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Region/Sex	Age	Marital	College	Party	Response
Rur. Fem	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Private companies
Sub. Fem	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	I think they are fine just as they are
Rur. Male	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	More government is very seldom the solution to any problem. More government is often followed with more problems which then results in more government and more problems.
Sub. Male	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	We dont need more govt regulation. We need more understanding of the issues and individual responsibility on appropriate uae
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Not the kind of regulation the Tr*mp cult is demandingbut Facebook should absolutely be broken up and nationalized.
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Social media is a platform for individuals to connect and share opinion, why would government involvement be necessary
Urb. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Because they are no different than any other media company. The constitution 1st amendment allows them to operate as they desire as long as they follow the laws. If they government is going to get into the media regulation business then we have a problem.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Freedom of speech
Sub. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	It just causes people to make other platforms and then we have days like the capitol riots occurring. Regulation or not crazy people will always find each other.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Hard to know where to draw the line, if they should be regulated why not news organizations and then where are we
Sub. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	We need to look at the root cause of the views expressed on social media. Understanding that will help us know how to work with people
Urb. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Need regulated as utilities. Don't regulate speech.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Government doesnt need to censor things more than it already does
Urb. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Dem.	Social media companies should not be liable for what their users post.
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Ref.	4+ Yr	Dem.	Regulation was needed 20 years ago during first dot com bubble. As I see it, tech has unleashed a chimera that is already more powerful than government and lawmakers allowed this to happen to get rich. Any attempt to regulate at this point will continue to add to the alienation and frustration that no fewer than 74 million people feel.
Sub. Fem	Gen Z	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Intervention is only necessary for attacks or harassment against a protected category or things that violate the first amendment.

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Urb. Fem	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	I'm not sure whom tracts such things but it is a slippery slope between free speech and being "controlled" by your government. How and whom decides who misuses social media and who is using it for the good Congress cannot. They are party line driven and do not represent the people they are elected by.
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Government oversight can be politically motivated or biased. I believe our social media problems will work themselves out
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	I envy Germany's ban on hate speech as it seems to be protecting their populace from extremism a bit better than the US/UK have been. Thats not a social media level regulation, though, that would be statutory or a constitutional amendment. All social media platforms need is for the current terms of service and bans on harassment/incitement to be enforced, which can be done with existing regulations and oversight, now a less anti-enforcement administration is in place. New laws would be redundant.
Urb. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	People are humans if theres too much oversight then people cant say what they need and just because were more sensitive now doesnt mean that freedom of speech should be stopped
Urb. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	1st amendment
Urb. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	We rest on 1st amendment rights and do not want to be a country of censorship, as that hinders idea and progress. However, dangerous people do need to be stopped so maybe Figuring out how to incentivize these private companies from stopping incorrect information being disseminated
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	We need oversight only when these platforms lead to violent insurrection
Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	The government doesn't have the right to regulate speach
Sub. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	Private and free companies

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Sub. Male	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Dem.	While I agree that we do need further governmental oversight, Im loathe to limit it to purely social media companies. Big tech in general has proven to be an incredibly insidious and rather callous industry that likes to play games with peoples data, and while social media is the most obvious example of data abuses it could just as easily be argued that google is far too powerful and should similarly be regulated, or Amazon.
Sub. Fem	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	I think false claims should not be posted. I think censorship of hate groups is a good thing.
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Freedom of speech
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Freedom of speech
Sub. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	It's not something I think the government should regulate.
S Town Male	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	no
Sub. Male	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Its one problem having big companies controlling social media but if the government stuck its nose into owning social media Id lose even more trust in social media to tell unbiased true news
Sub. Male	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Facebook and Twitter often times helped the people see whats really going on in the world today and provide answers for people who have questions that cant be answered. Having the government take control would deprive the people of their rights and privacy and there wouldnt be trust.
Urb. Fem	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Social media is entertainment based
Urb. Fem	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	N/A
S Town Fem	Old Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	I dont think the answer to everything is government involvement. I think that companies like Facebook and Amazon are WAY too powerful.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Government needs to stay out completely to much government isnt good we the people
Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	I believe they are public platforms & people using them should have the right to see all information & decide for themselves what to believe. Additionally, conspiracy theorist use social media to plan their shenanigans & the government can use this posted information to defend against their terrorist behavior.
Urb. Male	Yng. Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Dem.	Private companies should largely be left alone by the government in nearly all cases. They should also never be subsidized by the government. Bail out culture is reprehensible.

