

**Priority question for written answer P-001068/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Protecting freedom of expression on social media – spotlight on US President Trump and Poland

When Donald Trump was US President, Twitter, the social network owned by US-based company Facebook, blocked his account, thereby denying him a platform that connected him with US citizens¹.

The Polish Government is planning to introduce a law penalising social media companies if they censor and remove lawful content².

1. What is the Commission's assessment of this decision against Donald Trump and the reasoning behind it, given that similar cases affecting the Heads of State and Government of Member States may arise in future?
2. Is the Commission considering adopting measures to ensure that the Heads of State and Government of Member States are able to communicate freely with citizens via digital media, and what measures would be involved?
3. In that connection, what does the Commission make of Poland's planned law to penalise digital media companies which engage in arbitrary censorship?

¹ <https://www.tagesschau.de/ausland/pressestimmen-trump-twitter-capitol-101.html>

² <https://rmx.news/article/article/new-polish-law-will-fine-social-media-companies-2-2-million-for-censoring-lawful-speech>