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Should I Sue?

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Well, why not? According to some politicians, I have a perfect right to.

But, you ask, on what grounds?

Because of the emotional injury I suffer when I listen to these bozos.

Legislation being considered in Congress would permit socialmedia companies to be sued for causing physical or "severe

emotional injury," a provision of the Justice Against Malicious Algorithms Act.

This legislation would amend Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act so as to

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make Internet service providers liable if they algorithmically recommend content that results in "severe emotional injury to any person."

The text of the legislation is — you guessed it! — vague and murky. And would doubtless be applied with extreme selectivity if enacted.



Other bills being pondered would tackle things like "health misinformation." Senator Amy Klobuchar declares that it is "our responsibility to take action."

Uh, what action?

The action of penalizing social media for inadequately censoring those with whom the senator disagrees.

Such rationalizations of assaults on freedom of speech are severely emotionally injurious to me.

Will I sue? Nah. I wouldn't win. I doubt I would be one of the ones allowed to collect such bounties. Nor would any successfully passed legislation ever permit congressmen to be sued for their own psyche-pummeling lies, psy-ops, and blather.

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Lousy legislation, though — yes. If only we could sue for that.

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