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Region/Sex	Age	Marital	College	Party	Response
S Town Fem	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	There just needs to be agreement to ethics. A pledge they agree to in order to have access to adds or some sort of quid pro quo
S Town Fem	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	has become a sounding board for too many anonymous bullies
Sub. Male	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Either social media controls itself or it needs to be controlled
Urb. Fem	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	To extent possible we need to balance free speech with the proliferation of lies & misinformation that is potentially harmful.
Urb. Fem	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	To get accurate news and the correct information
Urb. Fem	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Unregulated & out of control.
S Town Fem	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Because its all spewing of disinformation and stupid people believe it.
Sub. Fem	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Regulation of incorrect and potentially degrading comments, fueling ideas like the capital insurrection.
Sub. Fem	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	The media that has been around for the last decade is fine; its the newer conspiracy theory FOX type of news who ironically started the idea of fakenews when they are of course the fake news. Scary what normally intelligent people will believe.
Rur. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	False information has been easily spread and it has furthered the divide in our country
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	These companies have extraordinary influence and need governing bodies to hold them accountable to that influence and impact.
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Social media companies lack a social conscious and commoditize personal information
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Watch the social dilemma and youll understand why
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Lies spread so quickly and are given preference to the truth. Social media has destroyed our humanity in my opinion.
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Social media companies are allowing and often encouraging bad information and toxic behavior. They should be more proactive about removing bad content and bad individuals
Urb. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Social media has become the main source for many of news and communication with others; just as other sources of news and communication are regulated so should these social media companies and their power and influence should not be underestimated as they will continue to grow and aren't going anywhere
Urb. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Because people have lost touch with how to do research and rely on word of mouth through media

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Urb. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	We need true and accurate news. We cant continue to further polarize our parties with disinformation.
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Na
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	undermine public health and public safety.
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	The amount of misinformation is out of control
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Theyre directly responsible for trump and conspiracy theories spreading
Sub. Male	Silent	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Too many lies being spread unchecked.
Sub. Male	Silent	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Theres so much misinformation on social media
Sub. Male	Silent	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Social media is destroying this country. It has turned into a cult!!
Urb. Fem	Silent	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Misuse of social media to spread lies and conspiracy theories. Misinformation. A platform for hate and bigotry.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Its odd you asked this question. It doesnt fit with the rest of survey.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Their algorithms interfere with having an informed electorate which is a critical foundation for our democracy.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Social media companies generate and enforce rules at their own whim, often in an unequal fashion. Without pressure from government, they have an amount of power to wield their own values & beliefs
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	The use of social media by homegrown terrorists is disturbing. Also the spreading of mis information about the corona virus and vaccine.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Should have oversight like newspapers
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Would like to see more verification of sources, similar to that of newspapers and legitimate radio and TV media
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Control spread of untrue information
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	I think a hands-off approach to social media and social media content played a part in allowing radicals to attempt to overthrow our government. I dont know if stricter rules & regulations would prevent the seeds of insurrection from sprouting anew, but I think rules & regs is a place to start.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	False claims and anything goes has gotten out of hand on social media.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Our personal information is not being protected

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S Town Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Our personal data is not protected. Its actually being used as a commodity. There is too much hate speech and violence and misinformation shared and spread.
S Town Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	It is not in the best interest of privately owned social media companies to self-regulate against hate speech or factually incorrect social media campaigns. The financial incentives aren't in place to correct this behavior. Our current level of government oversight on these types of platforms is bit archaic and needs to match the level of impact these technologies have on our society.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Social media is empowering violence. Get off of it.
Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	We have lost the belief in truth and science and this is causing us to be more divided with no common thing to bring us together or help decide things
Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	because false information is being spread widely and there seems to be no way to corale it.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	To try to limit disinformation which is fueling misconception and an increasingly fractured society. Also, free speech does not mean that hate speech should be allowed on these platforms, which is destructive and empowers the base elements of our society.
Urb. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	To prevent false statements
Urb. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Conservative opinions are Deplatformed and dethrottled, Liberals committing same approach, and worse vitriol, never called out. Neutrality of freedom of speech is gone. Any opinion outside liberal views are considered automatically racist or hate when in fact the real bullies are big tech and their liberal views
Sub. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Data security and privacy, terrorism
Urb. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	The amount of misinformation that speaks on social media is causing real issues for our country.
Sub. Fem	Old Boom	Ref.	4+ Yr	Dem.	Social media is presenting very biased information and foreign countries can have undo influence ,too many people use it as their only source for news
Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Ref.	4+ Yr	Dem.	Some are fostering violence and misinformation
Sub. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Ref.	4+ Yr	Dem.	They have too much power and wealth

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S Town Fem	Gen Z	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	When unchecked, fringe media can appear legitimate and can cause serious harm when taken seriously. These opinions shared through ads, groups, and so-called media pages are directly harmful to those susceptible to believing them. Social media companies have a profit motive and a bottom line that - under capitalism - they are incentivized to value more than public health and well-being of Americans, and they will always, always choose their profits.
Sub. Male	Gen Z	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Facebook in particular is objectively and disastrously skewing the political capabilities of Coloradans, especially older folks. There are other issues, like racist coding and such. The state obviously should not have ownership or total regulation of any media, but clearly this lack of regulation has gotten far, far out of hand. I remember discovering Facebook as a middle schooler; now people share nazi propaganda on there.
S Town Fem	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	'Words' are powerful. However, we must choose 'words' carefully. 'Words' of danger that insight a manic response, use up much energy, can cause death and have no place in our society.
Sub. Fem	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	With so much power guidelines are necessary
Sub. Fem	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Social media, big tech companies are taking over as far as what WE say on social media, its still a free country and it smacks of socialism. Big tech deletes or bans what THEY dont agree with. Also, MAINSTREAM MEDIA should do their job, unbiased reporting & quit protecting the party they prefer (Democrats) . Freedom of Speech is a right & Im sick of social media cancelling, deleting, etc. what they choose & the mainstream media not doing their job, sick of their bias and LIES! We are headed down the wrong path & will no longer be AMERICA!!
Sub. Fem	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Donald j Trump and his fascist minions who are trying to destroy our constitution and democratic Republic. No more reason is necessary!
Sub. Male	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	To make sure they don't support violent posts or any incitement to violence or breaking of laws.
Urb. Fem	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Left on their own, the havent the incentive to self regulate effectively.
Urb. Fem	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	They publish untruths for money knowing that they are not true.
Urb. Fem	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	The algorithm that give people what they like is a problem for crossing the truth barrier.

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Rur. Fem	Old Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Because my phone listens to everything I say and every conversation I have about any subject all of a sudden there's an ad on my Facebook page about the subject matter. That is far too invasive. we were a better world before everybody relied on social media. I really think it is part of the cancer in our society.
Sub. Fem	Old Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Because the lack of foresight the social media companies have had throughout the previous administration, encouraged white supremacy (white nationalists, proud boys, etc) to flourish. The algorithms they have chosen to create angst within small community circles online, and lack of encouraging inclusive environments is shoddy and lackluster. The fact that we are encouraging our youth to interact online (especially because of covid), and while we have oversight for tv, even cable, but not for online media -- well, it doesn't make sense.
Sub. Male	Old Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Social media has become a public toilet of 'ideas' and a toxic breeding ground for radicalization and false information. People should be able to express themselves, but when that expression becomes harmful because of outright untruths it needs to be flagged as BS. FB and Twitter were four years too late in shutting down harmful accounts and hate groups
Urb. Male	Old Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	It leads to things like insurrection, increase in hate groups, etc
Rur. Male	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Curb hate speech and misinformation
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	So the platforms are not misused and spreading false information and regulations so the platforms arent a breeding ground for hate groups and organized hate group gatherings.
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Jan 6th
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Need to be able to put a stop to violations of first amendment speech or unsafe conversations. Some things need to be censored.

