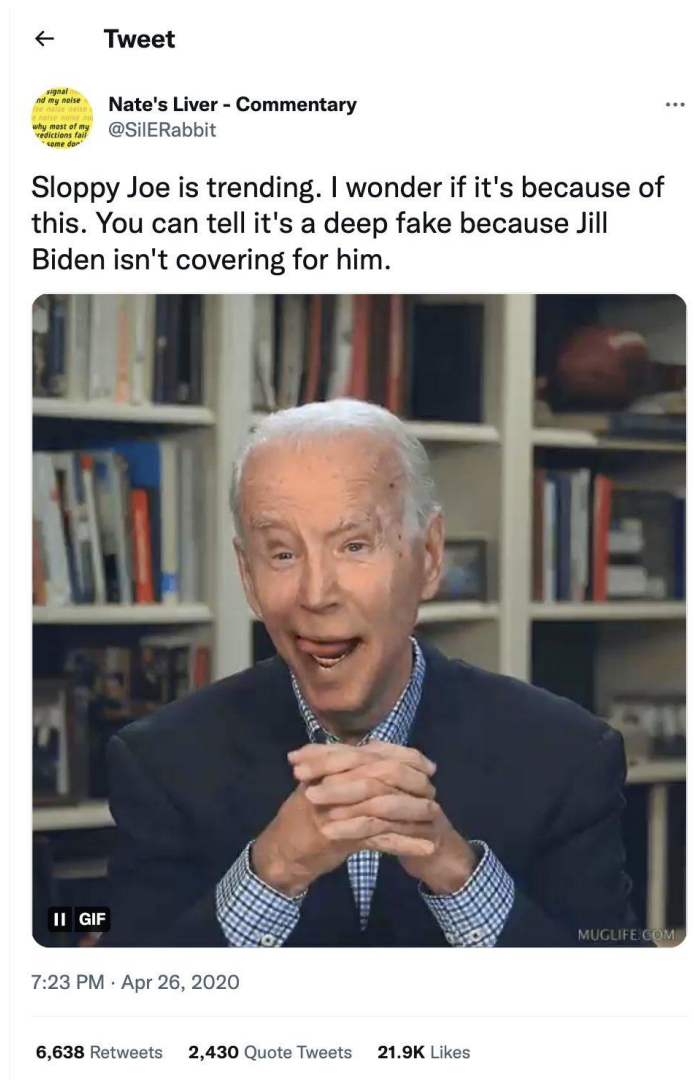


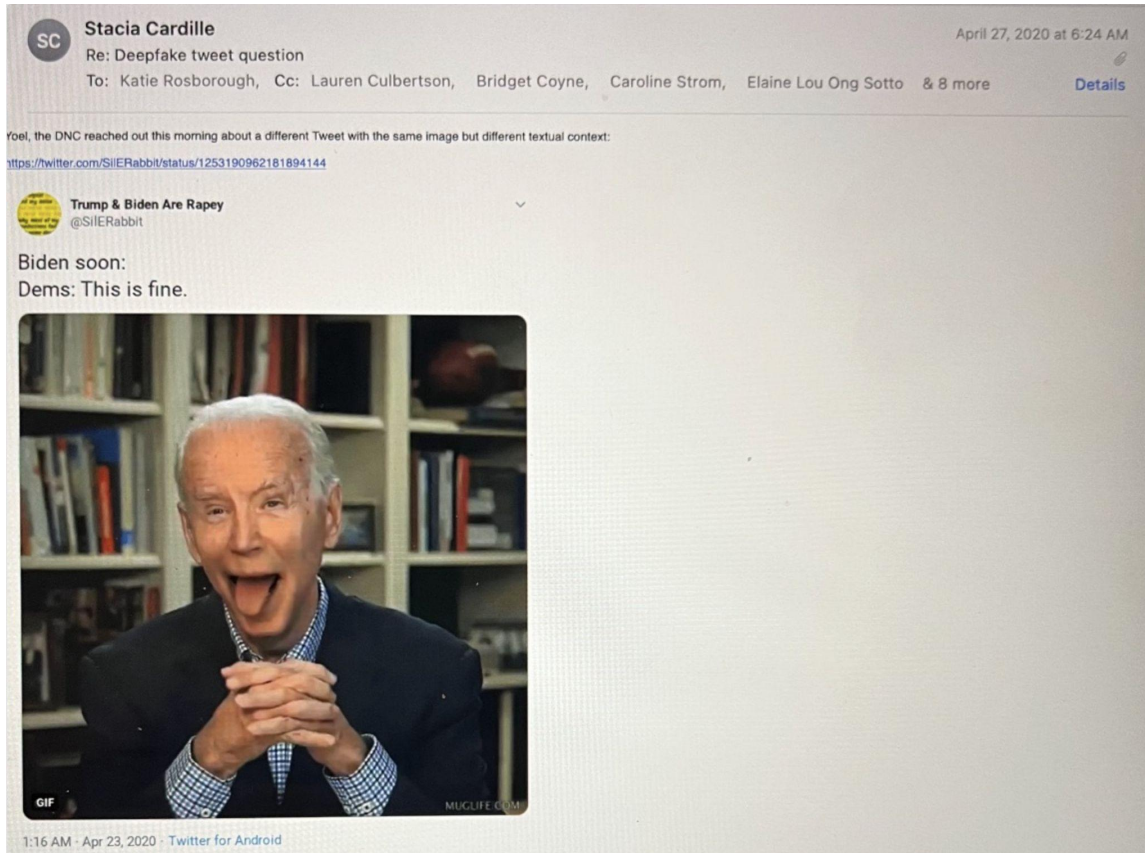
Matt Taibbi

@mtaibbi

1. TWITTER FILES: Supplemental More Adam Schiff Ban Requests, and "Deamplification"

2. Staff of House Democrat [@AdamSchiff](#) wrote to Twitter quite often, asking that tweets be taken down. This