

# Leaks And News Reports Reveal Government Paid Tens Of Millions Of Dollars To Google, Facebook, Gawker/Gizmodo and Twitter To Attack Whistle-Blowers!

Twitter Drops Bombshell: 'Government Paid Twitter Millions of Dollars to Censor Info from Public'

Per David Hawkins: Twitter boss Elon Musk has just dropped a massive bombshell by revealing that the U.S. federal government "paid Twitter millions of dollars to censor info from the public."

Musk made the explosive claim while sharing the latest installment of the "Twitter Files."

["Twitter Files: Part 7"](#) is the latest in the series of secret internal communications between the company's former executives and other employees.

The "Twitter Files" releases have been exposing unprecedented efforts by the company – in collusion with government officials, Democrat politicians, federal law enforcement, and the

intelligence community – to censor public information on social media.

The latest installment was detailed by journalist Michael Shellenberger, who was tasked by Musk to report on his findings.

Government paid Twitter millions of dollars to censor info from the public <https://t.co/eSEwcZlGjt>

— Elon Musk (@elonmusk) [December 20, 2022](#)

Shellenberger reveals the staggering efforts by the FBI and intel community to discredit the Hunter Biden laptop story to protect Joe Biden's election campaign.

He delves into how the FBI, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), and intelligence community "discredited factual information about Hunter Biden's foreign business dealings."

The files show a direct effort by America's taxpayer-funded federal agencies to suppress negative press on the Democrat candidate during the 2020 election.

The latest release also reveals that the intel community has taken action on a domestic level to influence Twitter's content moderation.

Shellenberger [reports](#): "PART 7 The FBI & the Hunter Biden Laptop How the FBI & intelligence community discredited factual information about Hunter Biden's foreign business dealings both after and \*before\* The New York Post revealed the contents of his laptop on October 14, 2020

"In Twitter Files #6, we saw the FBI relentlessly seek to exercise influence over Twitter, including over its content, its users, and its data.

"In Twitter Files #7, we present evidence pointing to an organized effort by representatives of the intelligence community (IC), aimed at senior executives at news and social media companies, to discredit leaked information about Hunter Biden before and after it was published.

"The story begins in December 2019 when a Delaware computer store owner named John Paul (J.P.) Mac Isaac contacts the FBI about a laptop that Hunter Biden had left with him.

"On Dec 9, 2019, the FBI issues a subpoena for, and takes, Hunter Biden's laptop.

"By Aug 2020, Mac Isaac still had not heard back from the FBI, even though he had discovered evidence of criminal activity.

"And so he emails Rudy Giuliani, who was under FBI surveillance at the time.

"In early Oct, Giuliani gives it to @nypost.

“Shortly before 7 pm ET on October 13, Hunter Biden’s lawyer, George Mesires, emails JP Mac Isaac.

“Hunter and Mesires had just learned from the New York Post that its story about the laptop would be published the next day.

“At 9:22 pm ET (6:22 PT), FBI Special Agent Elvis Chan sends 10 documents to Twitter’s then-Head of Site Integrity, Yoel Roth, through Teleporter, a one-way communications channel from the FBI to Twitter.

“The next day, October 14, 2020, The New York Post runs its explosive story revealing the business dealings of President Joe Biden’s son, Hunter.

“Every single fact in it was accurate.

“And yet, within hours, Twitter and other social media companies censor the NY Post article, preventing it from spreading and, more importantly, undermining its credibility in the minds of many Americans.

“Why is that? What, exactly, happened?

“...It’s not the first time that Twitter’s Roth has pushed back against the FBI.

“In January 2020, Roth resisted FBI efforts to get Twitter to share data outside of the normal search warrant process.

“Pressure had been growing: “We have seen a sustained (If uncoordinated) effort by the IC [intelligence community] to push us to share more info & change our API policies.

“They are probing & pushing everywhere they can (including by whispering to congressional staff).”