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Sub. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	Ref.	Dem.	I dont necessarily feel the government should be overseeing social media companies when there are bigger issues to address.
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Oth.	Private companies should be able to do as they please....within reason
Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Oth.	The federal government messes up almost everything it touches. Regulations cannot keep pace with technological innovation and will kill it. Further, regulatory agencies get captured by the big industry players they seek to regulate and conspire with them to destroy competition. Let the market punish Twitter if people dont approve of how it handles things.
S Town Male	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Oth.	We need less government, but Im not sure how else to regulate.
Rur. Male	Old Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Oth.	Name one problem government has objectively fixed. Regulation is not working. But it sure sounds good on tv.
Rur. Male	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Oth.	Censorship is violating rights. If the government were to enforce the fact that people can say what they want to say then I would be in favor of government regulations set for that. People should be able to objectively make decisions and deal with what other opinions have to say without censorship.
S Town Fem	Old Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Oth.	I think they now. Understand and tag misinformation in real time, they didn't do before
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Oth.	If left alone, these platforms will lean to one side of the political spectrum or another, leaving room for competition in the marketplace.
S Town Male	Yng. Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Oth.	We need less government in general.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Oth.	Social media is an outlet. People say what they want to say, thanks to the freedom of speech amendment that our country stands by. You try to oversee that and regulate that. Your taking away freedom of speech. That's not ok.
Rur. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Ref.	I think government will screw this up too, just like they have everything else
Sub. Male	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Government has proved it cannot fix anything so it should be left up to the people.
Rur. Fem	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Government regulation interferes with freedom.
S Town Fem	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Hgggg

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Sub. Fem	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	First amendment
Urb. Fem	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Censorship is dangerous field
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	I agree social media needs some sort of regulation but absolutely not by the government. Government could fuck up a wet dream
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	The government simply didn't need to tell everyone what to do. Similarly people need to wise up and realize facebook and others aren't a free speech platform
S Town Male	Silent	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Only a few refs. And yes media needs to be watched
Sub. Male	Silent	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Government regulation is never the answer in a free society. Regulations generally smother the free market which has built the most successful society in the history of the world.
Sub. Male	Silent	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	none
Sub. Male	Silent	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Government has never done a good job on any program except the military
S Town Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	The government should not regulate
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Dont have trust in the government...the congressional leaders are only interested in what favors them
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Regulation may make these platforms stronger and make it harder for competing businesses and platforms to thrive.
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Supposedly we are to have freedom of speech!
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Freedom of Speech is protected by the US. Constitution.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	I dont trust the government anymore than I trust social media companies.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Rep.	Nobody is requiring anybody to use these platforms.
Rur. Fem	Old Boom	Ref.	4+ Yr	Rep.	More government regulation leads to socialism, fascism and communism. No accountability adds to that but when trump controlled the media we got Ill scale chaos. We need educated people and accountability to the people ...not the government