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					I think a lot of misinformation and disinformation is spread unchecked through social media. While I highly value freedom of speech, I also think that people need to be held accountable for the words they choose to speak and the messages they spread. What we have seen is that the biased, and sometimes completely untruthful, information shared on social media is making people angry and willing to take action for a world view that is not accurate or fact-based. The social media companies also feed into this through their algorithms and data mining that encourages people to only see news and opinions they tend to agree with. It had led us to a place where people cant see the other side or unwilling to have reasonable discussions and compromise. The extent that this has gone to over the past several years is honestly my biggest concern with our country at the moment. Those buying into conspiracy theories and fake news cant be reasoned with, because theres always a rationale for reinforcing their personal beliefs and biases. Its truly frightening. I think the majority of people want similar things, despite differing views, but the messages on social media only add to the notion that we are polarized beyond repair.
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	
Urb. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	The last four years.
Urb. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	proliferation of fake news, unchecked hate speech, data/privacy concerns
					The widespread untruth and lies that are welcomed in households without any research or investigating blows my mind. People dont know how to research for themselves anymore because they trust too much in any words written. However, its a hard to say it needs to be censored because these false claims are using censorship to push their movement. Freedom of press. Its cyclical garbage using our freedoms to push a false and fear mongering agenda. Education is key. Lets make that affordable and then watch what could happen.
Urb. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	
Urb. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Its proven to contribute to the spread of misinformation and effect peoples mental health.
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	They are now monopolies and should be regulated like utilities, they are also poisoning our national discourse
Rur. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Incitement to violence and spreading misinformation is dangerous to our democratic system.
S Town Male	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	trump

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S Town Male	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	I support free speech, but within reason. There needs to be curbs on hate speech, and ways to control and/or counter conspiracy theories.
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	N/A
Ref.	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Social media is running our country.
Rur. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Social media is used to spread dangerous falsehoods, it was the primary tool Trump used to incite an insurrection by spreading lies about the election to his followers. Social media is sadly the vehicle most people use to be informed, most people dont fact check and if this continues without regulation things will get worse. I am all for free speech, but our freedom of speech cant supersede laws that protect people, our lives and our governing body.
Rur. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Pay attention to how many lies are shared on social media. Since social media will not regulate itself someone NEEDS TO DO IT FOR THEM
S Town Fem	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Social media has largely been unchecked against the bar of reality. Readers themselves are not doing their own fact checking and absorb information/posts as fact which has led to bad information at best and violence at the worst. Opinions are one thing - disinformation masquerading as fact is another.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	These decisions need to be made democratically and with accountability.
Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Unfettered free-market capitalism tends to grow unjust/unfair constructs such as monopolies and oligopolies. Social media companies have HUGE monopolies on the flow of information and that's a precarious situation to be in. People need to be able to compare different sources of information to approach truth, and too many end up using only one social media company as their source of all news and information.
Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Its to stressful
Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	We need to enforce antitrust laws and be more careful about allowing mergers and acquisitions.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Trump and the Capitol building
Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Fake news and advertising is way too influential on the uninformed. It creates cults and actions like we saw of idiots storming the Capitol
Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Spreading of hate/violence and disinformation needs to be stopped

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Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Social media companies have too much power and should be regulated like other industries
S Town Fem	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	To much freedom lack of control
Sub. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Social media has monopolized the industry and has had way more negative influence through fake news and allowing dangerous organizations to use their platforms to operate. Causes fear mongering and divided public.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Theyre our public spaces at this point, and its better for public spaces to be under government law than under unpredictable private rules
Sub. Male	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Do not know enough to support strong opinion but feel that social media is one of the most unregulated industries
Urb. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	It should not be up to one (or two, or three, etc) very powerful people to decide who can or cannot post. I was happy to see President Trump off Twitter, but Jack Dorsey should not have that much power himself.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Social media is a form of press and they are severely limiting the ability for conservative voices to have access to freedom of the press.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	The unchecked and false "facts" that get pushed over social media is ruining the world. People no longer trust science.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	The private sector (of which social media companies are a part) is not designed to protect the health, privacy, and rights of people. That must be the job of government regulation.
Urb. Male	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Social media is a powerful force. Everything powerful needs to be regulated to some degree.
Urb. Male	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Misinformation
Urb. Male	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Social media companies accelerate the spread of misinformation that hurts our country.
Rur. Fem	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Look at where we r
Sub. Fem	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	The social media companies have a huge impact on people's actions, they have shown over & over to allow dangerous & untrue posts which have resulted in innocent lives lost in many cases.
Sub. Fem	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	We have become more divided since social media has become so popular. Conspiracy theories, lots of anger and nastiness.
Urb. Male	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Too much false information is out there

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Sub. Fem	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	To put a stop to divisive cult conspiracy theories tearing this country and families apart. Some so called news agencies are pushing the same stuff. How can a entire channel have "news" in the title if only one small segment actually includes news.
Urb. Fem	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Only because sometime it could give them too much powerful
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Its so easy for people to spread lies creating fear
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Because the tech industry has formed monopolies and accrued too much wealth which goes unchecked and are being utilized as the propaganda machines they are
Rur. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	We have the right free speech but not the right to miss direct public information.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Trump supporters!
Urb. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Terrible
Urb. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Way too much disinformation being spread on these platforms.
Urb. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Too much disinformation
Urb. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Some people have stuff that arent fake, and can warn and help us.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Government regulation of monopolies and anti trust in the Gilded Age was necessary to curb rampant abuses and corruption.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Facebook spreads false information that supports radicalization
Urb. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Misinformation spreads like wildfire. Its dangerous.
Ref.	Old Mill.	Ref.	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	More fact checking is needed but also when individuals get put in Facebook jail there needs to be a more human and better rationalized way to contest FBs accusations against its users. Most of these companies even seem to be pretty far out of their own control. Ive always been skeptical of allowing any politician to have any kind of personal social media presence. Its profoundly undignified. I think they should only be able to speak to the public through a small collection of fact-checked and verifiably nonpartisan press/media sources. More importantly though, BREAK UP MEGA CORPORATIONS! REDISTRIBUTE WEALTH!
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Ref.	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Censorship is wrong on public platforms
S Town Fem	Silent	Ref.	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	We are so uneasy about the virus and others, we need more rules
Urb. Fem	Silent	Ref.	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	They are using the American public and do not have policies in place to protect citizens from rampant untruths

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Ref.	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	These companies work to destroy net neutrality which is destructive to democracy Gov needs to step in to make sure little companies and orgs still have power to express opinions without penalty
Sub. Male	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Platforms, though privately owned, play a large role in our national discourse and the way in which politicians and citizens communicate. I think better policies on what can be said and what cant be said needs to be implemented. It should be fair and unbiased to both sides.
Rur. Male	Old Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Never had any regulation or oversight to begin with.
S Town Fem	Old Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	I think the government needs to watch what goes on on social media
Sub. Fem	Old Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	I believe social media sites need strong regulation to keep misinformation getting out to the easily swayed. Hate groups in any form need to be shut down. Comments in private groups need to be monitored, they were able to plan the capitol insurrection via social media. Trump was able to spread lies, hate and misinformation for way too long.
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Look, no one platform should have the data, power and capital that these companies do, but youre asking me to trust that this government will actually regulate anything with integrity. Trump may be gone, but its still politics as usual.
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	N/a
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Well, for too long social media has been sort of a lawless unmonitored cesspool of racism, hate-mongering, frsr-baiting and elaborate trolling (which is what Qanon started as in the first place)
Sub. Male	Silent	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Social media's do not Reflect an honest opinion of what is actually happening and in which they are reporting incorrect information to an uninformed public
Rur. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	I think we need to keep up . I feel regulations are behind , too old.
S Town Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Social media takes no responsibility for lies that are repeated over and over, no responsibility for anything their members say, even if its libelous.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Because of Trump there are too many hate groups that need to be stopped. Trump has ruined the country in his 4 long years.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Too many uneducated and no-common-sense people can voice what appears to be true information and they get the same kind of people agreeing to false information. Spreads like wildfire and is very dangerous.

