

P-37 : Preuves aussi évidentes qu'officielles du programme de censure de META

(Et représentant plus spécifiquement la retranscription, par le demandeur, des passages clés des articles et vidéos présentés dans la toute première section de la pièce P-6, et donc plus spécifiquement sur la page suivante, crée par le demandeur : <https://www.refairelemonde.biz/covid/more/poursuiteFb.html>)

1) Article de Nathalie Elgraby : « [Censure sur les réseaux sociaux en rapport à la Covid](#) »

Mark Zuckerberg, le PDG de Meta, a avoué publiquement ce que beaucoup soupçonnaient déjà, à savoir qu'il a pratiqué la censure à la demande du gouvernement américain. En l'occurrence, il a censuré certains contenus liés à la COVID-19, y compris les billets d'humour et satiriques, ainsi que les publications relatives à un article du *New York Post* portant sur des allégations de corruption impliquant la famille Biden.

Les motivations derrière cet aveu restent floues. Seul Zuckerberg sait s'il s'agit d'un acte de contrition sincère ou d'une manœuvre stratégique pour regagner la confiance d'utilisateurs désabusés face aux algorithmes manifestement complices d'un discours imposé.

Questions

Chose certaine, loin de clarifier la situation, la confession de Zuckerberg a ouvert une boîte de Pandore, libérant un tourbillon de questions troublantes.

Si Washington a demandé à Meta de censurer, est-ce là la pointe de l'iceberg d'une emprise plus vaste et plus systématique? À quels autres médias, sociaux ou traditionnels, a-t-il adressé la même demande? Qui s'est soumis au joug gouvernemental pour transformer un outil de libération de la parole en arme de répression massive?

On peut également se demander ce que vaut une plateforme de médias sociaux qui accepte d'être une vulgaire courroie de transmission pour les discours autorisés par l'État. Quelle confiance accorder à un vecteur de propagande gouvernementale qui étouffe toute voix dissidente pour mieux imposer la doxa?

Et si le gouvernement américain a pris pareille initiative, qu'en est-il des gouvernements canadien et québécois? Sont-ils coupables des mêmes dérives autoritaires?

Crise

En confirmant que la censure a infiltré nos démocraties, Zuckerberg a légitimé la crise de confiance dont souffrent plusieurs plateformes.

Pour y remédier, il faudra davantage d'aveux et, idéalement, une enquête indépendante sur l'ampleur de l'ingérence étatique. Il faudra surtout que les plateformes comprennent que censurer, et donc trahir la confiance des utilisateurs, n'est pas un modèle d'affaires viable à long terme!

2) Extrait du post Facebook intitulé : « [Zuckerberge parle de la liberté d'expression...](#) »
Zuckerberg : « Nous allons nous débarrasser des factcheckers, et les remplacer par des notes de la communauté, similaires à X. Il est temps de revenir à nos racines autour de la liberté d'expression. C'est cool. »

3) Passages tirés du lien intitulé : « [Meta ends fact-checking program as Zuckerberg vows to restore free expression on Facebook, Instagram](#)

Meta is ending its fact-checking program and lifting restrictions on speech to "restore free expression" across Facebook, Instagram and Meta platforms, admitting its current content moderation practices have "gone too far."

"We're going to get back to our roots and focus on reducing mistakes, simplifying our policies and restoring free expression on our platforms," Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg said in a video posted Tuesday morning. "More specifically, we're going to get rid of fact-checkers and replace them with Community Notes similar to X, starting in the U.S."

4) Passages tirés du lien intitulé : « [Trump : Brendan Carr, le régulateur qui veut « démanteler le cartel de la censure » des Gafam](#)

Critique féroce des géants de la tech, Brendan Carr a d'ores et déjà annoncé la couleur en réagissant à sa nomination sur le réseau social X. « Nous devons démanteler le cartel de la censure », imposé selon lui par les géants de la tech que sont Facebook, Google, Apple ou encore Microsoft, « et restaurer le droit à la liberté d'expression des Américains ».

« L'organisme orwellien nommé NewsGuard, ainsi que des groupes de "vérification des faits" et des agences de publicité, ont contribué à faire respecter les récits unilatéraux », avait-il déjà déclaré sur X vendredi.

