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Secret Facebook documents have just been published by British Parliament

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Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg. Getty

- UK Parliament has published a cache of secret Facebook documents.
- British lawmakers seized the bombshell papers last month from Six4Three, a developer which is suing Facebook in the US.
- The documents are under seal by court order in California, but have been published using parliamentary privilege in the UK.
- The papers show Facebook "whitelisting" firms in return for access to data and taking "aggressive positions" against rivals, such as Twitter's defunct video app Vine.
- The documents include emails sent by Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg.

British Parliament has published a cache of secret Facebook documents which it obtained last month from a company suing the social network.

A redacted version of the papers was pushed live on the website of the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee, which is investigating Facebook's privacy standards as part of an inquiry into fake news.

You can view all 250 pages of the Facebook documents right here.

Damian Collins, the chair of the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee, prefaced the papers with a summary of what he sees as some of the most explosive revelations. These included:

- Facebook entering "whitelisting agreements" with companies, including Netflix and Airbnb, giving them access to friends data after Facebook introduced new privacy policies in 2014/15.
- Collins said a recurring theme of the papers is the "idea of linking access to friends data to the financial value of the [app] developers' relationship with Facebook."
- They show Facebook "taking aggressive positions against apps," Collins said. This included email evidence showing Mark Zuckerberg personally approved a decision to deny access to data for the now-defunct Twitter video-looping app, Vine.
- Facebook made it difficult for users to know about changes it made to its Android app because they were controversial. The changes enabled Facebook to collect a record of calls and texts sent by users.

British MP Collins secured the documents from Ted Kramer, the founder of a software company called Six4Three, while Kramer was on business in the UK last month.

Six4Three is suing Facebook for killing its business — specifically, an app named Pikinis that surfaced images of people's Facebook friends in their swimwear — when it tightened up its privacy policies in 2015.

The documents are under the seal of a California court order, but the Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee published under UK parliamentary privilege, believing them to be in the public interest.