“Time and again, FBI asks Twitter for evidence of foreign influence & Twitter responds that they aren’t finding anything worth reporting.

“[W]e haven’t yet identified activity that we’d typically refer to you (or even flag as interesting in the foreign influence context).”

“Then, in July 2020, the FBI’s Elvis Chan arranges for temporary Top Secret security clearances for Twitter executives so that the FBI can share information about threats to the upcoming elections.

“On August 11, 2020, the FBI’s Chan shares information with Twitter’s Roth relating to the Russian hacking organization, APT28, through the FBI’s secure, one-way communications channel, Teleporter.

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— Michael Shellenberger (@ShellenbergerMD) [December 19, 2022](#)

FBI paid Twitter \$3.5M 'to do its bidding': Taxpayers' money was used to suppress Hunter Biden laptop story and process agency's requests to silence GOP voices - as fury mounts over secret state censorship of the American people

- **The most recent batch of Twitter files show that the FBI paid off staffers at the tech giant to the tune of \$3 million**
- **The money was paid as a thank you as Twitter continued to dedicate staff to doing the bidding of the feds**
- **Emails show that Twitter's deputy counsel Jim Baker met with feds to discuss suppressing the Hunter Biden laptop story**
- **In response to the latest Twitter files dump, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy said: 'This is going to be a much bigger situation than people realize'**

- **Earlier it was revealed that former FBI lawyer turned Twitter general counsel Jim Baker helped to suppress the Hunter Biden laptop story**

By [Paul Farrell](#)

[The FBI](#) handed nearly \$3.5 million of taxpayers money to [Twitter](#) to pay its staff to handle requests from the bureau to ban accounts.

A Twitter employee wrote in a February 2020 email that the company's Safety, Content & Law Enforcement (SCALE) had 'collected \$3,415,323' in less than two years from the [FBI](#) for 'law-enforcement related projects.'

The email, which was revealed by journalist Michael Shellenberger, stated that SCALE had instituted a 'reimbursement program' in exchange for devoting staff hours to 'processing requests from the FBI'.

The emails was entitled 'Run the business - We made money!'.

The accounts the FBI asked Twitter to ban were largely linked to conservatives and 'foreign influence operations'.

Twitter initially believed the Hunter Biden laptop story was 'Russian disinformation'. It was revealed Monday that Jim Baker, Twitter's top lawyer and ex-FBI general counsel, personally intervened to say it should be banned.

Baker told Yoel Roth, Twitter's head of security, that the laptop story should be blocked - a day after getting a top secret briefing from his former FBI colleagues.

He wrote: 'There are some facts that indicate the materials may have been hacked. We simply need more information.'

We went on to write: 'I'm guessing we are going to restrict access to their article as violation of our Hacked Materials policy.'

An investigation into Twitter's behavior around the 2020 presidential election by the incoming Republican majority in the house has been promised with Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy telling Fox News this week: 'This is going to be a much bigger situation than people realize.'

One of the many lurid images that was found on Hunter Biden's forgotten laptop

Current Twitter CEO Elon Musk said of the emails: 'Government paid Twitter millions of dollars to censor info from the public.'

In a previous dump, journalist Matt Taibbi tweeted: 'Twitter's contact with the FBI was constant and pervasive, as if it were a subsidiary.'

In response to the latest developments, House Minority Leader Rep. Kevin McCarthy said in an appearance on Mornings with Maria on [Fox News](#): 'We're going to do more than just subpoena



them. We're going to change the course of where the FBI is today.'

He went on: 'Every day we learn something more.'

Michael Shellenberger says FBI knew Hunter laptop was real in 2019

Twitter counsel Jim Baker thanked FBI for suppressing Biden laptop

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The congressman from California continued: 'Why are they [the FBI] able to do this? Working together, using private businesses to go after individuals right before an election, denying the American public the truth?'

McCarthy is one of the many Republicans who will be calling for a more thorough investigation of the FBI's relationship with social media when the GOP takes control of the house in 2023.