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Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	False/Fake news being spread without labels - people believe whatever they read
Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	I have seen the trends of misinformation that companies like Facebook have brought to certain populations. Its sad. Ive not been a Facebook user as my own personal protest of the platform since 2010.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Na
Urb. Male	Yng. Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	We need the federal government to reinstate the Office of Technology Assessment. We then need them to hire people that will be able to delve into the granular details of an app to make it less addictive and harmful. We need a VAT tax in order to get a share of all digital transactions, and most importantly we need a share of revenue generated through the collection of our data (while also giving us the option of complete privacy).
Urb. Male	Gen Z	Married	Ref.	Dem.	because there is not many regulations and these companies can control a lot of our life
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Married	Ref.	Dem.	It's not so much that I feel that there needs to be more government oversight, as much as I feel that some oversight as far as radicalizing rhetoric, leaning towards violent end is a major problem and needs to be taken more seriously.
Rur. Fem	Old Boom	Single	Ref.	Dem.	Misinformation is rampant, fake news of actual facts, and companies too profit driven. Economic policy over health and welfare vs a living earth
S Town Male	Old Gen X	Single	Ref.	Dem.	False information that social media has. The truth is most important
Urb. Male	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Oth.	They are too powerful. They need to be accountable for their actions Now there are no repercussions for them singling someone out and denying them their right to free speech
Urb. Male	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Oth.	Very biased, not objective, only open to liberal agenda and suppress views they do not agree
S Town Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Oth.	Censorship against the right is not objective or right.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Oth.	To ensure appropriate citizeb privacy, to prevent monopolization of market.
Urb. Male	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Oth.	It's being used as a weapon of the Jewish elite to conduct psychological warfare on the goyim cattle. Not cool.
S Town Fem	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Oth.	Trump used it to the extreme and that led to serious issues. Social media should have some accountability on how the riots played into that scenario
Sub. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Oth.	Socialist media is biased and promoting agendas while censoring others and censoring truth.

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Urb. Fem	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Oth.	Social media is a modern day tool that can easily fabricate information you read which manipulates your thought process on many things. Why can only a few people of these companies accept or deny what millions can see The fact that they can change the world with just changing the social media platforms should be a red flag. Its helped a lot of things, but also its slowly normalizing terrible things as well. Something needs to happen.
Urb. Male	Yng. Mill.	Ref.	Less 4 Yr	Ref.	They cant be blocking freedom of speech just because it goes against their thoughts or agenda
Urb. Male	Yng. Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Ref.	Not to monitor our activities but to prevent selling our data to third parties
Rur. Male	Old Gen X	Single	Ref.	Ref.	Misleading the people into fear...
Rur. Fem	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	What happened to freedom of speech Conservatives are being censored! Social media decides what is truth What a joke!
Rur. Fem	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Blocking freedom of speech. This U.S.is a replublic not a Democracy
Rur. Male	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Need to assure 1st amendment is upheld for all people.
Rur. Male	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	They should not be able to refuse service to someone for their beliefs any more than a restaurant should be allowed to refuse service to a particular religious group. It is WRONG!
S Town Fem	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	I hate all polititions and the ultra wealthy. They have too much power and power corrupts!
S Town Fem	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	They craft info on line and any who don't agree with them are silenced. Remember "Ma Bell"
Sub. Fem	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	They have become too powerful and authoritarian. They have assume the role of censorship in public discourse.
Sub. Male	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Either no control on any speech or break up to allow social media with different beliefs.
Sub. Male	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Public forums have the Constitutional obligation of freedom of speech. Private individuals do not have the right to restrict based on a differing opinion
Sub. Male	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	This is not an easy solution and we do not have effective leadership at any level in our current National/state/local level. You only need to look at our most recent antitrust of Comcast. Total failure which enriched the political class and attorneys. Government regulation of social media not possible without paying off politician and bureaucrats.
Urb. Fem	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Free speech amendment has been greatly abused and people have no regard for respect for others and their opinions with hurtful and ugly comments! People do not want accountability personally and verbal abuse has been taken to a whole new level!

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Rur. Fem	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	They are manipulating the weak minded.
Rur. Male	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Censoring is UNACCEPTABLE REGARDLESS of political views
S Town Fem	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	They have grown to large and have too much power over people
S Town Fem	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	I dont want government regulating content, but there needs to be accountability with theses big tech companies and their arbitrary decisions and censorship.
S Town Male	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Because these companies have refused to regulate themselves.
Sub. Fem	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	A company should not have the ability to squelch the right to freedom of speech 1st Ammendment right
Sub. Fem	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	The government is a mess. Asking them to oversee something that is clearly biased isnt going to work. They themselves dont follow the constitution.
Sub. Male	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Actually they need to broken up. They became too powerful and influential in society And totally one sided
Sub. Male	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	They have no business deciding what speech is acceptable or unacceptable. They are biased against conservative thought in particular.
Sub. Male	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Biased
Sub. Male	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	They dictate their own opinions is fact. My way or the highway
Urb. Male	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	I want their privileges removed, not regulations. Remove section 230 protections
Rur. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Social Media is a toxic culture that cultivates fear, limits freedom of speech and free ideology and promotes socialism.
S Town Male	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Theyve become political activist organizations
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Not until this year did I realize how the media can twist anything so that people want to watch and its no longer about telling the truth. Its been super disappointing to observe and realize this. Unless youre a democrat, truth will not be told on media and if you are a democrat since all the news channels are democratic, youre o let going to hear good things about democrats regardless if there are existing issues.
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Slanted one sided
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	These tech companies have way to much power to sway national opinion on important topics. They have proven to be biased and blatantly promote lies or half truths.

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Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Because Social Media has become the Gestapo of the modern Democratic Party. If it were the Democratic Party doing the censorship, then we could do something about it under the 1st amendment, but they use the social media, which has essentially become the town square as a way to smash 1st amendment rights without getting in trouble. They silence any opinions that they dont like, and allow terrorists and communists to post Willy Nilly. We conservatives cant do anything about it because theyre a private company. Tell that to the private business owners who got fined and put out of business during the plandemic
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	They are a monopoly that needs to be broken up
Rur. Fem	Silent	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Because of power due to size and influence they are restricting freedom of choice and personal liberty. Also not accountable for discriminatory activity.
S Town Male	Silent	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Social media tends to be one sided.
Urb. Male	Silent	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Not a fan of govt regulation!
Urb. Male	Silent	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Should not censure or be political
Rur. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Bias, lying and censorship of those they disagree with.
Rur. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	I believe that they can sensor because they are a private company. But, when it is used as a specific platform, it boxes the opposite party out
Rur. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	They have strong ties to communism and China. They were give safe guards so they could be an open forum but have proven to be very biased
Rur. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Censorship in all its forms is repugnant. If social media is going to censor ideas then they should be stripped of their section 230 protections.
Rur. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	1. Monopoly and antitrust laws should apply. 2. They are given a pass in section 230 of the Communications Decency Act because they call themselves a platform for the dissemination of ideas but they have disregarded that by editing content in a way not allowed for a platform. They act as a delivery platform responsible for their content but act like they arent. This is resulting in censorship of conservatives primarily and erroneous fact checking. Free speech is free speech for everyone or for none at all. If they wont abide by the rules then they must be forced to by regulation unfortunately. 3. They have too much power to sway opinion in todays internet age. If they can stop my opinions just because they dont like them where else can I go to reach as wide an audience as they do
Rur. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Because of extreme bias

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S Town Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	They are too powerful
S Town Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Social media should be limited to non-Government and non-political information only
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Too much control in the hands of a few can be dangerous, but regulation shouldnt be too much either - a balance d approach is needed.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Cant let them abuse the 1st Amendment
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	I believe the same rules should be applicable to all. All people should have freedom of speech, not just those who are favored at the time. I am not afraid of dialogue. Censorship is what cripples us.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Conservative voices are being censored and removed from platforms
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	They sensor truth and They decide what yhe American people shoukd know and believe. This is the opposite of a free press.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	I am sick and tired of others telling me what I should or should not have information about. Give me the information and I will process it. @jack zuckerberg etc have no right to decide what I should or should not know about. And that view applies to all other news outlets and social media.
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	They control too much
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	They are self appointed liberal arbiters of the truth
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	they are totally biased in favor of melinumims who are completely niave
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	They censor Christians and Republicans and views they dont agree with they abuse the peoples right to free speech the first amendment.
Rur. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	They are monopolistic oligarchs.
Rur. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	It I gone beyond the initial intent of social media platforms. It started as a way to connect and socialize but has turned into a mega highway for over opinionated, and financial criminals
Rur. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	It should not have any power in our society and it has taken over
S Town Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Social media is running out country in regards to everything from what to wear and eat to what to like and hate. It's destroying confidence in our youth and creating mental health issues from young people to elderly that follow or believe what's posted. More suicides, domestic violence and murder cases have occurred thanks to social media and it's influence.

