

The Big Ask

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With Twitter in the news, and revelation after revelation coming out about how governments and politicians used the social media giant to skew public opinion with algorithmic fiddling and outright bans, let's not forget Facebook.

Adam Schiff hasn't.

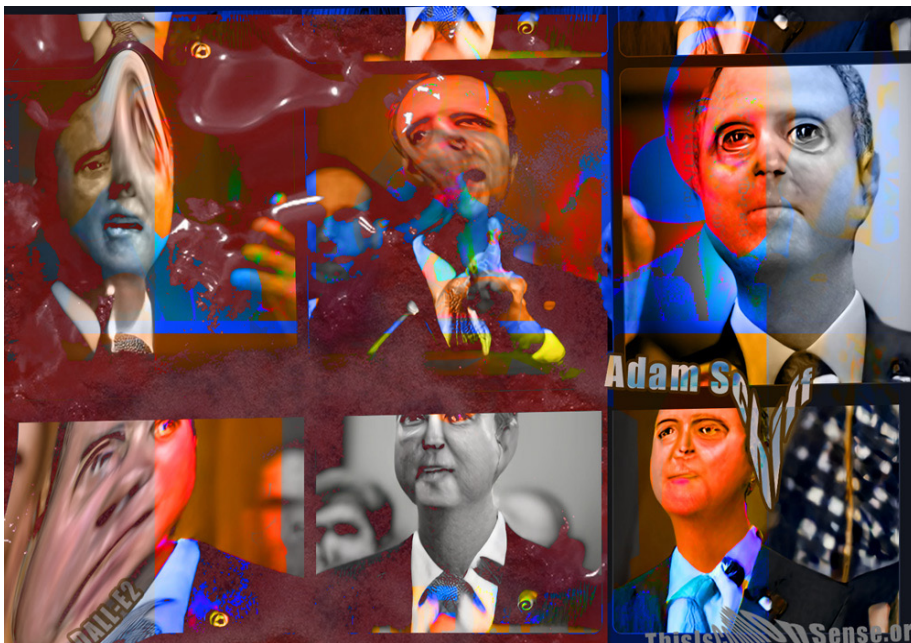
Last week, the Democrat Congressman from California, together with Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), sent what amounts to an open letter to Meta's President of Global Affairs, Nicholas Clegg, urging Meta to maintain its commitment to keeping dangerous election denial content off its platform.

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misinformation policies, because they are temporary and specific to the election season,” say Schiff and Whitehouse.

Rollbacks on censorship, they say, “would be a tragic mistake. Meta must commit to strong election misinformation policies year-round, as we are still witnessing falsehoods about voting and the prior elections spreading on your platform.”



Why “must” Facebook continue to patrol its platform, striking down or underplaying “unfounded election denial content”?

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It's been just weeks since Trump was permitted back on Twitter, where he has *not* taken up his old hyper-posting habits. Trump's so far confining himself to his own “Truth Social” platform.

But as far as “the Big Lie” goes, would Schiff & Co. argue that *The Epoch Times* should also be censored? After all, in its coverage of this issue, by Frank Fang, the concluding section of the article was devoted to showing that Trump's “Lie” might be in parts, uh, true.

Would Democrats ask Meta to suppress *The Epoch Times*, too?

Censorship is a hard habit to break.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.