McCarthy added: 'This is going to be a much bigger situation than people realize.'

A damning email sent to Twitter's legal counsel confirming the payment of nearly \$3.5 million made to the company for services rendered by the FBI

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Shellenberger's dump on Monday showed how the FBI pushed Twitter staffers to receive top-level security clearance in July 2020.

Following the release, Shellenberger retweeted a quote from Ohio GOP congressman Jim Jordan: 'I have concerns about whether the government was running a misinformation operation on We the People.'

The reporter added: 'Anyone who reads the Twitter Files, regardless of their political orientation, should share those concerns.'

The feds went on to pressure Twitter staffers to ban accounts that they were not fond of and to target alleged 'foreign influence' peddlers.

They wanted to grant the firm's staffers that access to show what they claimed were threats posed to the November 2020 presidential election by foreign interference.

- Roth conceding that he thought the Hunter Biden laptop story may have been faked in some way

At one point, FBI agent Elvis Chan acted surprised at being reminded that Twitter's general counsel Jim Baker was the FBI's former general counsel, and held that very clearance.

On September 15 2020, another FBI agent, Laura Dehmlow, requested she be allowed to give Baker a top secret briefing with no other staff present.

Baker's shameless attempts to discredit the Hunter Biden laptop story - which has since been proven to be accurate - were also shared by Shellenberger.

Monday's Twitter Files release also showed that so many ex-FBI staffers had joined the social media network, there was now a private Slack channel set up just for them.

This was ostensibly to 'onboard' them at the firm and help show them the ropes - although the latest batch of Twitter files have sparked concerns about what else those former government operatives may have been up to.

The most recent 'Twitter Files' also revealed how an FBI official-turned Twitter lawyer sent a letter thanking the Bureau for its help suppressing the Hunter Biden laptop story.

Baker, who before serving as deputy general counsel for Twitter held a similar role for the FBI, worked closely with Bureau when it teamed up with the social media company to fight what it called election interference from foreign nations.

Baker and the FBI worked together to try to push the narrative that the contents of Hunter Biden's laptop had been hacked from another source by Russian agents and placed on the laptop that was later found at a Delaware repair shop, and that the laptop never belonged to Biden at all.

As a result of those efforts Twitter blocked The New York Post's reporting of the story on the social media website. At the end of

the process, the latest Twitter files revealed that Baker and his team agreed to sign a letter to the FBI agents who worked on the project, thanking them for their efforts.

The revelations are the latest to come out of the Twitter Files, which Elon Musk has been releasing to demonstrate the social media company's past censorship initiatives.

- An image of Hunter Biden that was lifted from his forgotten laptop
- Elon Musk continues to find every avenue he can to slash costs at the social media company, which he acquired for \$44billion in October

Monday's batch of Twitter Files were reviewed and released by Shellenberger, who along with journalists Matt Taibbi and Bari Weiss have been combing through piles of internal Twitter communications dating to before Musk's takeover.

Shellenberger found that less than two hours after Hunter Biden's attorney found out about the New York Post's story about the laptop, FBI agent Elvis Chan sent a collection of documents to Twitter's then-head of site integrity Yoel Roth.

Despite Twitter continually finding nothing suspicious, the FBI repeatedly reached out to the social media company and requested further information about their information, which Twitter declined to disclose.

But in July 2020 Chan arranged security clearances for Twitter officials so they can be told about election interference it is expecting to see in the Trump-Biden runoff.

Baker became involved at this time because he had previously held top secret security clearance during his work for the FBI - during which he had been involved in one of the Bureau's investigations into Donald Trump.

Chan acted as if he were surprised when he was told Baker was at Twitter and had clearance, saying 'I don't know how I forgot him.'

'An odd claim, given Chan's job is to monitor Twitter, not to mention that they worked together at the FBI,' Shellenberger noted.

Baker was not the only former FBI staffer. According to one internal Twitter email reviewed by Stellenberger there were so many they had their own Slack channel and regularly communicated.