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Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	1st amendment rights need protected
Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Because they are controlling the information on their platform to further their personal agendas.
Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Social media companies are selectively censoring viewpoints and have become too large
Urb. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Sect 230 allows censure without consequence. The censure is another method of propaganda to influence the beliefs of citizens. Free Speech rights should remain with few limitations
Rur. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Freedom of speech is not occurring & we are allowing cancel culture!
Urb. Male	Yng. Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	If the elected president of the United States can be removed from a social media platform because the CEO of said company dislikes his policies with no repercussions, regulation is necessary. Free speech, even free speech I disagree with must be defended
Rur. Fem	Old Mill.	Ref.	4+ Yr	Rep.	Social media drives what people think and want to believe. Its not just social media but ALL media need to be regulated and back to neutral because all social media and media outlets side with democrats and dont present both sides of story.
Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Ref.	4+ Yr	Rep.	Antitrust violations
Sub. Fem	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	They have become tyrannical, Censoring and Eliminating voices that disagree with their Communist views-its a Tragedy and Massive Miscarriage of Justice!!! Who can stop them but government Only now under Biden, he and his fellow Communists are supporting Big Tech. Very Upsetting & Unfair!!! So maybe the answer is the Free Market, Not government, after all. I want government out of my life as much as possible!!!
Sub. Fem	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	Social media can be misleading in what is printed or verbally given in the news on tv.
Sub. Male	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	To reduce their censorship of opinion. Debate, and exposure to opposing views is critical to democracy.
Sub. Male	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	They are just too big.
Urb. Fem	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	Big media has become too powerful and borders on antitrust actions. Its a gross violation of freedom of speech and needs to be curtailed.
Urb. Male	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	These companies should not be allowed to censor comments. Politically very biased, very biased in favor of our enemies, too much money and control. Criminal
Urb. Male	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	They have been exempted from liability.

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Sub. Fem	Old Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	I believe social media companies are biased in terms of what is and isnt censored. Because the majority of Americans use some sort of SM for information, fairness is an absolute must. Censoring of information is reminiscent of communism. That is not the country we live in.
Sub. Fem	Old Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	Because they have SHUT DOWN conservative voices & views. If you are not a liberal, your views are not to be heard
Sub. Male	Old Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	It is clear that media companies are biased. The recent banning of certain accounts and individuals is alarming. The benefits they receive through law need to be revoled and they need to be accountable for their actions.
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	Big tech has turned into an extension of the left wing government. Used as a tool to silence and remove their critics (the right). Conservatism is under attack by the left and big tech is doing all of the work for the left who are wholly unaccountable for their words and actions. I believe there was corruption and fraud in this past election and that President Trump had it stolen from him
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	Media is bias and spread lies to fit an agenda.
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	They are attempting to throw elections towards Democrats
Sub. Fem	Silent	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	Too much bias, control , denying peoples right if free speech!
Urb. Male	Silent	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	What happened to free press We were promised that.
S Town Male	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	They have protections from lawsuits because they are supposed to be platforms for information sharing, not agents of Leftist propaganda.
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	Social media is clearly liberal. And the White House is liberal. Congress is inept. Thus, conservative voices are crushed. This is not Democracy. Its Communism
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	Free speech is being shut down and manipulation of search engines and use of consumer data is appalling
Urb. Male	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	Social media is filled with lies and manipulation.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	Monopolies are illegal. We broke up the Bell family, we need to break up the tech monopolies
Urb. Male	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	I feel the social media platforms can use their own personal opinion to sensor what is considered acceptable to say... if I thought government oversight could fix that I would be all for it but the government sensors what the news media puts out to us already and it is very one sided, so I guess pretty biased already.

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S Town Fem	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Remove 230 exemption treated like publishers and not dictators of who can publish what!!! Thus is totally communistic
S Town Fem	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They are in favor of socialism and boot conservatives out.
S Town Fem	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	I really think that they should NOT BE ABLE TO CENSOR ONE POLITICAL GROUP. If they are going to be fact checking it should be based on facts not biased.
S Town Male	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	One person should not run things
S Town Male	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	It can lead people wrongly and create divisions.
S Town Male	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They only show there on views
Sub. Fem	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Social media is BIASED. They sensor our speech. They are LEFT.
Sub. Fem	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Freedmon of speech, they have become partisan and very biased towards conservative viewed and opinions
Sub. Male	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They have too much influence in public opinion, they should be broken up.
Urb. Male	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	I believe they interfered with a fair election and suppressed conserivative views in a big and unconstitutional way. As well as created and implanted false narratives regarding race, riots and conseritaves.
Urb. Male	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Because right now Social Media is controlling our Government.
Urb. Male	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	I dont like government over regulating anything. somehow we need to allow a platform for free speech and unedited by Facebook, Twitter etc. - Theres a big problem with social media, and dont know how to fix it.
Urb. Male	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They should not be able to control it and say who can or cannot be on it.
Rur. Male	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	There is no neutral oversight!
Rur. Male	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Because they are very biased and they censor the views they dont agree with.
S Town Fem	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	One or more companies should not have to the power to silence free speech based on their own views.
S Town Fem	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They're basically controlling the media and all they show are fake news. They should be held accountable for lying to people.
S Town Male	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Social media platforms are to powerful in influencing people to their favorable own narrative
S Town Male	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Because they can do what they want no matter what the truth is.
Sub. Fem	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They are not equally representing both sides.

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Sub. Fem	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Because their intentions cannot be trusted, as they touch billions of people's lives and personal information.
Sub. Fem	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Social media has hurt our nation, our teenage kids and enables people to make and do dumb things. Social media is very left, they control what we see and monitor accounts. Unacceptable! We live in a free country and being watched by companies like Facebook, Instagram and many others
Sub. Male	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They have censorship and no freedom to express ourselves or to make light of something that we believe in without repercussions honestly we could do with out Facebook, Twitter media need to put forth proven facts not hypothetical version of what their Opinion is that's what talk shows are for Jerry Springer ,Oprah ,Dr.Phil
Urb. Fem	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	I dont agree that the government should control who should be able to post/tweet or not post/tweet.
Urb. Male	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Because they are coward Liberal terrorists. Its their opinion or nothing How many Americans voted knowing Bidens true past
Urb. Male	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Control people mind..
Rur. Male	Old Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	THEY BLOCK FREE SPEECH AMD DINT REPORT THE TRUTH!!!! ONE SIDED BULLSHIT. No reporting on the dumbass shit creepy Joe is doing.
S Town Male	Old Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Because of the amount of power and influence they have on most Americans, especially the youth.
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They are monopolies now. They are restricting free speech on their platforms.
Rur. Male	Silent	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	To much untrue statements
Rur. Male	Silent	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They have been exhibiting way too much one sided power.
Sub. Fem	Silent	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They are out of control and trying to shut down our freedom ogopinion
Rur. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They have entirely too much power and influence. I see the general public being tracked and monitored with everything they do.
Rur. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Bad organizations shouldnt be able to share
Rur. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Censorship
Rur. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They need to be regulationd and stop glorifying them self with fake news and go back to the truth.