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Rur. Male	Gen Z	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	1984. Clearly every time the government has reached into censor and regulating the media in any form it ended in disaster, Nazi Germany, Maos China as well as current China all of these the first step was to start regulating the media and influencing opinion
S Town Fem	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	Im for less Government why would I want them involved The people Can take care of it
Urb. Fem	Old Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	Government intervention is always for their own interest not for the average person.
Urb. Fem	Old Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	Public companies are run by their shareholders, not the government.
Urb. Fem	Old Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	Because of biased censorship which results in lies and dictatorship
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	More regulations and more rights will be taken from Americans. A capitalist society is the government having too much control.
Urb. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	It is ensuring that algorithms that create these major companies have a framework of equity and Bias awareness so that it does not target people specifically based on their race. Often what does not get sensores or watched more often is radical white men groups that do have as a mission to ensure communities of color are not part of the larger society.
Urb. Male	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	Cant regulate stupid people
Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	Don't want the government to be in my business.
Urb. Male	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Rep.	The government shouldnt concern themselves with that. They have bigger problems to tackle before they should worry about social media.
Rur. Fem	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	We need less government regulation
Rur. Male	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	The feds need to remove section 230 that protects them from lawsuits over the issue of restricting access. The threat of lawsuits will then take care of the problem.
S Town Fem	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	We need less government in every aspect of every business. People can make up their own minds
Sub. Male	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	inevitably leads to more censorship. Companies should be held legally liable for slander. Big tech should be broken up. Repeal section 230 exemptions.
Rur. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	We need a much smaller government with much less regulation in general. We need to let the government be for the PEOPLE again instead of the monster it has become.

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S Town Male	Old Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Not your job to regulate Social Media Companies.
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Breaking up the giant companies, sure. Regulating how they do business, fuck no.
Urb. Male	Silent	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Government control and regulations can and have screwed up everything they touch.
Rur. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Freedom of speech. However I am disturbed at the amount of lies and hate are on sites like Facebook
S Town Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	I disagree because the government controls too much already
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	I am from England I came to the us to get away from be coming a socialist coutry
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Theres to much damn government telling us what to do now we need to start thinking on our own
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	I am a free man. I dont need or want to be told what I can or cant do outside of simple laws. I can think for myself. Everything we see with big government creates more red tape and prevents us from doing the job more efficiently or at all. For example it seems to make it more difficult for our law enforcement to do their already difficult jobs. Sure theres a few bad apples but most of the people in law enforcement are good people. That doesnt get talked about near enough.
S Town Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	We need less government regulation overall as according to our constitution. Less government.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	because they all agree with the socialistic agenda. They all agree with taking freedom of speech away from those who don't agree with them
Sub. Fem	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	The government already has control over the media and large tech companies. How else do you explain the democratic propoganda weve seen this year. DEFUND THE MEDIA
Sub. Male	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	I think it should be treated like a private business, little to no government regulations.
S Town Fem	Old Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Freedom of speech
Sub. Fem	Old Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	We have enough. What we need is better monitoring and non biased reporting. We can keep a check the extremes the better to be prepared to oppose any dangers to our country. The thing I worry about is getting our agencies cooperating not regarding each other as enemies/competitors.
S Town Fem	Old Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Its taking away our right of freedom of speech what will they take away next

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Urb. Fem	Old Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Because I don't think that the government has a right to interfere in my personal life like that.
S Town Male	Old Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Stop with the censorship
Rur. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Too much government control from people who can't be trusted.
S Town Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	The people have a right to voice their opinions its called freedom of speech and any form of censorship goes against our first amendment rights
S Town Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Fear of loss of freedom of speech, constitutional rights
S Town Male	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Just remove the protections they were given in 1996. Allow other companies to lease their servers like we do with the phone companies
S Town Male	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	I don't think it's needed and who says the government can do a better job
Urb. Male	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	Already to much government control of our lives Already
Urb. Male	Yng. Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Rep.	I feel that theres no trust and truth
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	Ref.	Rep.	If it's a private business then the government should stay out of it the government is too involved right now In running the narratives on Facebook and Twitter No freedom of speech no views now the government should make their own social media and give people the option to either be on a private social media company or a government-run social media
Urb. Male	Yng. Boom	Ref.	Ref.	Rep.	The government screws up everything they touch the last thing I think we need is more regulation.let the free market decide. Facebook will step on themselves and they will be replaced or at least competed with other options I hope
S Town Fem	Old Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Free speech
Rur. Fem	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	The government cannot manage themselves why would anyone think they could manage social media
Rur. Fem	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Social media companies are privately held so they should regulate themselves and regulatory oversight only works if governments approach it in an equitable non partisan way.
S Town Fem	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	We need less government regulation in all aspects of our life. If you dont agree with a company/business so not use them.
Sub. Fem	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Too much regulation now
Sub. Fem	Old Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Government needs to stay out

