

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
MONROE DIVISION**

STATE OF MISSOURI *ex rel.* ERIC S.  
SCHMITT, Attorney General, and

STATE OF LOUISIANA *ex rel.* JEFFREY  
M. LANDRY, Attorney General,

*Plaintiffs,*

v.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR., in his official  
capacity as President of the United States, *et*  
*al.*;

*Defendants.*

Case No. 3:22-cv-01213

**DECLARATION OF JIM HOFT**

1. My name is Jim Hoft. I am over the age of 18 years and competent to testify about the matters discussed herein.

2. I am the founder, owner, and operator of the popular news website The Gateway Pundit (“GP”), gatewaypundit.com. I reside in St. Louis, Missouri, and operate the website from there. The “Gateway” refers to St. Louis’s Gateway Arch. Since its founding in 2004, the Gateway Pundit has grown from a one-man blog to one of the internet’s largest destinations for conservative news and commentary. In 2021, The Gateway Pundit was ranked fourth on a list of top ten conservative news websites, ranked by monthly web searches, with over 2 million searches per month.

3. In connection with The Gateway Pundit, I maintain and operate The Gateway Pundit’s social-media accounts, including accounts with Twitter (which has been permanently suspended), Facebook, YouTube, and Instagram. These accounts have or had hundreds of thousands of

followers. In particular, GP's Twitter account had over 400,000 followers before it was suspended. GP's Facebook account has over 650,000 followers. GP's Instagram account has over 205,000 followers. GP's YouTube account has over 98,000 followers. Because I am based in Missouri, I know that many of these followers include many residents of Missouri. Based on the large numbers of followers and the nationwide prominence of GP, I am certain that they include large numbers of residents of Louisiana as well.

4. GP's social media accounts have experienced censorship on all major social-media platforms, including its speech regarding COVID-19 issues and election security. In many instances, we have noticed that this censorship has followed and reflected the calls for censorship from federal government officials, including in the Biden Administration.

5. For example, the current Administration has repeatedly called for censorship of social-media speech regarding election integrity and so-called "COVID-19 misinformation." GP has experienced significant social-media censorship regarding its speech on both of those issues, including on Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube.

6. **Twitter.** On or about January 2, 2021, Twitter suspended GP's Twitter account (@gatewaypundit) after it posted a tweet that stated, "Then It's Not a Vaccine: Crazy Dr. Fauci Says Early COVID Vaccines Will Only Prevent Symptoms and NOT Block the Infection ... What? Via @gatewaypundit."<sup>1</sup>

7. On or about January 29, 2021, Twitter suspended GP's Twitter account again after it posted a tweet that stated, "Five Days After Biden Inauguration, Judge Rules Late Changes To VA

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<sup>1</sup> Discussed more fully at Jim Hoft, "Gateway Pundit Suspended on Twitter for 12 Hours for Posting on Dr. Fauci's Crazy Statement on Vaccines." Gateway Pundit, (January 2, 2021) (<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2021/01/gateway-pundit-suspended-twitter-12-hours-posting-dr-faucis-crazy-statement-vaccines/>) (last accessed May 31, 2022)

Election Law That Allowed Late Mail-In Ballots Without Postmark To Be Counted is ILLEGAL @100percFEDUP via @gatewaypundit.”<sup>2</sup>

8. On or around February 6, 2021, GP’s Twitter account was permanently banned after it posted video footage from security cameras in the TCF Center in Detroit from Election Night 2020 that showed two deliveries of vans driving to the building around 3:30 am in the morning bringing shipments of first more than 50 boxes, and then, roughly one hour later, more boxes of ballots.<sup>3</sup> In connection with this video, GP tweeted “Just an FYI – The fake news media and others challenged our TCF Center video report from Friday. That was a bad move. We have much more coming!” Promptly after this tweet, GP’s Twitter account was permanently suspended, preventing us from tweeting the additional content to our 400,000+ followers.

9. On or about August 29, 2020, my brother, Joe Hoft, who blogs for GP, tweeted (@joehoft) a series of posts indicating that COVID-19 deaths are over-counted because the counts include deaths of people who died *with* COVID-19, not just those who died *because of* COVID-19. Dr. Fauci, among others, has subsequently acknowledged the truth of this assertion. These tweets went viral and were heavily re-tweeted, including by President Trump. By my recollection, as a result of these tweets, Twitter partially censored @joehoft by posting public advisories within his tweet, “warning” the public that the tweet was misinformation.