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Rur. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Social media is able to do anything without any repercussions. And the media is causing the racial problems.
Rur. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Social media has much too much control over items that do not agree with their political views
Rur. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Way too many lies and corruption on social media
S Town Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	As far as I can tell is that they are as biased as the media and they're allowed to take away our right to free speech.
S Town Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Because most people get their news from social media now. There were no laws on the books to handle this trend yet so keeping up with technology is important
S Town Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	When a private company can choose what views are allowed to be seen or talked about, can arbitrarily decide what is true or not, can completely deplatform anyone who disagrees with their leftist ideals, then free speech is dead and your now living in communist America.
S Town Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Truth is being silenced
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Too much dishonestly and bias
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They are shutting down anyone who doesnt think or talk like them. Its their way or the highway!
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	To defend our Freedom of Speech.
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Because the use their platform to sway American opinion without letting everyone have a free voice
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Because they a very biased and cancel out all opinions that go against theirs!!
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	I dont believe the Government is honest ..i believe the Democrats are responsible for all the racism and violence in this state and country.. And i don't believe we are getting the whole story.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Shut them down
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	I dont trust any media outlets. Its all fake. I dont trust the go sand where we are heading. Theyve all ready taken away freedom of speech

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Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Social media companies Twitter and Facebook have turned away from the original concept of a social platform for people to share their views, beliefs, feelings and connect with people outside their immediate reach, and I view them high as being politically positioned to sway peoples opinions and they are suppressing free speech in a most blatant fashion.
Urb. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	to much control
Urb. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Government is to big , no accountability, they all lie , cheat , steal , idiot's are giving our money to other countries and the democruds are ignoring Americans I'm pissed!!!!
Sub. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Because they are a propaganda arm. But only if it in fair and legal way. You cant have people in the government control it for further propaganda.
Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They cannot have it both ways if they want protection from lawsuits they must not interfere in free speech or attempt to sway public opinion they must stay out of it not attempting to disprove opinions they disagree with.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	There are NO consequences for everyone in Congress (higher positions) The government is supposed to be for the people (they should be afraid of the people) not the other way around. Theyve lost sight of this!! Consistently lie to various groups about the same issues changing their stance for the benefit of that group) We have freedom of speech, but currently its only free if it is what social media gurus want to hear!!! So therefore technically its not free. And free speech is our right
Rur. Fem	Old Boom	Ref.	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	FREE SPEECH - FIRST AMENDMENT
Rur. Male	Yng. Boom	Ref.	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They lied
S Town Male	Yng. Boom	Ref.	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They have overstepped their boundaries. They are a social platform. They should not be censoring for political reasons.
Rur. Male	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Because of media bias
Urb. Male	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Because its one sided and they dont tell the stories from a bipartisan point of view. They are a platform not a publisher, so that means free speech is allowed and conservatives and more importantly the president of the United States should never be censored ! And they should be held accountable. All these social media and news networks have too much power to show whatever they want without telling the whole truth.
Rur. Male	Old Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Have to much power already

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S Town Fem	Old Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They are censoring us. They have No rules or regulations. They are a Monopoly. Last I knew, that's Illegal. .
S Town Male	Old Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Social media is trying to control my thoughts and words
S Town Male	Old Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They don't have the right to censor anybody, especially our president..
Sub. Male	Old Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	By using censorship and non-reporting, they are controlling the conversation in this country. They have way too much power!!!
Urb. Fem	Old Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	The social media companies have become too powerful. They should not have the power to decide what they believe is true or not and whose voices can be heard or not.
Urb. Male	Old Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Threatening freedom of speech its ok for people to have different opinons but not ok to censor
Rur. Male	Old Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	People cant and don't trust the media. Most believe what they read or see in social media. They don't do research or investigate, so what social media displays is all they know.
S Town Male	Old Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Government's just too big.
Sub. Fem	Old Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Nothing but liars, fake news, not Journalism, just adhering to their owners demands..manipulates, suppresses, oppresses and intentionally misleads, incites, creates more hate and division!!!
Sub. Male	Old Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	they aren't protecting Free Speech , an have a monopoly on information.
Urb. Fem	Old Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Social media and leftest news and fake news have divided our country and encourages hate and violence. Only reporting negative things not good things
Urb. Male	Old Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They seem to control what their beliefs and view should stand and remove what they disagree with...
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	The ability for social media to claim government protection while undermining freedom of speech guaranteed in the constitution the government promises to defend is getting out of control. Censorship by social media is divisive, counterproductive, and pushes people to become even more radical due to censorships dismissive and hostile nature
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They have admitted to censoring conservatives and manipulating the election. The government must keep the integrity if elections. If they can censor one group they need to censor any group that doesnt follow their guidelines. A few of those groups are far worse than conservatives and they have not been censored.
Rur. Fem	Silent	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	We need regulations that do not infringe on first amendment rights.

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Sub. Fem	Silent	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	No comment.
Sub. Male	Silent	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They are too powerful
Urb. Fem	Silent	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Social media has become too powerful because some view it as a news source. The media in general is already contaminated and needs no more bias from social media
Urb. Male	Silent	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They have become too powerful and out of control.
Rur. Male	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	These guys are running companies and should not interfere with govt. & the decision making process. They are not politicians and trying to get power and influence by the size of their company.
S Town Male	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	The "major" social media companies are spokesman for democate/liberal agendas. The only reason the fed gov is needed to take away the power and control that major social media have is because they are out of control and they are not operating fairly in an open free, "Capitalism " market. Once their monopoly and unbiased toward conservatives is restored then the Fed gov should let them compete in the fair open market with any and all other social media platforms.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	So my voice is not censored because they may not like my opinion.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Too much control/power. Watch the Netflix doc The Social Dilemma. Social media and mainstream media contributed to the riots earlier this year and even at the Capitol.
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	So that everyone can express an opinion instead of just liberals
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Because they censors everyone who don't like what the Dems are trying to do!!!!!!!
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	None
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	They are censoring politics speech
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Take a look at Trumps history.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Lies, Lies, and more lies.
Urb. Male	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	People should be held accountable. Freedom's should be earned not taken for Granite.
Rur. Male	Yng. Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Private business, especially big corporations cannot be allowed to control freedom of speech so personally, aggressively, and with bias!
S Town Male	Yng. Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Needs to bipartisan, every person is entitled to their opinion and too many youth are losing lives from it
Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Someone has to step in there is no freedom of speech anymore if you are a conservative. Fact.

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Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Large companies censorship to show only their views is unhealthy and dishonest. Give people good and bad information, not just information you like us to see.
Urb. Male	Yng. Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Because Twitter and Facebook censor conservatives let anyone from the left say what they want do what they want
Sub. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Because they are very Biased and unethical. Shun the truth to provide their own narrative
Sub. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Because social media is silencing out voices and not allowing anyone to speak out. Thats unjust!
S Town Fem	Old Boom	Married	Ref.	Rep.	They have no business controlling us. Its un American!
S Town Fem	Old Boom	Married	Ref.	Rep.	They are biased, liberals that should have no voice in out elections or in sensoring the opposition.
Urb. Fem	Old Boom	Married	Ref.	Rep.	Social media is a huge thorn in the sides of many. Absolutely no trust in what they do or say.
Rur. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Ref.	Rep.	Because all the social media wants to do is fact checked everything and then they get that all wrong they want to control your thoughts. I dont even think government can help that because theyre just as bad
Rur. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Ref.	Rep.	These companies have become so large that they can do whatever they want. They break laws, they are easily swayed politically (business should NOT be political), and carrying out such things as censorship and denying the 1st Amendment is deplorable. They do all these things, hurting Americans with their actions and lies, and NO ONE stops them or investigates because everything is owned by the Left . . . people who DONT gave America's interests at heart!
Rur. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Ref.	Rep.	Because this is a free country and they are censoring everyone who they disagree with and manipulating the people of the United States and brainwashing of them into believing whatever they want and demonizing good hard-working American people and our police
S Town Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Ref.	Rep.	They need to allow free speech and when media and social networking sites stop giving equal speech on both sides of a problem then we have what we have going on currently
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Ref.	Rep.	The
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Ref.	Rep.	To defend the 1st Amendment of freedom of speech.
S Town Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	Ref.	Rep.	Facebook is a joke!