Once Baker was given clearance, Shellenberger wrote that the FBI fed him information intended to influence Roth and other

Twitter executives into believing that the laptop story was hacked.

FBI official Laura Dehmlow even arranged for a classified briefing for Baker and nobody else at Twitter.

Hours after The Post published their laptop story the next day, it was almost immediately censored by Twitter and thus undermined in the public eye.

The files showed that as Hunter Biden was earning millions in foreign business dealings, the FBI had advised Twitter to be on the lookout for Russian misinformation about him.

'During all of 2020, the FBI and other law enforcement agencies repeatedly primed Yoel Roth to dismiss reports of Hunter Biden's laptop as a Russian 'hack and leak' operation,' Shellenberger wrote.

Despite those efforts by the FBI, Twitter executives found there had been 'very little' Russian activity that raised any suspicions.

'Indeed, Twitter executives \*repeatedly\* reported very little Russian activity. E.g., on Sept 24, 2020, Twitter told FBI it had removed 345 'largely inactive' accounts 'linked to previous coordinated Russian hacking attempts.' They 'had little reach & low follower accounts,' he wrote.

- Though initially Roth continued to resist the idea that Twitter was experiencing any foreign interference, but October when The Post published the laptop story he conceded that the laptop might have been planted by as a 'subtle leak operation.'

'On Oct 14, shortly after @NYPost publishes its Hunter Biden laptop story, Roth says, 'it isn't clearly violative of our Hacked Materials Policy, nor is it clearly in violation of anything else,' but adds, 'this feels a lot like a somewhat subtle leak operation.'" Shellenberger wrote.

Baker grabbed onto this statement by Roth, and harped on the idea that the laptop's contents were in some way illegitimate.

'Baker repeatedly insists that the Hunter Biden materials were either faked, hacked, or both, and a violation of Twitter policy,' Shellenberger said.

By 10am that morning Twitter officials - citing 'experts' - had agreed that the laptop's must have been hacked from another source and placed on the laptop.

'The suggestion from experts - which rings true - is there was a hack that happened separately, and they loaded the hacked materials on the laptop that magically appeared at a repair shop in Delaware,' Shellenberger noted Roth wrote in an email.

Later that afternoon, Baker had a phone call with the Office of the General Counsel of the FBI.



Shellenberger suggested it was obvious that the FBI's pressures on Twitter executives led directly to them assuming the position that the laptop story had been faked.

['I want to see heads roll, I want to see people fired for what they've done': Rep. Nancy Mace says oversight committee will subpoena FBI chiefs over Twitter censorship](#)

Firebrand GOP congresswoman Nancy Mace wants to see 'heads roll' at Twitter in the fallout from the latest dump of Twitter files. On Monday, it was revealed that the FBI paid Twitter nearly \$3.5 million in exchange for the social media giant doing the bidding of the feds and silencing accounts deemed to be subversive. During an appearance on Sunday Night in America on Fox News , Mace said: 'I really want to know what government agents and agencies were censoring the free speech of America.' The Republican also slammed Twitter chiefs for failing to remove accounts connected to the Antifa movement. Mace referred to the relationship between Twitter's former trust and safety tsar Yoel Roth and the FBI as 'disconcerting.' The congresswoman from South Carolina also said: 'I don't know why so many on the left are so concerned about ideas they disagree with being on the internet. The only thing I can come up with is that they can't persuade people or voters, more importantly, unless of others that they disagree with.'

[This is a psyop run by FBI on the American people': Twitter Files author Michael Shellenberger says FBI knew Hunter laptop was real - but still told Twitter and the US public it was fake](#)

Journalist Michael Shellenberger described to Tucker Carlson Monday night how the FBI engaged in a 'psychological operation' to suppress the Hunter Biden laptop story.

Read more:

- [Rep. Kevin McCarthy vows to 'change the course of the FBI' following 'Twitter files' bombshell | Fox Business](#)

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