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<sup>2</sup> Discussed more fully at Jim Hoft, “Twitter Suspends Gateway Pundit for Posting Virginia Court Ruling on Virginia Mail-in Ballots – Claims the Court Ruling Incites Violence!” Gateway Pundit (January 29, 2021) (<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2021/01/twitter-suspends-gateway-pundit-account-posting-virginia-court-ruling-virginia-mail-ballots-claims-court-ruling-incites-violence/>) (last accessed May 31, 2022).

<sup>3</sup> See Jim Hoft, “Breaking: Twitter Indefinitely Suspends Gateway Pundit Account After We Announce More Video of TCF Center Fraud Will Be Released in Coming Days.” Gateway Pundit (February 6, 2021) (<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2021/02/gateway-pundit-suspended-twitter-announcing-video-tcf-center-fraud-will-released-coming-days/>) (last accessed May 31, 2022), see also Jim Hoft, “Exclusive: The TCF Center Election Fraud – Newly Discovered Video Shows Late Night Deliveries of Tens of Thousands of Illegal Ballots 8 Hours After Deadline.” Gateway Pundit (February 5, 2021) (<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2021/02/exclusive-tcf-center-election-fraud-newly-recovered-video-shows-late-night-deliveries-tens-thousands-illegal-ballots-michigan-arena/>) (last accessed May 31, 2022).

10. On or about December 31, 2020, my brother, Joe Hoft, who blogs for GP, tweeted (@joeoft) tweeted content related to Hunter Biden’s laptop, stating “Where’s Hunter? How is Hunter Biden Celebrating the New Year? New Photos of Hunter Biden Pushing Drugs on Women Emerge via @gatewaypundit [link<sup>4</sup>]” Twitter suspended the account on the ground that he “Violat[ed] our rules against posting or sharing privately produced/ distributed intimate media of someone without their express consent.”<sup>5</sup>

11. **Facebook.** During 2020 and 2021, we experienced repeated instances of censorship by Facebook, including our content related to COVID-19 and election security. Facebook frequently imposed warning labels and other restrictions on our content, particularly content related to election integrity and COVID-19. Facebook’s censorship was so aggressive that I was forced to hire an assistant to monitor and address censorship on Facebook.

12. Specific examples of such censorship by Facebook include the following articles:

- a. Joe Hoft, “Shock Report: This Week CDC Quietly Updated COVID-19 Numbers – Only 9,210 Americans Died From COVID-19 Alone – Rest Had Different Other Serious Illnesses.” [https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2020/08/shock-report-week-cdc-quietly-updated-covid-19-numbers-9210-americans-died-covid-19-alone-rest-serious-illnesses/?utm\\_source=Twitter&utm\\_medium=PostTopSharingB](https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2020/08/shock-report-week-cdc-quietly-updated-covid-19-numbers-9210-americans-died-covid-19-alone-rest-serious-illnesses/?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=PostTopSharingB) (published Aug. 29, 2020) (last accessed May 31, 2022).

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<sup>4</sup> Joe Hoft, “Where’s Hunter? How is Hunter Biden Celebrating the New Year? New Photos Emerge of Hunter Biden Pushing Drugs on Women.” Gateway Pundit (December 31, 2020) (<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2020/12/hunter-hunter-biden-celebrating-new-year-new-photos-hunter-biden-pushing-drugs-women-emerge/>) (last accessed May 31, 2022).

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- b. Joe Hoft, “This is Fraud: 10% of Reported COVID-19 Deaths for Those Under 35 as Reported by the CDC Are Due to Poisoning, Trauma and Unintentional Injuries.” <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2020/09/fraud-10-reported-covid-19-deaths-35-reported-cdc-due-poisoning-trauma-unintentional-injuries/> (published Sept. 3, 2020) (last accessed May 31, 2022)
- c. See also **Exhibits 1-6**.

13. While Facebook sometimes bans our content altogether, they also rely upon a cadre of “third party” “fact check” entities hired by Facebook to declare our articles mis or disinformation. Facebook then relies upon this content to issue advisories to the public that our content is false and dangerous, and that it comes from a disreputable website. Facebook also encourages (or otherwise outright prohibits) the public from sharing our content with their social networks.