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Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Ref.	Ref.	Rep.	The government needs to stop regulating and telling private companies what to do. A private company can make their policies and the people can decide if they want to do business its them. The issue is Facebook and Twitter are pawns of the federal government and the government funded their start up. That is not private - it is government telling Facebook and Twitter how to operate
S Town Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	Ref.	Rep.	We have a right to free speech
Rur. Fem	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	They have way too much power over us and the govt. lets it all slide! Censorship is NOT a right! Freedom of speech and discussion is what America is about. No one should be quieted!
Rur. Male	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Too biased
S Town Fem	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	I think it must be a cooperative effort to ensure that illegal activities do not have an internet underground Avenue for communication around harmful or dangerous intentions
S Town Fem	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	It affects teenagers lives too much.
S Town Male	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Free Speech is never censored or denied!
Sub. Fem	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	They have taken away our right to free speech. We should be able to choose what we read.
Sub. Male	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Too powerful with minimum regulations and publication liability.
Sub. Male	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Too many people have been negatively effected as there is no way to completely understand sources of information.
Sub. Male	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Theres too much misinformation and opinions that are factually incorrect out there. Its nonsense
Urb. Male	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Trump's remarks should have been omitted from social media companies. Lies and inciting should have no place in the social media companies.
Urb. Male	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Because they set themselves up as communications platforms, making lots of money of people advertising their businesses, then censoring/censoring those communications with a blatant Left/Liberal bias!
Urb. Male	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Because they dole out a lot of false storyes
Urb. Male	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Because they let anyone with the most unreliable sources on the internet to espouse their own agenda regardless of whether or not it is true i.e. Donald Trump!

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Rur. Male	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Consumers are actually the product that social media companies are "selling" to their advertisers. Consumers need to be protected. Content is not very well regulated by the companies themselves.
S Town Fem	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Trump
Sub. Male	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	They sensor free speech. Look at the Hunter Biden Laptop issue, they all said it was Russian disinformation, even though they new the truth and censored the story - sick!
Sub. Male	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	They are destroying the first amendment
Sub. Male	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	I think the social media companies have a monopoly on information and they dont exercise enough policing of misinformation
S Town Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Because lies are harmful
S Town Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Algorithms are biased based on your search history, so they only show you what you want to see
S Town Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	The amount of misinformation that has been spread over social media over the last several years has gotten to the point where its dangerous. Psychopaths who believed the election was stolen, stormed the Capitol and murdered a police officer, all because the false i formation about our election that had been circulating on social media. I believe in freedom of speech, but hateful, inaccurate speech that gets people killed is where I draw the line. It has gotten absolutely ridiculous and half the country doesnt trust our elections now because our mentally unstable former President planted that seed.
S Town Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Social media companies have become so powerful that they have been able to get away with usurping the rights of American citizens, especially when it comes to free speech. These companies are still subject to the laws of the land and should not be able to use their status as private companies to strip their clients of their constitutionally protected rights. Their services have become indespensible to American life and they need to be accountable to someone. Either their monopolies need to be broken up so the market can regulate them, or they need to be regulated by laws. They are quickly becoming transnational organizations that have more power over Americans than the constitution.
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	They are running the show, in my opinion. Censoring government officials free speech, although triggering, is a violation of our constitution.
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Trump and violence

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Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	To prevent travesties like QAnon from occurring in the future
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	I mean, it's pretty obvious the platforms are being weaponized by forces, companies and others (both foreign and domestic) for their own gain, political or otherwise. And that's pretty messed up.
Urb. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Freedom of Speech is a right but when you cross the line of saying incorrect information, lies, or violent announcements, racial announcements, you lose that right and it becomes extremely dangerous. Freedom of Speech doesn't mean say whatever you want
Urb. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	They have been used in ways that are undermining democracy. They have become the primary way people receive news so its not ok that the news (sometimes reputable, sometimes not) people are served is based on their likes and interest.
Urb. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	I dont now
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Censorship is in full swing and the first amendment is being killed in front of us
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	We just need some rules. No regulation has resulted in where we are now
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Social media companies have become far more than "social" media companies. They engage in the distribution of news, both from news sources and non-news sources, and have a significant and frightening amount of control upon what Individual X sees on their platform. These platforms have been used to coordinate violence and there is very evident bias on what is considered a violation of policy depending on the individual platform's view. These platforms have almost become vital and pivotal to the average American's everyday life and have demonstrated that they can be used for destructive activity regardless of political leaning. They can be used to obfuscate the truth and confuse the users with influence from the platform itself in what it decides to show or not show the user. They are dangerous tools and should be regulated to ensure the protection of American citizens.
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Corrupt and biased.
Sub. Fem	Silent	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Bias Cancel culture
Sub. Male	Silent	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	These sites can be places where people do not have a clue open their mouth.
Sub. Male	Silent	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Too much political bias
Urb. Fem	Silent	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	In extreme times, the mob mentality is easily fired with social media.
Rur. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	They should not be able to decide who to delete on their own

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					Social Media companies exist to make money, as opposed to the bi-partisan-socially-acceptable examples of socialist institutions Medicaid, Social Security, public libraries, public transportation, public parking, public parks and open spaces, etc. As for-profit entities they rely on advertisements and user involvement -clicks- to make money. In order to gain or capture user involvement, social media companies do NOT encourage accuracy and truth because accuracy and truth are too boring to garner user participation and clicks. Rather, social media, similarly to pharmaceutical companies -especially Purdue Pharma L.P.- strive to habituate to the point of addiction all users of social media by hooking and capturing users of both political tribes, as well as other political groups and apolitical groups, via fear, anger, distrust, disgust, dystopian beliefs in order to keep ALL users returning for more clicks, thus more profit for the owners of said social media companies. Social media companies are complicit in the current state of political discord and violence in The Divided States of America. Both political parties were able to approve the SEC to police securities, commodities, and stocks; the FAA to ensure safe air travel; the FTC to keep trade competition fair; the FDA; the BATF; to name just five. Given that social media companies are complicit with the undermining of our countrys political and social foundations, shouldnt they be supervised, monitored, and regulated Why shouldnt the consumers of their services be provided and required to deal with truth not lies Behavioral Economics clearly proves financial incentives are very effective. Fining the spread of anti-social information, taxing to promote truth and accuracy could mitigate the trafficking of inaccurate, anti-social information. The EPA attempts to ensure we consume safe water; the FDA attempts to ensure the safety of our food and drug supply; the FAA and NHTSA attempts to ensure our safe travel. Why shouldnt we have accurate information exchange in our country What politically-neutral organizations without their own financial interests are attempting to ensure we can
Rur. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	
					Because social media is an extended arm of the Demarcat party. It's obvious that most social outlets attack conservative/christian beliefs. Social media has a monopoly and need to be broken up for the sake of free speech.
Rur. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	
S Town Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Too much wrong information is on social media that some people believe
S Town Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Because they have too much power and have taken away free thought and speech.
					They should not allow lies to be spread on their platforms. Also no anti Semitic or other hate speech
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	

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Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	They are not biased. Its the founders viewpoints or you are put in facebook jail.
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Information needs to be factual
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	They act like a private company when they want and hide behind the law when they want immunity.
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Google, Facebook, Twitter, Etc. Have been used as propaganda engines to brainwash the world. I deleted all my accounts.
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	They are censoring opinions of those they dont agree with and finding an excuse to rationalize it.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Algorithms have caused misinformation that radicalized white nationalist domestic terrorists and made democracy disfuncional.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	The spreading of misinformation.
Rur. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	I don't really agree with the government oversight part but they do need some regulating. They are private companies but they are platforms for speech and should allow freedom of speech. They are censoring people for opinions they disagree with and that is wrong. So whether it's government or not some oversight is needed.
Rur. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	If recent events are any indication of the ability of a false narrative to permeate through mainstream society and social media outlets were the door that opened those narratives. Also, the recent rise of fringe groups that previously didnt have a voice because of the ability to be anonymous and not be held to account or challenged for conspiracy theories and other outright lies.
S Town Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	We regulate weed and guns. Facebook is more dangerous than those thing. Facebook has radicalized all our Boomers.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Hate speech is dangerous.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	They need to be held accountable and broken up using antitrust.
Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Need to allow free speech
Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Their algorithms are creating division and help spread bias
Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	See capitol riots... incited by Trump via social media. If we cant stop the spread of misinformation, were in big trouble
Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	They have become a major communication vehicle. Free speech should be protected.

