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ELECTION INTERFERENCE? FACEBOOK AND TWITTER SUPPRESSING NEW YORK POST BOMBSHELL STORY OF DAMAGING HUNTER BIDEN EMAILS



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Facebook has reduced the distribution of a *New York Post* story containing [bombshell information](#) indicating that – contrary to his previous denials – Joe Biden allegedly did meet with an adviser to the board of Burisma while he was Vice President, arranged by his son Hunter, who was then working as a lobbyist for the company. Twitter followed suit soon after, labeling links to the story “unsafe.”

The story made the front page of the Post, which also reveals that the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee is investigating emails provided to it by a whistleblower, allegedly between Hunter Biden and executives at Burisma.

His father has [previously](#) said, “I have never spoken to my son about his overseas business dealings.”

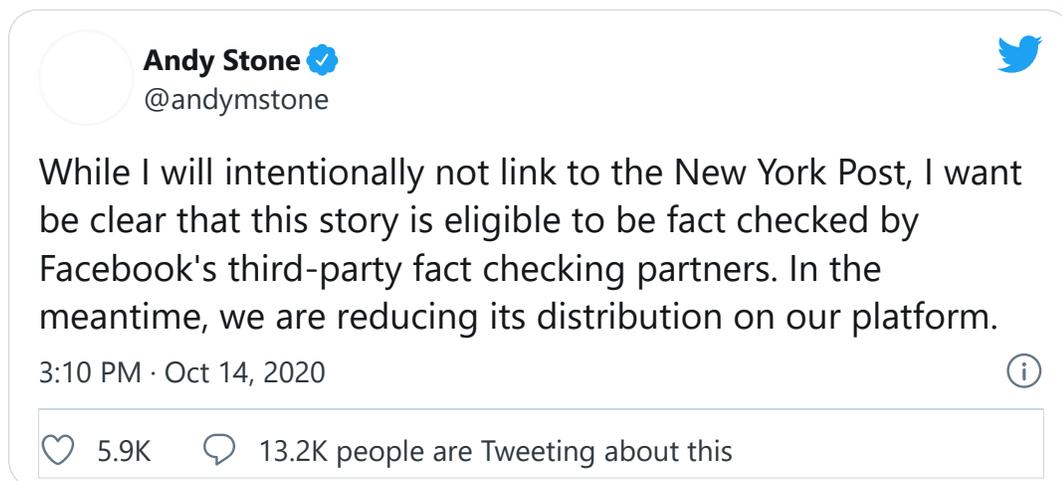
But according to emails obtained by the Post, Hunter introduced his father to a Burisma executive less than a year before the then-VP [pressured the Ukrainian government](#) into firing a prosecutor who was investigating the company.

Facebook spokesman and former Democrat staffer Andy Stone announced the decision on Twitter, and also practically invited Facebook’s supposedly neutral fact-checkers to challenge the story.

Significantly, the social network took the rare step of acting in advance of a decision by its “third-party fact-checkers,” on which it usually relies on to defer responsibility for censoring news publishers.

That move is practically unprecedented, arguably protecting the former Vice President from a major political scandal at a critical time in the 2020 Election.

