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"All my research is on things that social media platforms can do to make things better," said David Rand, a professor at MIT and one of the authors of the study testing the impact of Trump praising vaccines. "But I think TV and radio, particularly conservative TV and radio, are essentially getting a free pass right now, even though they're doing amazing harm."

The Biden administration's criticism of Facebook is a double win for Fox News. Not only does it draw attention away from the network's own culpability for the vaccination gap, but it feeds a potent right-wing narrative about government and Big Tech colluding to silence conservatives. "I just think that this kind of coordination between big government and the big monopoly corporation, boy, that is scary stuff. And it really is censorship," Missouri senator Josh Hawley said Thursday on—where else?—Fox News. That sense of outrage easily sustained conservative media throughout the weekend, with both pundits and Republican lawmakers weighing in on, as Ted Cruz put it, "their willingness to trample on free speech, to trample on the Constitution, to use government power to silence you, everything we feared they might do."

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