14. **YouTube.** We have also experienced censorship on other platforms. For example, on or about May 14, 2022, we received a strike on YouTube, and YouTube removed a video we had posted. The video in question was an interview with Idaho Lieutenant Governor and gubernatorial candidate Janice McGeachin, which we conducted in connection with the Idaho primary election for Governor. In the video, Lt. Gov. McGeachin discussed the problem of election fraud and raised questions about the outcome of the 2020 Presidential election, including money Idaho illegally received from Mark Zuckerberg and other problems relating to voter fraud. YouTube promptly removed the video and issued a strike against our account.

15. The social-media platforms have extended their censorship policies to our followers as well. We have received numerous reports from followers that they have received temporary suspensions or other adverse actions from social-media platforms (such as seven-day suspensions

of their Facebook accounts) for re-posting or amplifying our content. This chills our followers from re-posting, re-tweeting, or otherwise amplifying our content. The risk of being locked out of Facebook for seven days, or suffering other forms of censorship, deters our followers from amplifying our content on social media platforms, which reduces the reach of our message.

16. These social-media censorship policies chill GP's freedom of expression on social media platforms as well. To avoid suspension and other forms of censorship, we frequently avoid posting content that we would otherwise post on social-media platforms, and we frequently alter content to make it less likely to trigger censorship policies.

17. Based on my close observation of the patterns of censorship of GP's social-media accounts and related accounts in recent years, I have strong reason to infer that federal government officials are directly involved in the censorship of our speech and content.

18. For example, it is clear that Democratic public officials and the Biden Administration coordinate with the Center for Countering Digital Hate (CCDH), a left-wing 501(c)(3) group dedicated to censorship of free speech on the internet. In the summer of 2021, White House press secretary Jen Psaki successfully called for the censorship on social-media platforms of the so-called "disinformation dozen," whom the White House accused of spreading COVID-related "disinformation" on social media. Psaki received this information from CCDH, which had previously identified the so-called "disinformation dozen" and called for their expulsion from social media.

19. In the same time frame, CCDH targeted The Gateway Pundit in coordination with federal officials. CCDH pushed for The Gateway Pundit's demonetization by Google, accusing GP of spreading "misinformation" about COVID-19 and election security—the same topics targeted by the Biden Administration. CCDH coordinated with Democratic Senator Amy Klobuchar to

pressure for this demonetization, boasting on its website that she had personally written to Google CEO Sundar Pichai about demonetizing GP, and it is likely that CCDH engaged in similar coordination with the Biden Administration once it was in office. This pressure campaign by federal official(s) and CCDH was successful. In September 2021—the same time frame that CCDH worked with federal officials to expel the “disinformation dozen” from social media—CCDH sent an email to its supporters boasting that it had succeeded in demonetizing GP on Google. CCDH accused GP of “promoting dangerous nonsense about the 2020 US Presidential election and Covid 19,” *i.e.*, parroting the same calls for censorship on the same topics pushed by federal elected officials and senior officials in the Biden Administration.

20. Additionally, the Department of Homeland Security has specifically identified social media disinformation questioning the mainstream narrative regarding COVID-19 vaccination and the integrity of the 2020 general election as domestic terrorism and threats to national security.<sup>6</sup> DHS famously created, then temporarily paused the creation of a governmental “Disinformation Governance Board.” DHS then hired former DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff (whose non-profit, Alliance for Securing Democracy lists The Gateway Pundit as Russian disinformation<sup>7</sup>) to reboot and rehabilitate the Board.

I swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: 6/6/2022

Signed: /s/ Jim Hoft

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<sup>6</sup> See **Exhibit 7** - National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin; Department of Homeland Security (Feb. 7, 2022) ([https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/ntas/alerts/22\\_0207\\_ntas-bulletin.pdf](https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/ntas/alerts/22_0207_ntas-bulletin.pdf)) (last accessed May 31, 2022).

<sup>7</sup> See Jim Hoft, “MORE LIES: Left-Wing Smear Machine Lists Gateway Pundit as Top Russian Propaganda Website.” Gateway Pundit (August 6, 2017) (<https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2017/08/liesleft-wing-smear-machine-lists-gateway-pundit-top-russia-propaganda-website/>) (last accessed May 31, 2022).