5) Passages tirés du lien intitulé : « [Démanteler le cartel de la censure](#) » : [l'administration Trump annonce déjà la couleur pour les télécoms aux États-Unis](#) »

Vu comme un « *guerrier de la Liberté d'Expression* » par le président américain, Carr a vivement exprimé son souhait de transformer le rôle de l'organisme de régulation.

« Facebook, Google, Apple, Microsoft et d'autres ont joué un rôle central dans le cartel de la censure » peut-on lire sur son profil X. Critique des organismes de vérification d'informations comme NewsGuard qu'il qualifie d'orwellien, Carr est persuadé que des entreprises de ce type ont « *contribué à faire respecter les récits unilatéraux* ».

6) Passages tirés du lien intitulé : « [Justice. Le gouvernement américain accusé d'avoir imposé une "censure" aux réseaux sociaux](#) »

Jusqu'où peuvent aller les autorités qui entendent limiter la désinformation en ligne ?
C'est la question essentielle posée devant la Cour suprême des États-Unis lundi

18 mars : des États républicains accusent l'exécutif démocrate d'avoir enfreint la liberté d'expression. Une plainte qui s'inscrit dans une contre-offensive des pro-Trump contre la "censure de gauche".

7) Extraits du vidéo intitulé : « [Censure sur les réseaux sociaux en rapport à la Covid](#) » (quoique concernant plus spécifiquement Twitter)

À quoi ont-ils pensé en censurant des docteurs?

Ils communiquaient avec le FBI et le gouvernement sur une plate-forme privée nommée IIRA.

8) Passages tirés du lien intitulés : « [Trump signs executive order against 'censorship'](#) »

The Trump order accuses his predecessor, Joe Biden, of "censoring Americans' speech on online platforms" and pressuring social media companies to "moderate, deplatform, or otherwise suppress speech that the federal government did not approve."

Facebook owner Mark Zuckerberg also admitted earlier this month that the authorities had pressured his platform to delete materials that were deemed Covid misinformation, including memes about vaccination. He has since closed US factchecking services he has acknowledged were "politically biased."

"Under the guise of combatting 'misinformation,' 'disinformation,' and 'malinformation,' the federal government infringed on the constitutionally protected speech rights of American citizens across the United States in a manner that advanced the government's preferred narrative about significant matters of public debate. Government censorship of speech is intolerable in a free society," the Trump order states.

9) Passages tirés du lien intitulé : « [Trump : "Le cartel de la censure doit être démantelé et détruit"...](#) »

Donald Trump : « Le cartel de la censure doit être démantelé et détruit. Les agents dans notre système et institution qui on participé à la censure ainsi qu'à l'étiquetages des gens avec le terme désinformation et mis-information seront punis gravement. »

« The Silicon Valley tyrants manipulate and silence the american people, suppress vital information on everything from elections to public health. »

10) Extraits de l'entrevue intitulée : « [Joe Rogan Experience #2255 - Mark Zuckerberg](#) » Mark Zuckerberg :

« We just faced this massive, massive pressure to basically start censoring content on ideological grounds.

I was really worried from the beginning about basically becoming this sort of decider of what is true in the world... I mean that is a kind of crazy position to be in (for) billions of

people (more than a third of the planet!) using your service! »...

« We put in place this system (about obvious hoaxes), and it just sort of veered from there »...

The point was not to judge people's opinions, but (...) It was never accepted by people, broadly... People felt the fact-checkers were too biased... (not so much with the rules vs what type of things the fact-checkers went to check in the first place...)

It's something out of like... 1984!... It really IS a slippery slope!... And it got to a point where, ok, it's destroying so much trust, especially here in the US, to have this program ! ... And I guess it was probably about a few years (ago) that I started getting to the conclusion that we would have to change something about that...

(Regarding notably covid masks) « It just began to be really difficult to follow, and it began to really hit its most extreme point during the Biden administration, when they were trying to roll-out their vaccine program.. (Zucky pro vaccine but), while they were trying to push that program, they also try censoring anyone who was against it. »

« They pushed us super hard to take down things that, honestly were true!... They basically pushed us to take down anything that basically said that vaccines had side effects (I'm not going to do that!)! »...

« People in the Biden administration! »

Joe Rogan : « One has to admit it simply is impossible to analyse (for instance) all YouTube videos... you're gonna use a bunch of tools (like robots), as well as people reporting things...

Zuckerberg : « Jim Jordan and the House had this whole investigation and committee over the government censorship... We produced all these documents, and it's now all in the public domain (so it's documented!)...