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Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Unrestrained and unregulated corporations will always do what's in favor of their bottom line before the public. History has proven this over and over
Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	All industries need rules. The rules for social media need to be created with informed users
Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Freedom of speech is getting censored
Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	They should be made into public utilities that serve the good of the people. Not for profit.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	People who hold positions of trust need to be held accountable for the influence they possess.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	There needs to be some guidelines and rules by which these companies work under so they do not infringe on privacy
Sub. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	The spread of conspiracy theories
Sub. Male	Yng. Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Because most people are looking at their social media more than they are ever paying attention to any news. Without regulation false media will continue to flourish. Other countries can also influence the type of media you see on your everyday social media.
Sub. Male	Yng. Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Because censorship is bad
Rur. Fem	Old Boom	Ref.	4+ Yr	Unaf.	They are acting as publishers with government protection as though they were just public platforms for sharing ideas. Legislators had the chance to pull section 230 but did nothing, as usual.
Urb. Male	Old Gen X	Ref.	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Because the social media companies to a large degree control the thinking by controlling what posts get posted or taken down. This is a direct violation of our protected first amendment. Yes, they are companies and have rights, but their power as functional monopolies must be put in check by our government who exists to protect our freedoms especially our freedom to think and share information. The speech that needs protection is Not the speech that you, me or anyone agrees with , but the speech that is most annoying.. this is the point. I dont agree , for example with people who believe in Marxism, but I will fight to protect their speech as well as mine. Suppression of free speech regardless of how scary it may sound or how dangerous one might think it is Far more dangerous that the speech being declared dangerous. Case and point : If I shared what I just said above on social media, I would be mocked and eventually censored.. so very sad
S Town Fem	Silent	Ref.	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Social media should be responsible for what is published just as newspapers are.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Ref.	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Trump and his illk, qanon white supremacy hatred and intolerance

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S Town Male	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	This information and unverified news items are a problem for democracy. Regulation and proper fact verification when it comes to the press is important. The press should be independent but it should be subject to validation or perpetration of lies
S Town Male	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Recent attempt to overthrow our Democracy was incited and coordinated mainly through social media. Social media was making money on the back of this insurrection...this is unacceptable.
S Town Male	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	They impact many lives and I am confident their primary goal is to make money. There is nothing wrong with that, however that motivation may lead to poor decisions. Since there are few realistic competitors to a company like Facebook or Twitter the marketplace cannot effectively moderate bad behavior.
S Town Fem	Old Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	They are violating the first amendment in how they are managing their businesses. They need to pull the protection they were bestowed and they need to be treated like any other forum.
Sub. Fem	Old Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Because they are controlling what you can say. Especially if it goes against the liberal way. There is no way to voice an opinion if it doesn't fit the left narrative.
S Town Male	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Too much false information is being put out. But of course, media in general has become biased and there is no more fair and equal coverage at the national programs really. Mostly just radical pundits on both sides. They need to be held accountable for information that is channeled through their platforms and at the very least be culpable for lawsuits like slander, defamation, and of a civil matter.
Urb. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	People are allowed to post whatever they want even if it is fake news or hasn't been verified or researched. What we see on our news feed is targeted and biased based on what Facebook thinks we want to see and doesn't show everything. This can sway our thinking and lead to more social conflict.
Urb. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Social media has become a platform to spread disinformation and conspiracy theories. These lies are harmful to democracy, public health, and safety. The government should regulate this.
Urb. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Well, I just think that social media should be responsible for their actions, maybe not so much government oversight, just common sense if they do bad they are responsible for what happens.

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Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Social media platforms, although legally / technically dont influence or violate free speech under the 1st amendment, they effectively do when they decide what is acceptable content and what isnt. Furthermore, they large social media platforms leadership and executives give the impression they are ideologically and strategically aligned with the Democratic Party and its stakeholders. This problematic as it frames any conversation that isnt consistent with Democratic parties platform and agendas as problematic.
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Unchecked power on any influence with the size and scope of these companies needs to have oversight and regulations to ensure that the body is working equally for all people and is abiding by political finance laws.
Sub. Male	Silent	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Media too powerful
Urb. Male	Silent	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Get rid of radical and untrue data that is constantly put out by extremists.
Rur. Male	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Information about each one of us, our genetic info, where we are, what we do- being digitalis n sold unregulated- that is just plain WRONG
S Town Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Oversight to control hate groups online
S Town Male	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Social media can be an important tool for advocating basic human rights, needs, policies and ideas that can help the overall human condition. As it is now, all it's good for is advocating whoever yells the loudest, or speaks to our most primal fears.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Too much crap gets spouted by morons like Trump. Facebook and Twitter took four years too long to ban Trump. Critical thinking is at a nadir in our society.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	It just has gotten out of control.
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	To correct past problems
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Trump
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Although not government entities, they have disproportionate power to stifle or bias the opinions of their users. They are able to skew public perception to their liking by blocking users who express opinions they disagree with. When the president of the United States kicks kicked off of social media, but Irans ayatollah does not, thats an issue for me.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Just like traditional media outlets were gatekeepers prior to the internet, we need some gatekeeping for new media. Still allow people to have a voice, but not letting false and misleading info spread

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					Until users & social media companies understand they are fully responsible to and for each other for every exchange made. In addition, they are responsible to & for the general public who are affected by their exchanges. As such, we the general public, are all responsible for social media!
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Need to control fake news on social media.
Urb. Male	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	The riot at the U.S. capitol.
S Town Fem	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Lies are dangerous
					We need to ensure that fake information is not spread as news in various social media channels.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	
Sub. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	It's a new area with few, if any, established regulations that opens the door for some to take advantage of an unregulated system. I hope the government can protect the layman thru regulations.
					They act like communist. They shut down free speech and violate the first amendment. They lie and have double standards. They became billionaires because of us. Now they think they own us.
Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	
Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Everyone needs checks and balances
Sub. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	These sites can spread misinformation if not regulated
Sub. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Social media has a large impact on society with absolutely no regulation
Sub. Male	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Social media companies should have full transparency
					Social media companies drive human thinking and behavior. If left un(or under)managed, internal biases, misinformation, and criminality can run amuck
Sub. Male	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	
Urb. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	False information being spread
					Hate speech is not free speech. Social media leads people away from the truth and brings them to extremist theories
Urb. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	
					It's clear that Facebook and other companies will only shut down harmful content when it's beneficial to their bottom line. For years, facebook let white nationalism have a voice on it's platform and was actively complicit in the rise of white terrorism in the US
Urb. Male	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	

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Urb. Male	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Without a precedent set by a governing body to review the information being reported it allows for bias and misinformation. That being said, you cannot block a news or media group from reporting what they believe to be true. Warning labels, related articles from other groups and compare contrast analysis should be available to the consumer for every story reported. Only in cases of severe, proven mal-intent should persecution be pursued.
Sub. Male	Gen Z	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	I am against any corporate monopolies especially ones that try to find ways to collect and sell my personal information at every turn.
Sub. Fem	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	I just do
Sub. Fem	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Censorship and interference in private lives.
Urb. Male	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	They are now silencing certain groups & powerful enough to control free speech. Whether you agree or not, free speech should be open to all if the medias public.
Urb. Male	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	For structure and means of accountability
Rur. Male	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Government needs to be small and out of our lifes, however there are certain times when the governing needs to and must intervene. They are all out of control. The constitutions means nothing to them and when that happens our government needs to crush them
S Town Fem	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Seeing as how they receive govt protections (Rule 230) they need to be required to answer to SOMEONE...we didnt elect these guys, they have too much power. If they are truly private companies, they need to give up the one way protections that they currently receive from government.
Sub. Male	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Watch the documentary Social Dilemma. It explains it all.
Sub. Male	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	No Comment
Urb. Fem	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Too many uneducated and opinionated people freely spouting off claims with out any facts.....
S Town Fem	Old Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	We don't need more oversight per se but less protections like under section 230. These platforms are a form of public square and should be treated as such.
S Town Fem	Old Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	People are being sensed and our freedom of speech is being taken away from us by big tech. When the president of the US has no way to speak with his country there is a HUGE problem.

