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House Republicans have sent letters to at least three universities and a think tank requesting a broad range of documents related to what it says are the institutions' contributions to the Biden administration's "censorship regime."

The letters are the latest effort by a House subcommittee <u>set up in January</u> to investigate how the federal government, working with social media companies, has allegedly been "weaponized" to silence conservative and right-wing voices. So far, the committee's investigations have amplified a variety of dubious, <u>outright false</u> and <u>highly misleading</u> Republican grievances with law enforcement, many of them espoused by former President Donald Trump. Committee members have cited supposed abuses that include the FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago, its investigations of Jan. 6 rioters and the Biden administration's purported use of executive powers to shut down conservative viewpoints on social media.

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