

Elizabeth Warren wants to hire an army of nerds to defeat Google's lobbyists | The Verge

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Over the past few years, some of the largest tech firms have come under fire by US lawmakers for a whole host of issues. Whether it's potential antitrust violations or historic data breaches, [Google](#) and Facebook have been forced to beef up their lobbying arms to stave off regulation and shut up members of Congress.

On Friday, 2020 [presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren \(D-MA\) announced a new plan](#) aimed at making lawmakers less susceptible to these lobbyists and their "disinformation" over sensitive issues like tech consolidation and climate change: an army of government-mandated tech nerds housed in a reinstated Office of Technology Assessment (OTA).

"Members of Congress aren't just dependent on corporate lobbyist propaganda because they're bought and paid for," Warren said. "It's also because of a successful, decades-long campaign to starve Congress of the resources and expertise needed to independently evaluate complex public policy questions."

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