

How Congress Can Prevent Elon Musk from Turning Twitter Back Into an Unfettered Disinformation Machine | The New Yorker

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Over the weekend, a story came out of Brussels that many may have missed. The twenty-seven member states of the European Union reached an agreement on a new law requiring big online platforms, including social-media companies, to police hate speech and disinformation more effectively. Under the E.U.'s Digital Services Act, European governments now have the power to ask Web platforms like Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube to remove any content that promotes terrorism, hate speech, child sexual abuse, or commercial scams. The platforms will also be obliged to prevent the "manipulation of services having an impact on democratic processes and public security."

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