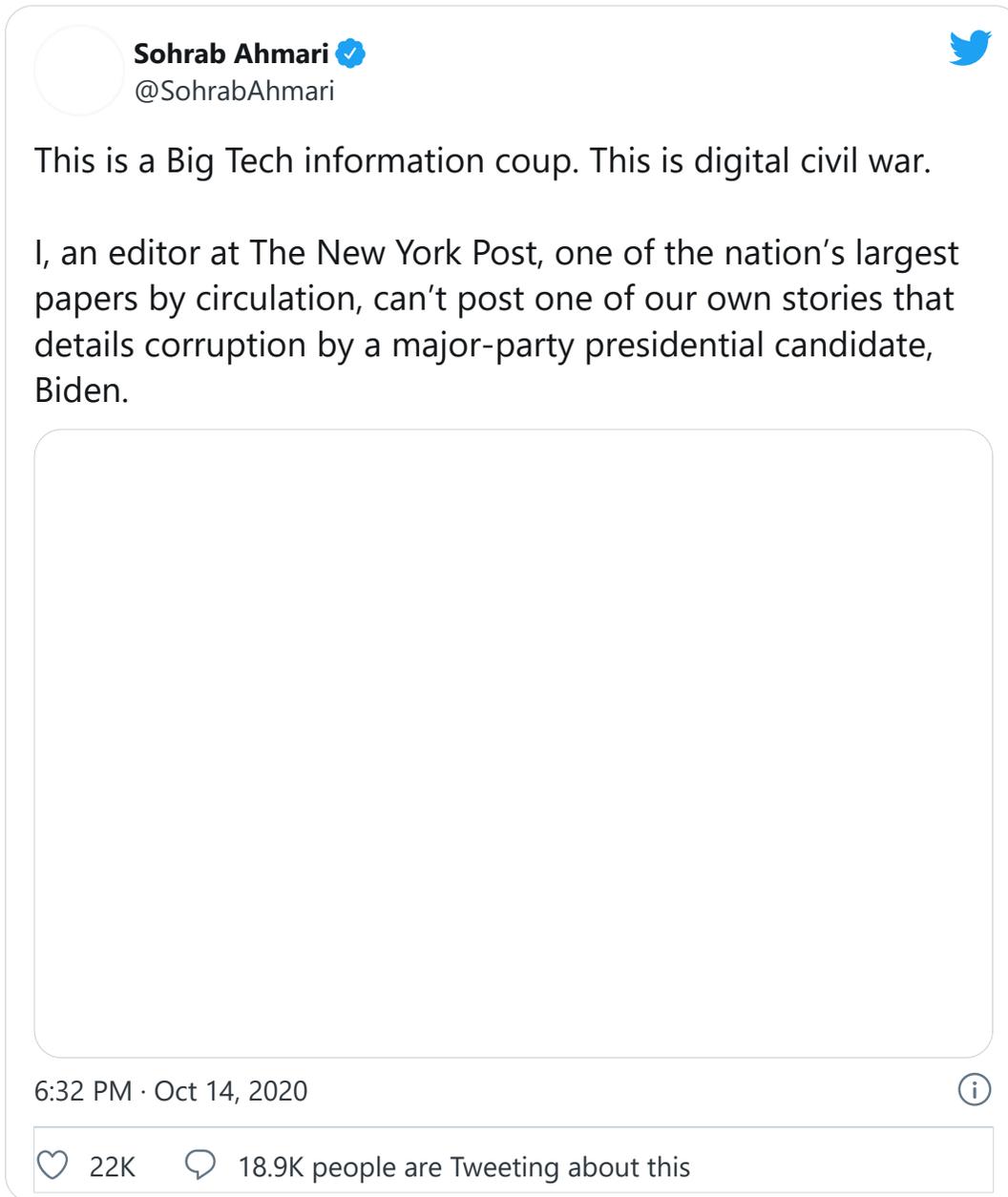
“While I will intentionally not link to the *New York Post*, I want be clear that this story is eligible to be fact checked by Facebook’s third-party fact checking partners,” said Stone. “In the meantime, we are reducing its distribution on our platform.”



Twitter followed Facebook's lead, censoring existing links to the *New York Post* article as "unsafe," and preventing people – including the newspaper's own employees – from posting new ones.

"This is a Big Tech information coup," said the *New York Post*'s op-eds editor, Sohrab Ahmari. "This is digital civil war."

"I, an editor at the New York Post, one of the nation's largest papers by circulation, can't post one of our own stories that details corruption by a major-party presidential candidate, Joe Biden."



A Twitter spokesman said the link was being banned across the platform “in line with our [Hacked Materials Policy](#) as well as our [approach to blocking URLs](#).”

Twitter also claimed the article lacked “authoritative information,” but did not explain this position further.

The censorship drew instant condemnation from Republicans. Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO) said, “So Facebook is going to actively censor a [New York Post] investigative story on the Democrat candidate for president. But rest assured, Facebook is a neutral platform with no political viewpoints!”

“I want to know on what grounds you are actively censoring a news report about potentially illegal corruption by the Democrat candidate for president,” said Hawley in a follow-up tweet. “If you have evidence this is “disinformation,” disclose it immediately.”

“Expect a formal inquiry from my office.”