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Rur. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Its not the role of government. More regulation is not always the answer.
Rur. Male	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Dont need tons of government regulations
S Town Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Government intervention in my opinion will further the divide, any regulations will be perceived as taking freedoms from the people.
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Unsure
Sub. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Stop regulating things, ugh. Why on Earth would social media companies be a priority That would just be a waste of resources when there are much more important issues at hand
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	More government regulation means less personal freedom and more violation of Constitutional rights.
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	No
S Town Male	Silent	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	I think they have done an adequate, but not great, job. But who else is appropriate to monitor the divide between lies, mistruths, innocent errors in judgment, etc, vs 1st amendment rights. An apolitical entity, despite misgivings, is far superior to the government.
Rur. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	In general once government is involved, things get worse
S Town Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Freedom of speech. However I wish we were a kinder gentler nation.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Too much government
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	The government is so full of inefficiency to fix anything in a reasonable amount of time, they do not need to get into Social Media
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Private companies that are used voluntarily
S Town Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Government needs to butt out of private sector and allow and encourage the American people to take on some personal accountability.
S Town Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	I am far more concerned with disinformation spread by individuals through social media than I am by any abuses by social media themselves. I fear that regulation of the companies will be done ham-fistedly and make more problems.
S Town Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Government should have less authority over things outside their realm of obligation.

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Sub. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Married	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Government should stay out of private business.
Sub. Male	Old Boom	Ref.	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Most government agencies are inept
S Town Male	Old Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Governments tend to like to have control of all aspects of an individuals life...especially the liberal governments. However, if social media is trying to take away freedom of speech, then they are wrong and should be held accountable
Sub. Fem	Old Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Government interference is inappropriate in this instance.
Sub. Male	Old Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Because this is a free enterprise country. Government regulations in controlling companies goes completely against the free enterprise system.
Rur. Fem	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	The government does not need to control everything, we are going into socialism and I do not want that liberal agenda.
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	The first amendment applies to the government not to private entities
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Social media is a free enterprise and no one is required to pay attention to it
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Government will just make things worse. Regulations will be written by big tech and implemented by big government to chock out all completion and benefit the social media and corporate media giants. Big government and big business are constantly colluding to make the rich richer. Get the government out of it... thatll begin to set things right.
S Town Male	Silent	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	We need fewer regulations by government, because our representatives are only working for themselves and not the people and free trade is the best system. I work for federal government for 11 yrs and I found its totally corrupt. Less government, less regulations and an independent organization to investigate and put in jail corrupt government employees. It has to be independent, because all the government departments that have anything to do with justice are corrupt!
Sub. Male	Silent	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	There's a thin line between freedom of speech and government intervention and regulation. Too much regulation and it becomes dictatorial.
Rur. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Social media is an optional form of entertainment and personal expression. It is not a utility.
S Town Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Doesn't work. Government can't oversee their own problems let alone others. Too busy in partisan politics and power struggles.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	I dont expect government to take on that responsibility.
Sub. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Because they are private business and less government oversight is usually better.

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Urb. Fem	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	The govt is already too big& inefficient to accomplish anythng- they can't even protect our own Capital
Urb. Male	Yng. Gen X	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	Political impact
Sub. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	More government regulation is overstepping and due to the corruption and extremism seen in the government, them stepping in to address the corruption of social media seems inappropriate and more risky. This should not be the role of the government, but someone or some entity should be able to provide oversight for this serious concern.
Urb. Fem	Yng. Mill.	Single	4+ Yr	Unaf.	No
Rur. Fem	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	They need to police themselves more
Rur. Male	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Government has gotten to political I fought for this country against what they seeming for us to turn into. Giving away free things.
S Town Fem	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Just more control to stop negativity
Urb. Male	Old Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Regulations stifle free press
Rur. Male	Old Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Less government
S Town Male	Old Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	The governments job is not to regulate but to ensure that the laws and the constitution is followed. If we were to say enforce our first amendment of free speech on the internet that would be great starting point. Instead we have fact checkers and other such garbage removing content they deem false, hurtful or hateful.
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	I think markets are best when regulating themselves. When government becomes involved, winners and losers are chosen by the same fallable forces that all humans possess. I trust the billions of transactions and activity of the masses more than an oligarchy with special interests. In other words, the best democracy is people voting with their patronage.
Urb. Fem	Old Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	It isn't needed.
S Town Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	The government is in to much now. Free speech is in jeopardy. Government does not need to have their hands and fingers and everything.
S Town Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	They dont need to regulate everything we do,
Sub. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Afraid the government will overstep controls.
Sub. Male	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	The oversight of government fails to oversight themselves. 4 yrs America was held hostage to lies, misinformation, threats. How can the government oversee another entity, while not able to oversee its own