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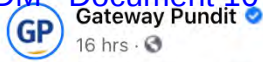
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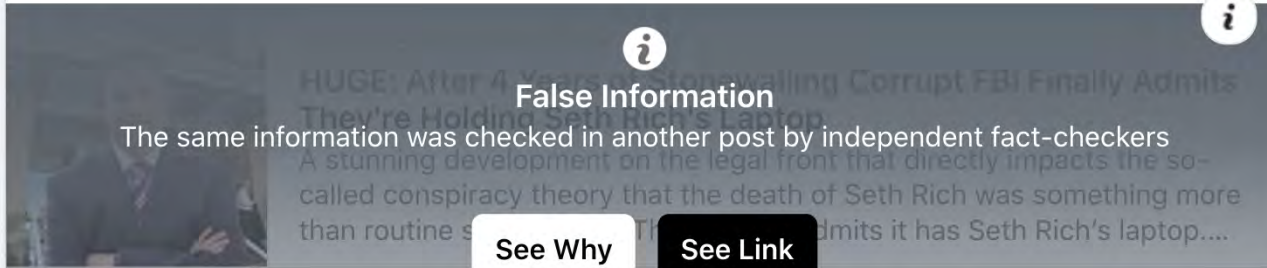
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The claim appeared in [an article](#) (archived [here](#)) published by The Gateway Pundit on December 4, 2020. It opened:

"Tonight a batch of 23,000 Biden-only ballots have been identified and determined to be fraudulent - removing these fraudulent ballots will give Georgia to President Trump.

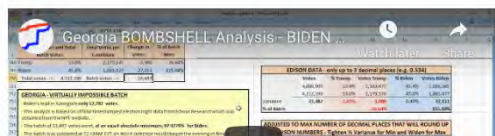
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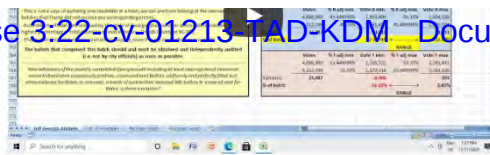
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Although the article made a number of allegations, this fact-check is limited to the specific claim about the 23,000 "fraudulent" Biden ballots. The article's source for that claim is the above-mentioned video.

What's important to note about that video is that it relies on unofficial election data reported in real time on The New York Times website. They're not official results.

Here's how the [Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency](#) explains the difference between official and unofficial results:

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In other words, unofficial election results may contain irregularities or errors that are later explained or corrected. In Antrim County, Michigan, for example, a clerk did not update software, which led to the [erroneous reporting of unofficial results](#). The mistake did not impact vote totals.

Lead Stories has written about election data scraped from The New York Times website before. Read that story [here](#).

We reached out to the office of Georgia's secretary of state to ask about the 23,000 claim of "fraudulent" votes and will update this story, as necessary, if we receive a response.

On December 7, 2020, Raffensperger, a Republican, [recertified](#) the results of the presidential election. He did so after recounts, including a hand recount, upheld the original outcome of the vote. [Raffensperger told reporters](#):

" We have now counted legally cast ballots three times, and the results remain unchanged.

Biden beat Donald Trump in Georgia by [some 12,000 votes](#). Raffensperger added:

" I know there are people that are convinced the election was fraught with problems, but the evidence -- the actual evidence, the facts -- tell us a different story.

He spoke the same day [a federal judge dismissed a lawsuit](#), filed by former Donald Trump attorney Sidney Powell, that sought to overturn the state's election results.

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[NewsGuard](#), a company that uses trained journalist to rank the reliability of websites, describes thegatewaypundit.com as:

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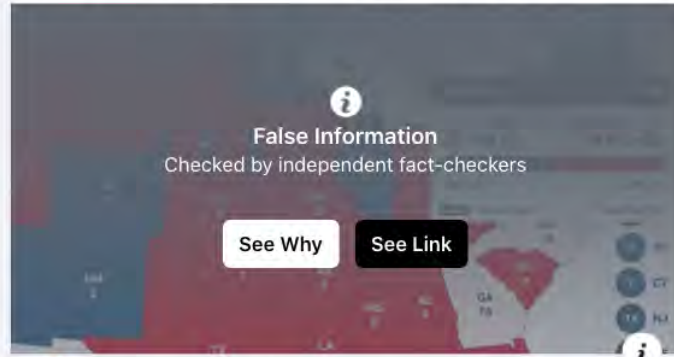
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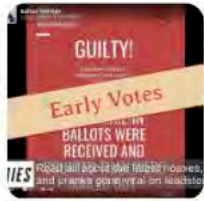
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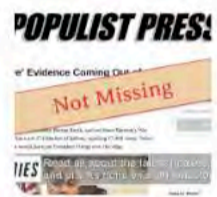


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# DIGITAL DRIVERS LICENSE

Utah is one of the test states for DDL. 2022 it will be launched fully.