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S Town Male	Old Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	There has been too much violent rhetoric on these platforms and these social media sites dont monitor the content as frequently as they should or take appropriate action
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	The first amendment is free speech. If anyone wanted to start a newspaper or magazine and get their opinion out they can. Social media is just the new medium on how people are speaking and interacting with one another. But silencing any group outside of true harassment claims shouldn't be acceptable. Society needs a place to speak openly about these issues as an escape. Debate on these platforms is no different than debate in congress. It should be allowed to be out there and these companies shouldn't be allowed to alter or amend facts or information to fit an agenda. The average human in the world should be allowed to hear all of the facts and come to their own conclusions within their own soul. But thats just one man's opinion
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	The ability of misinformation to spread needs to be addressed
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	FB and other social pages has too much power
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	We need to bust up big companies again
Sub. Fem	Silent	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Too much foreign influence. Too many biased voices out there. Cant be sure what is true.
Sub. Fem	Silent	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	To protect people from unwanted or dangerous attacks on our government.
Rur. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	social media is out of control
Rur. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Current system is BROKEN!
Rur. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	These mediums are left with the ability to shape and control public opinions and issues that are unrealistic and often not true. The country should be governed by the majority- Democracy, not the minority- while vigorously protecting the rights and liberties of all- as long as the do not infringe on the rights and liberties of others. These mediums are pressing and presenting their own platforms- not free speech

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S Town Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	They are removing our rights to free speech.
S Town Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Shouldn't control freedom of speech
S Town Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	The need to pay tax just like we do 20 percent at least we need to watch everythang they do
S Town Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	They are censoring our free speech and have become the right arm for the Democrats.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Need to keep false information off
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	The Big Tech companies decision to censor individuals and companies
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Social media behaves as a dictatorship censoring people. Social media has ruined our world. It spreads hate, rage and bias.
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Monopolies are bad for the country.
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Social media is biased. They pick and choose what you can and cant see. They want to guide you to believe a certain narrative.
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Too much censorship
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Social media has shifted society to a space that the truth gets lost, that young people judge themselves to the point of suicide and people are no longer experiencing anything except what happens on their phone.
Urb. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	The following statements are true, the more power these big tech companies have they think they can control what people hear are taking away people's right can I have their own opinions! They have been shutting down whoever they feel threatened their way of thinking. They would love a one world order where they can control everything! As Americans we have the right to free speech to protect ourselves and our family's!
Urb. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Too much violence, bullying, and promotion of wrong trump type thinking
Rur. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Because they are interfering with my first amendment rights and should be held accountable for the lies and hysteria they are spreading on their platforms. It's unconditional and must stop. They are social media platforms, not God, they have a duty to report the truth...all sides of the truth, not just what fits their political and religious agendas.
Rur. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	The freedom of speech and expression has to be protected.....however that is achieved
Sub. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	The government is the only entity able to stop the censorship. We are Americans.

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Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Im just a nobody... I posted my liberal/conservative views on Twitter and was put on restriction and blocked. My YouTube account that Ive had for many years was removed. No warning. All my collected gardening videos gone....just for posting comments no worse than my comments here. We are AMERICANS BEING SILENCED. I dont give a hoot who you are - this is not ok! Wake up. Ive completely deleted my Facebook and Twitter accounts this year
Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	To much harmful information
Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	They are completely unregulated comment and have become a tool for socialism and silencing any other opinion
Sub. Male	Yng. Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	All the reasons, where to even start
Urb. Male	Yng. Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	I dont have social media accounts anymore because of the bullying and misinformation that spreads on these platforms
Urb. Male	Yng. Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Net neutrality is paramount. Govt oversight is necessary on a company level but not on content- if a company fails to enforce their own standards, maybe. Otherwise, no content regulation as it will be seen as an attempt to control information and be met with distain from the people.
Sub. Fem	Old Boom	Ref.	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Too much false information and kids suffer from bullying!
Sub. Male	Old Gen X	Ref.	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	They are operating as publishers, a direct violation of current law. They have become socialist controlled propaganda machines. They have become monopolies that need to be broken up.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Ref.	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	False information & hateful information should not be able to be posted all over the media. We clearly see what it capable of doing to our country. Hate & ignorance is the loudest its been in this country since the civil rights movement & thats is not only sad but pathetic! This country was made for immigrants by immigrants & we DO NOT have to right to cherry pick with immigrants we allow or what here. Thats not the only issues that has come from the dangerous manipulation of the media using false information & hate to be so unregulated.
Ref.	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	I think that they have a lot of influence over the opinion of the general public and so they need a lot of regulation

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Sub. Fem	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Not so much for the daily user but for what those companies are allowed to take in terms of data without consumer compensation
Sub. Male	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	They have directly caused violence on both sides of the political spectrum and are proven to be forcing an agenda that is detrimental to the United States.
Sub. Male	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	There incentives are based in an attention economy that will never have the best interests of the users in mind. This has led to extreme pollution of information and polarization because these platforms will promote anything that keeps people addicted to their apps. In this case government regulation is maybe the only thing that can reassert a level of consumer mindedness in these companies.
Urb. Male	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	They too big
S Town Fem	Old Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Social media has become a platform for alternate facts. The social media companies need to take more action to curb the spread of lies and if they refuse they need to have more regulations put in place by the Congress.
Sub. Fem	Old Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	I think the media posts things are blown out of proportion. And then Facebook, etc expand on them.
Urb. Fem	Old Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	1st amendment!! If you block ALL rhetoric, ok..but to single only those you disagree with...just total bullshit!
Sub. Fem	Old Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	I don't believe any thing but the people should have power above anything else.
Urb. Fem	Old Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Twitter and Facebook have way too much power over their social media platforms They should not be allowed to ban people for simply having derogatory speech! Twitter sucks and so does Facebook; I dont care if they both go down!
Urb. Fem	Old Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	There needs to be a level of accountability. People need to face consequences for their actions, even online
Urb. Male	Old Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	It is suck a joke . They censor anybody who's opinion that don't line up with theirs.
S Town Male	Old Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	If you're going to go through with breaking apart or regulating over site through big companies one must be careful. Much like the federal government having a giant red button so do they. Breaking them up could potentially make them stronger.

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Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	They should not have the reach and influence that they hold with out UNBIASED regulation and not telling the people who is making these decisions. They need more transparency.
Urb. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	There is very ugly creepy things on the internet and that stuff it just gasoline on a fair.
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Theyve grown to powerful and influence over the media and distort how people perceive the message.
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	To eliminate the spread of misinformation, bigotry and hateful ideologies.
Urb. Fem	Silent	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Too many people make false statements and the public take it as fact.
Urb. Fem	Silent	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Bad influence of social media on wide variety of issues
S Town Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Because social media companies have their own biased agenda. What is good for one should be good for all
S Town Male	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	To much influence and power
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Twitter during the Trump presidency. Enough said.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Facebook has to much power and uses it to influence people and allows false information
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Due to the overwhelming missed/false information, discrimination, defamation and corrupt conspiracies, it has become so disheartening and dissolution!
Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Their ability to control the narrative which ultimately promotes close mindedness n ignorance is taking the USA down a scary path. But, if you dont have honest fact based regulations then youll probably end up worse then before
Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Social media abuses its power to coerce others to harm targets of their design. Harm by either career or otherwise.
Urb. Male	Yng. Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Because they are the platforms for speech. When they curtail opinions they remove them from our societies lexicon. And they have been wrong. Hydroxychloroquine for example was villified. The american medical journal came out in January 2021 stating that HCQ is an effective treatment. Facebook has since changed their position on the drug, but the damage has been done. Thousands died needlessly.

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Urb. Male	Silent	Married	Ref.	Unaf.	1st amendment
Rur. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	Ref.	Unaf.	Actually I think they are already involved in tweeter and face book and that is why freedom of speech is no longer allowed if you do not swing to the far left socialist agenda
Urb. Fem	Old Boom	Single	Ref.	Unaf.	Free Speech is being censored and our First Amendment is being taken away form us. That is why we are American.
S Town Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	Ref.	Unaf.	Because of the power they wield over free speech and opinions. Putting their own political agendas and beliefs over the masses