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Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Free speech
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	I believe that's a very slippery slope.
S Town Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	the federal govt has proven abundantly in the last administration that it is 100% politically motivated on certain topics. having more govt oversight of social media could be used to further harm or limit freedom of speech, criticism etc. before trump i would have said social media does need more rules around limiting misinformation but do not trust another govt with someone like trump at the helm to do anything in the publics best interest
Sub. Male	Yng. Gen X	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Sounds like gov reg in social media is not working now.
Urb. Male	Yng. Mill.	Married	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Freedom of speech.
S Town Male	Old Gen X	Ref.	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Our government has too much power as it is/even when president Trump was doing something right, they being Americans should have set their hatred aside and helped make things better for America, go after him after he's out of office/we've all worked with people we dislike. Government is no different.
S Town Fem	Yng. Gen X	Ref.	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	The media is pure evil
Sub. Male	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Government can intervene when necessary.
Urb. Fem	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	I think it is needed in moderation but social media is an important platform for expression
Urb. Male	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Government should act to stop banning of accounts that haven't violated the law, private companies should not become regulators of legal free speech
Urb. Male	Gen Z	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	I think we need to enforce the anti monopoly arrangements we have.
Rur. Male	Old Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Competition between the news networks is how they make their money Trump caused a lot of the distrust with his lies and deceitfulness never ever Heard of fake news before that idiot
S Town Fem	Old Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Leave them alone
Sub. Male	Old Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	I do not disagree in a lot of ways we do need Government regulations
Urb. Fem	Old Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	More government to me means socialism. So I don't want more government. And don't trust social media. We need someone like Walter Cronkite.
Rur. Male	Old Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	I don't see what positive will come from government oversight.
Urb. Fem	Old Gen X	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Im not sure

*In your own words, please describe the reasons why you disagree that more government regulation and oversight of social media companies is needed.*

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Rur. Male	Old Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Regulation on social media platforms starts a slippery slope to completely dismantling the freedom and equality of the internet itself. Instead hold the post makers and end users accountable for their actions.
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	I think the government has more than enough control of every facet of every documented human being in this country at this point.
Sub. Male	Old Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	I believe that social media companies need to be restricted but we dont need a ton of regulations that forces these companies to censor the voices of the American people just because their view isnt the same as Corpo America.
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	Because thats a slippery slope to not having a free internet
Urb. Male	Old Mill.	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	At that point is when it becomes socialism, allowing the government to put their hands in any sort of Private business would not be good. If the companies decide to censor what you're putting out, simply don't use their platform anymore. I feel like the government is corrupt and does not have any persons interest but their own the minute they're elected and go to Washington D.C. from what I've seen through this whole pandemic is that the elected officials forget that they are elected into their position and act as though we need to praise them for the terrible things that they do. There is no such thing as middle class upper class lower class there's rich and there's the poor no fine line between.
S Town Male	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	I understand that some agreement needs to be developed between social media companies and Federal & State legislatures. A fact checker program to ensure erroneous info or facts are address and corrected. Let the FBi and CIA address Militants and Extremist
Urb. Fem	Yng. Boom	Single	Less 4 Yr	Unaf.	I do not need Government telling me what I can read or shouldnt read, or for them to believe they know better than I.