Below are some items that will be tracked or can be added at a later time.

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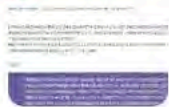


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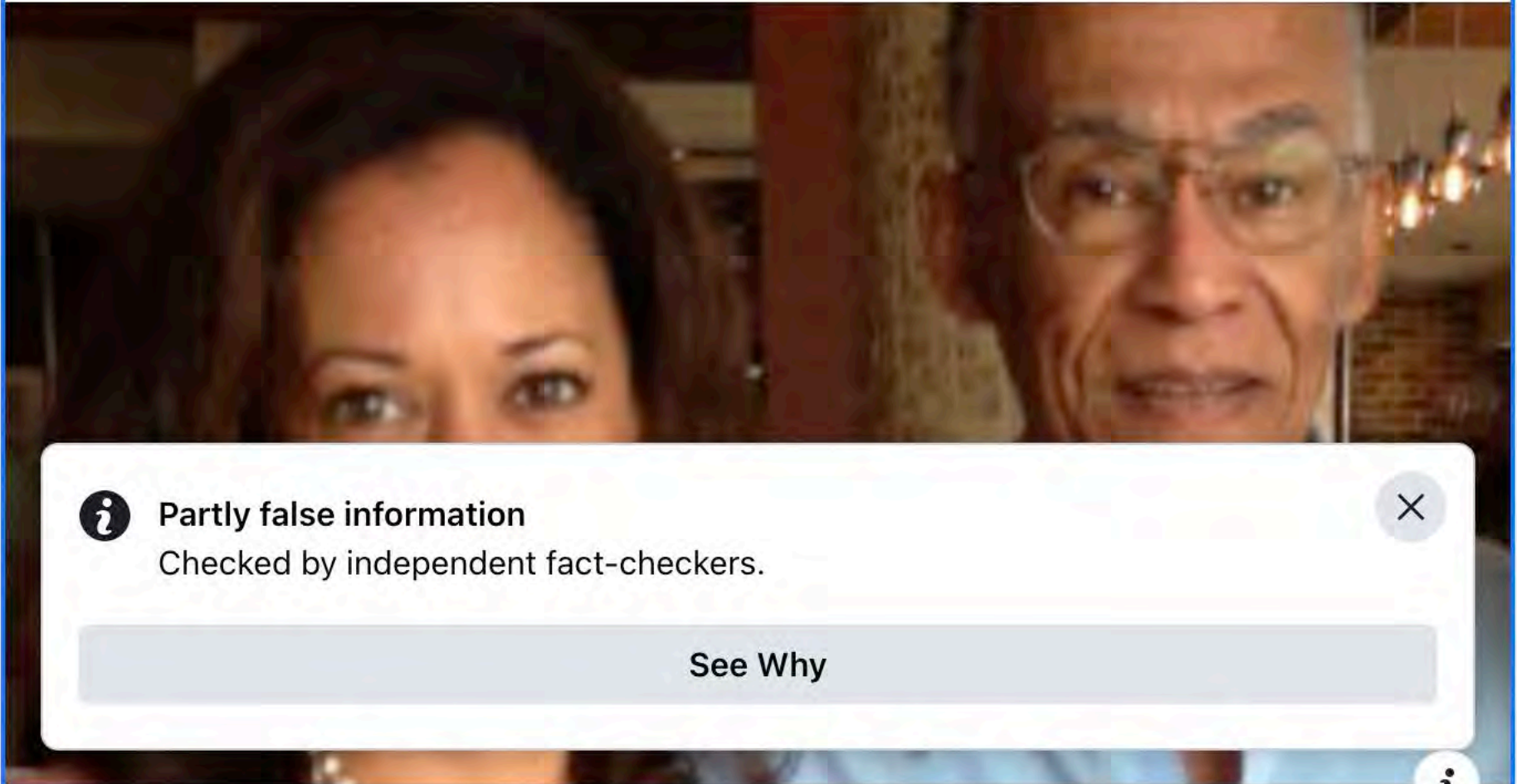
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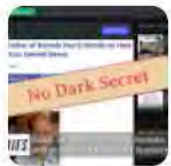
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Correction: This post has been corrected to reflect that Harris was referring to protests rather than riots.

