside of the European Union, depending on how certain provisions may be enforced. The DSA could be interpreted in such a way as to require Alphabet and other providers of intermediary services to remove lawful content, jeopardizing the companies' ability to develop and enforce global policies that support rights to free expression and access to information. The DSA may open avenues for substantive regulation of lawful speech, including through risk mitigation, the use of codes of conduct and crisis protocols, and the out-of-court dispute settlement mechanism. Alphabet remains mindful of these risks and continues to be vigilant in its defense of these rights.</li></ol>
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## Google Admits Censorship Under Biden; Promises to End Bans of YouTube Accounts of Thousands of Americans Censored for Political Speech

September 23, 2025 [Press Release](#)

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, thanks to the oversight of Chairman Jim Jordan (R-OH), Google commits to offer all creators previously kicked off YouTube due to political speech violations on topics such as COVID-19 and elections an opportunity to return to the platform.

Google also admitted the following to the House Judiciary Committee:

1. The Biden Administration pressured Google to censor Americans and remove content that did not violate YouTube's policies.
2. The Biden Administration censorship pressure was "unacceptable and wrong."
3. Public debate should never come at the expense of relying "authorities."
4. The company will never use third-party "fact-checkers."
5. Europe's censorship laws target American companies and threaten American speech, including the removal of "lawful content."

These major admissions come after Chairman Jordan's [subpoena](#) to Google and a years long [investigation](#) into the company.

Read the full letter from Google [here](#).

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Google claims that it has defended itself against state interference and has always referred to the constitution. Anyone who has witnessed how channels have been deleted overnight and entire careers destroyed in recent years can only laugh at this. Documents that have come to light in various court cases show a different picture: High-ranking officials from the White House pushed massively for censorship. Even Mark Zuckerberg had to admit that his people were under enormous pressure to delete even harmless satire. The Twitter files published by Elon Musk showed a similar picture. At the same time, it also became clear that the companies were only too happy to bow to political pressure and dutifully follow instructions.

Now comes the great act of mercy. Everyone should be allowed to return. As if nothing had happened. Not a word about compensation, no admission that fundamental rights have been violated on a massive scale and debates destroyed. Instead, they are selling the opening as proof of their own commitment to freedom of expression. For these corporations, freedom of expression is not a conviction, but a variable - depending on the political climate. However, the censorship machinery is not standing still - it has only been put into neutral for a short time until the next politically motivated campaign comes along.