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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on safeguarding free democratic debate on social media

*The European Parliament*,

– having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas social media giants are increasingly deleting messages in an arbitrary manner and are blocking accounts; whereas by removing the Facebook and Twitter accounts of a sitting US president, they have demonstrated their immense power over public debate;

B. whereas new entrants are also being prevented from entering the market by being denied the use of servers and app stores; whereas, for example, the ‘Parler’ app is banned from Google’s app store and Amazon’s servers;

C. whereas democracy requires freedom of the press, which is opposed by Twitter by, for example, limiting *Libero Quotidiano*;

D. whereas the absence of an open platform prevents free democratic debate, possibly inducing radicalisation and violence;

1. Condemns the use of violence at recent events in the USA and following the tech giants’ abuse of their monopoly;

2. Reminds the tech giants of their democratic responsibility to provide an open platform;

3. Calls on the Commission to impose fines on, and to break up Google, Facebook, Twitter and Amazon because of their market-disrupting monopoly position.