WATCH: A clip of Kamala Harris speaking to Stephen Colbert in June is going viral once again, as the party attempts to pivot away from their support of the violent riots.

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Judge Rules late changes to VA Election law is illegal? How?



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This claim of election fraud is disputed, and this Tweet can't be replied to, Retweeted, or liked due to a risk of violence



# EXHIBIT 7



# Bulletin

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This Bulletin will expire on  
June 7, 2022 at 2:00 PM ET

**\*\*The NTAS Bulletin issued on November 10, 2021 and set to expire on February 8, 2022 is hereby canceled.\*\***

## SUMMARY OF THE TERRORISM THREAT TO THE UNITED STATES

The United States remains in a heightened threat environment fueled by several factors, including an online environment filled with false or misleading narratives and conspiracy theories, and other forms of [mis-dis- and mal-information](#) (MDM) introduced and/or amplified by foreign and domestic threat actors. These threat actors seek to exacerbate societal friction to sow discord and undermine public trust in government institutions to encourage unrest, which could potentially inspire acts of violence. Mass casualty attacks and other acts of targeted violence conducted by lone offenders and small groups acting in furtherance of ideological beliefs and/or personal grievances pose an ongoing threat to the nation. While the conditions underlying the heightened threat landscape have not significantly changed over the last year, the convergence of the following factors has increased the volatility, unpredictability, and complexity of the threat environment: **(1)** the proliferation of false or misleading narratives, which sow discord or undermine public trust in U.S. government institutions; **(2)** continued calls for violence directed at U.S. critical infrastructure; soft targets and mass gatherings; faith-based institutions, such as churches, synagogues, and mosques; institutions of higher education; racial and religious minorities; government facilities and personnel, including law enforcement and the military; the media; and perceived ideological opponents; and **(3)** calls by foreign terrorist organizations for attacks on the United States based on recent events.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The primary terrorism-related threat to the United States continues to stem from lone offenders or small cells of individuals who are motivated by a range of foreign and/or domestic grievances often cultivated through the consumption of certain online content. The convergence of violent extremist ideologies, false or misleading narratives, and conspiracy theories have and will continue to contribute to a heightened threat of violence in the United States.

**Key factors contributing to the current heightened threat environment include:**

- (1) *The proliferation of false or misleading narratives, which sow discord or undermine public trust in U.S. government institutions:***
  - For example, there is widespread online proliferation of false or misleading narratives regarding unsubstantiated widespread election fraud and COVID-19. Grievances associated with these themes inspired violent extremist attacks during 2021.
  - Malign foreign powers have and continue to amplify these false or misleading narratives in efforts to damage the United States.
  
- (2) *Continued calls for violence directed at U.S. critical infrastructure; soft targets and mass gatherings; faith-based institutions, such as churches, synagogues, and mosques; institutions of higher education; racial and religious minorities; government facilities and personnel, including law enforcement and the military; the media; and perceived ideological opponents:***
  - Foreign terrorist organizations and domestic threat actors continue to amplify pre-existing false or misleading narratives online to sow discord and undermine public trust in government institutions. Some of these actors do so to encourage unrest, which could lead to acts of violence against the facilities, individuals, institutions, and organizations cited above.
  - Violent extremists inspired by a range of grievances and ideologies continue to target crowded venues traditionally perceived to be soft targets, such as commercial and publicly accessible facilities, public gatherings, certain government and state facilities, and houses of worship.
  - The recent attack on a synagogue in Colleyville, Texas highlights the continuing threat of violence based upon racial or religious motivations, as well as threats against faith-based organizations.

## RESOURCES TO STAY SAFE

### Stay Informed and Prepared

- [Be prepared](#) for emergency situations and remain aware of circumstances that may place you at risk. Make note of your surroundings and the nearest security personnel.
- Keep yourself [safe online](#) and maintain [digital and media literacy](#) to recognize and build resilience to false or misleading narratives.
- Review DHS [resources](#) for how to better protect [businesses](#), [houses of worship](#), and [schools](#), and ensure the safety of public gatherings.
- Prepare for potential [active shooter](#) incidents, as well as efforts to [prevent, protect against, respond to, and mitigate the use of explosives](#).
- [Learn more](#) about community-based resources to help prevent individuals from radicalizing to violence.

