

Security chief leaves Facebook Saying Company Is "Unrecoverable Mess Of Political Manipulation...'

The chief security officer of Facebook, Alex Stamos, announced in a [Facebook post](#) that his last day with the company will be August 17th. The tech giant will not name a new chief security officer to take Stamos' position, although the announcement comes a day after Facebook said it discovered more malicious actors using the platform to manipulate U.S. political discussion, [The Verge reports](#). Instead, Facebook moved a number of security engineers into the company's different divisions. Stamos will join the Stanford faculty in the fall where he will teach classes on cybersecurity.

Midterms 2018 - Facebook Security Quits After Admitting Anti-Trump Account Meddling

In what could be seen as peculiar timing, Facebook's Chief Security Officer Mr Alex Stamos announced he would be leaving the company and take up a position at Stanford University.

The events come only one day after the social media platform admitted it had shut down several accounts that were trying to influence the US 2018 midterm elections. Although MSM and Facebook did not specify which political preference the accounts had, it was clear from screenshots and account names that they were all anti-Trump.

Mr. Stamos announced: "While I have greatly enjoyed this work, the time has come for me to move on from my position as Chief Security Officer at Facebook."

Facebook security chief [@AlexStamos](#) leaves Aug. 17. [@Facebook](#) thinks they don't need a new CSO, despite disclosing yesterday they're under information warfare attack *right now. Midterm elections in 90-ish days. <https://t.co/TFrYnhzcSP>

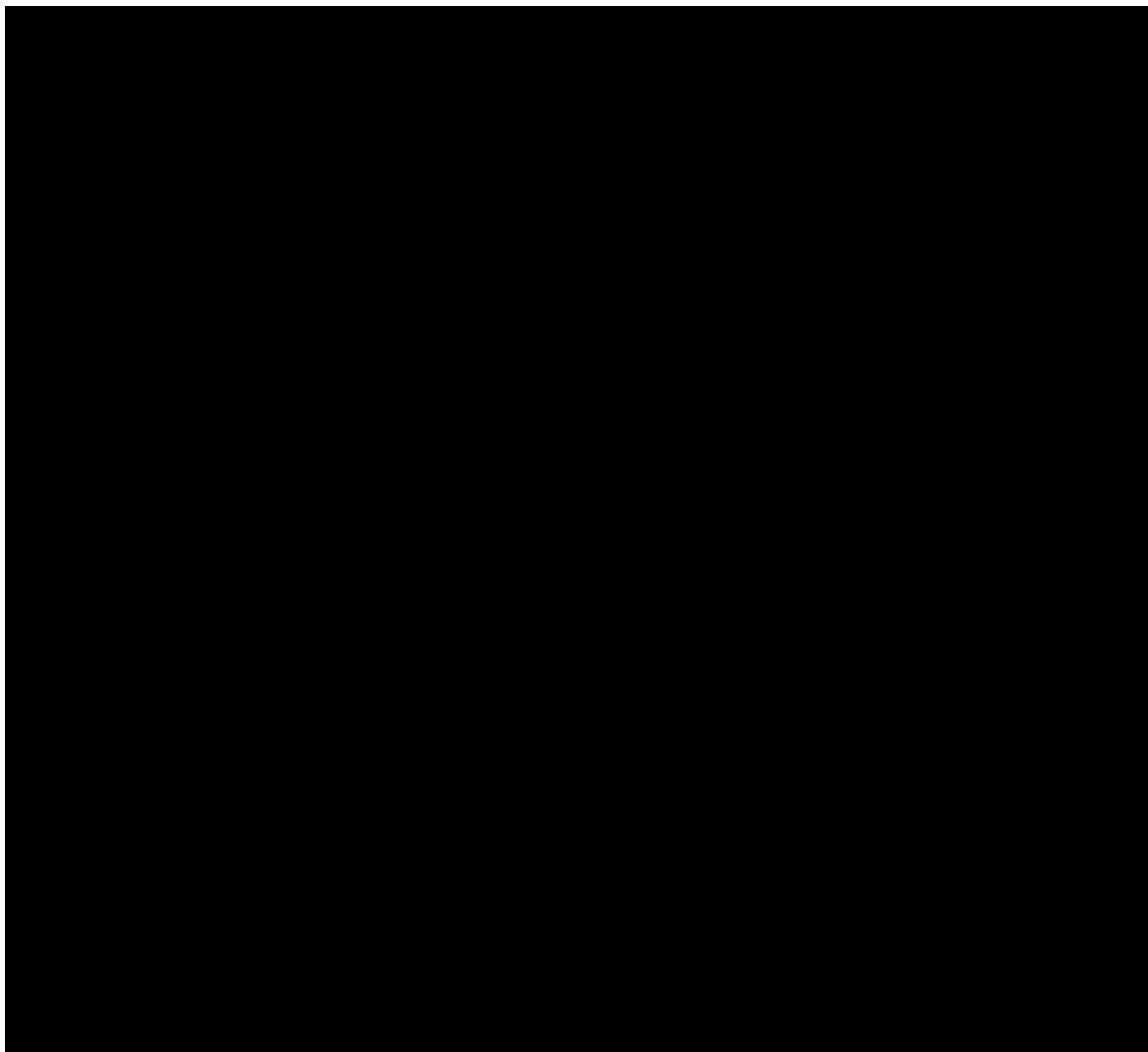
— Xenia Jardin 🧑💻 (@xeni) August 1, 2018

"Starting in September, I will join Stanford University full-time as a teacher and researcher."

Related coverage: [Facebook Closes Fake Anti-Trump Midterms 2018 Accounts](#).

Rumor has it that the Chief Security Officer (who will not be replaced apparently) was eager to depart after he had fallen out with Facebook's leadership over their decision on how to handle the state-sponsored disinformation scandal over Russian intelligence.

Already in March, he had stated that “despite the rumors, I’m still fully engaged with my work at Facebook,” whilst admitting that he was assigned a new role focusing on “emerging security risks and working on election security.”



Meanwhile, social media is full of questions over the latest revelations by Facebook that they had shut down several fake accounts aimed at trying to influence the US 2018 Midterm elections.

I’m very concerned that Russia will be fighting very hard to have an impact on the upcoming Election. Based on the fact that no President has been tougher on Russia than me, they will be pushing very hard for the Democrats. They definitely don’t want Trump!

— Donald J. Trump (@realDonaldTrump) [July 24, 2018](#)

Facebook's self-admitted discovery comes exactly one week after US President Trump stated that he was "very concerned that Russia will be fighting very hard to have an impact on the upcoming Election".

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