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Former U.S. President Donald Trump is suing Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, claiming he was "censored" by those companies for not extending him the courtesy of consequence-free posting on their platforms. The complaint, filed Wednesday, alleges the companies used "unconstitutional authority delegated to them by Congress" to deny both Trump and four additional plaintiffs their First Amendment rights.

A suit that made similar allegations against PolitiFact, Science Feedback, the Poynter Institute, Facebook and Mark Zuckerberg was thrown out last week.

Both seem to stem from a misunderstanding of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution's protection of freedom of speech.

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