### Report Potential Threats

- Listen to local authorities and public safety officials.
- [If You See Something, Say Something](#)<sup>®</sup> [Report suspicious activity](#) and threats of violence, including online threats, to local law enforcement, [FBI Field Offices](#), or your local [Fusion Center](#). **Call 911 in case of emergency.**
- If you know someone who is struggling with mental health issues or may pose a danger to themselves or others, [seek help](#).

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# National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin

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- Threats directed at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and other colleges and universities, Jewish facilities, and churches cause concern and may inspire extremist threat actors to mobilize to violence.
- As COVID-19 restrictions continue to decrease nationwide, increased access to commercial and government facilities and the rising number of mass gatherings could provide increased opportunities for individuals looking to commit acts of violence to do so, often with little or no warning. Meanwhile, COVID-19 mitigation measures—particularly COVID-19 vaccine and mask mandates—have been used by domestic violent extremists to justify violence since 2020 and could continue to inspire these extremists to target government, healthcare, and academic institutions that they associate with those measures.
- Domestic violent extremists have also viewed attacks against U.S. critical infrastructure as a means to create chaos and advance ideological goals, and have recently aspired to disrupt U.S. [electric](#) and [communications](#) critical infrastructure, including by spreading false or misleading narratives about [5G cellular technology](#).
- Some domestic violent extremists have continued to advocate for violence in response to false or misleading narratives about unsubstantiated election fraud. The months preceding the upcoming 2022 midterm elections could provide additional opportunities for these extremists and other individuals to call for violence directed at democratic institutions, political candidates, party offices, election events, and election workers.
- A small number of threat actors are attempting to use the evacuation and resettlement of Afghan nationals following the U.S. military withdrawal from Afghanistan last year as a means to exacerbate long-standing grievances and justify attacks against immigrants.

### **(3) Calls by foreign terrorist organizations for attacks on the United States based on recent events:**

- Foreign terrorist organizations will likely continue to maintain a highly visible online presence to attempt to inspire U.S.-based individuals to engage in violent activity.
- Supporters of foreign terrorist organizations have encouraged copycat attacks following the January 15, 2022 attack on a synagogue in Colleyville, Texas.
- Foreign terrorists remain intent on targeting the United States and U.S. persons, and may seek to capitalize on the evolving security environment overseas to plot attacks. The Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) or its affiliates may issue public calls for retaliation due to the strike that recently killed ISIS leader Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Qurayshi.

## HOW WE ARE RESPONDING

- DHS and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) continue to share timely and actionable information and intelligence with the broadest audience possible. This includes sharing information and intelligence with our partners across every level of government and in the private sector. We conduct recurring threat briefings with private sector and state, local, tribal, territorial, and campus partners, including to inform security planning efforts. DHS remains committed to working with our partners to identify and [prevent all forms of terrorism and targeted violence](#), and to support law enforcement efforts to keep our communities safe.
- [DHS's Office of Intelligence and Analysis](#) established a new, dedicated domestic terrorism branch to produce the sound, timely intelligence needed to counter related threats. The Department expanded its evaluation of online activity as part of its efforts to assess and prevent acts of violence, while ensuring the protection of privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties.
- DHS's [Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships \(CP3\)](#) provides communities with resources and tools to help prevent individuals from radicalizing to violence. In 2021, CP3 awarded about \$20 million in grants through its [Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Grant Program](#). CP3 also partners with local communities to raise awareness about how to prevent violence.
- In 2021, DHS designated domestic violent extremism as a "National Priority Area" within its [Homeland Security Grant Program \(HSGP\)](#), resulting in at least \$77 million being spent on preventing, preparing for, protecting against, and responding to related threats.
- In 2021, DHS's [Nonprofit Security Grant Program \(NSGP\)](#) provided \$180 million in funding to support target hardening and other physical security enhancements to non-profit organizations at high risk of terrorist attack.
- DHS is working with public and private sector partners, as well as foreign counterparts, to identify and evaluate MDM, including false or misleading narratives and conspiracy theories spread on social media and other online platforms that endorse or could inspire violence.
- [DHS's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency \(CISA\)](#) works with public and private sector partners – including U.S. critical infrastructure owners and operators – to mitigate risk against our cyber and physical infrastructure and increase nationwide cybersecurity resilience.

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