These people from the Biden administration would call up our team, and scream, and curse! And gain, it's all on documents, it's all out there! We didn't record telephone calls, but we did so for emails!...

And it basically just got down to this point we're we said : « no, we're not gonna take down things that are true!... And neither are we going to do so for humour or satire!...

Biden said, in press conference : « These guys are killing people! », and then started investigating and coming against our compagny... It was brutal!!...

Rogan about metabolic health (notably vitamins C and D : « That means suppressing information that can help people recover from ANY disease, not just covid! »

Zuckerberg agrees that 1984 is an instruction manuel!...

Rogan : « Nowadays, people are getting information from a bunch of sources of information, and notably a bunch of social media; you can't start restricting that just because it's not ideologically convenient to you! »...

Zuckerberg : I deferred too much on the kind of critique of the media as to what we should do... And, since then, generally trust in media has fallen on a cliff, so I don't think I'm alone on that journey... The stuff that's been written about it is not entirely accurate, and even if the facts are right, it's written along a slant, a lot of the time!...

And then, there was the government version of it, during covid, which was like ok, our governments is telling us to censor true things, I mean... this is a disaster!...

I kind of think that the reaction to covid broke down a lot of trust toward a lot of governments around the world... 2024 was a big election year around the world, and the incumbent lost every single one...

The government should be defending its companies... not attacking its companies!...

11) Extraits de l'entrevue intitulée : « Preuve que Facebook se voit coupable de censure d'opinions politiques à tout le moins dans le cadre du dossier palestinien »

It was pretty obvious that (...) accounts that talked of Palestine were being censored unappropriately. We have thousands of such cases.

Meta has a well-documented anti-palestinian bias.

Instagram taking down my stories, that post was removed (shadowbans); every morning, I wake up : your post was removed, I found out that Instagram has suspended my account...

Human Rights Watch has called Meta's censorship of content related to Palestine as systemic and global

We spoke to a former technical ingeneer of Meta, who witnessed the account supres-sions in real time, tried to fix it, and then was fired. Now he's suing.

« I guess they couldn't write « too Palestinian », as a reason!... »

And he's just one of the many Meta workers we spoke to about an internal culture of suppression, censorship and retaliation within the most powerful social media company in the world...

- Did you feel like you had a label on your back for being too vocal about the Palestinian issue?

- Yes!

We've uncovered (...) the companies' big ties with Israel, which involves important policy makers.

Someone who was in the Israeli army is whether content about Palestine is allowed to be shown to the people. It's deeply disturbing.

If your family members were killed in Gaza, you're not allowed to talk about it. If you do talk about it, your job is at risk.

You have all these journalists that were murdered in Gaza, or were injured, or risked their lives, just to get these stories out there, and Meta, as a platform, completely failed them.

Part of your job was to look into accounts that were wrongfully censored or banned?

Many Meta users were alleging that pro-Palestinian posts were being removed, accounts were being deleted, and that they were **loosing access to certain features, like the ability to go live »**

A Human watch investigation confirmed that Meta even deleted comments like « Free Palestine », as well as Palestinian flag emojis.

Many of these posts were being misclassified as containing sexual activity or nudity, flagged internally as « pornographic »; this significantly limited the reach of his account.

Some of the posts were difficult to look at, but they were in no means pornographic.

Marking videos of injured or dead children as pornographic, I find that deeply offensive.

When it came to accounts associated to Palestine, typical protocole was not being followed. Tickets were opened, and then mitigated, resolved and closed, with the same time stamp, indicating that someone, in the team, was dismissing issues, without actually investigating the problem.

Two colleagues messaged Omar privately, telling him to stop looking into the issue, even though it was his job to do so!...

- What do you think about the fact the official procedure was not being followed?
- It struck me as being really odd, unprofessional... I've never seen that in any company I've worked at!...

Omar says that even though many of his colleagues were aware that some of or Mortaz's posts were wrongly tagged as « pornographic », they remained labeled that way for days... and the only person who got in trouble was Omar the one who pointed it out.

Despite glowing performances review over the years, Meta fired him. And they did so just before he was due to receive hundreds of thousands of dollars in company stock.

They claimed that I had a personal relationship with Mortaz; that was (supposedly) why my contract was terminated.

We reached out to Meta regarding a series of allegations, but they declined to comment on Omar's case.