Josh Hawley 
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Andy Stone  @andymstone

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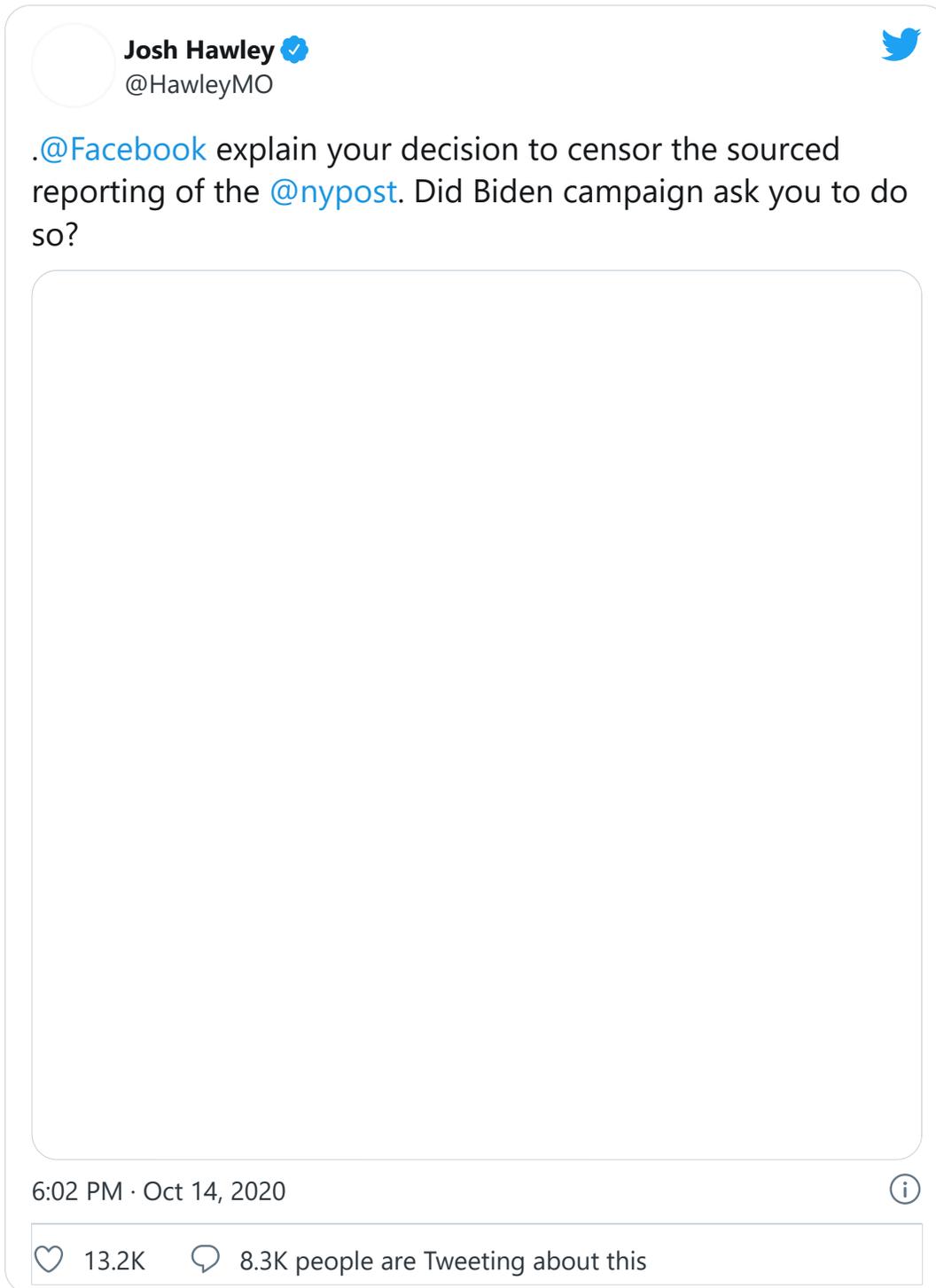
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In a tweet later in the day, Hawley posted the full text of his letter to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, calling on him to explain his company’s actions.



Josh Hawley  
@HawleyMO

.@Facebook explain your decision to censor the sourced reporting of the @nypost. Did Biden campaign ask you to do so?

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 13.2K  8.3K people are Tweeting about this

In a tweet posted to the Trump War Room twitter account, the Trump campaign accused Facebook of election interference.

“This is a Facebook employee. Facebook is actively interfering in the election. Facebook is rigging the election for Joe Biden.”

 **Trump War Room - Text TRUMP to 88022**  
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“This is straight-up election interference by Facebook, being announced by their comms person who touts in his bio numerous past jobs with Dems,” said Donald Trump Jr. “Big Tech is openly trying to rig this election for Biden & should be held accountable immediately.”

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The *Post* has [responded](#) with an article titled: “Facebook censors The Post to help Joe Biden’s 2020 campaign.” The *Post* writes “Censor first, ask questions later: It’s an outrageous attitude for one of the most powerful platforms in the United States to take.”

Breitbart News has reached out to Facebook and Twitter for comment.

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