important use of taxpayer resources involved an ask about a "Peter Douche" parody photo of Joe Biden. The DNC made the same request:

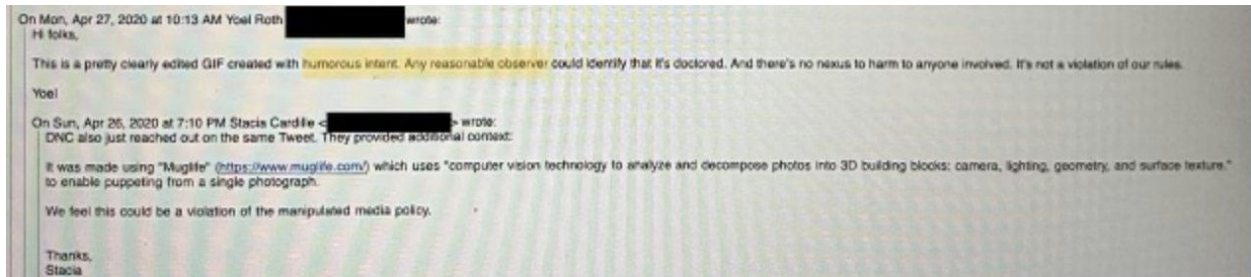




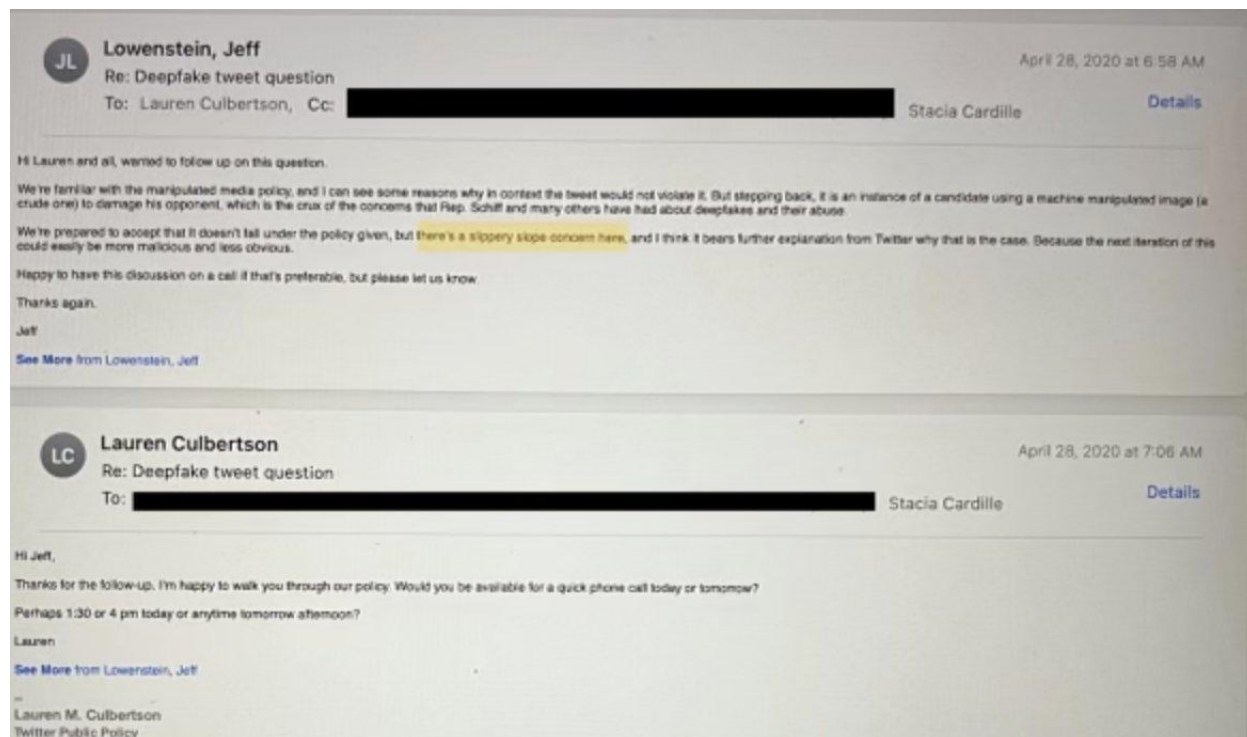
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(Deepfaked gif Biden licking lips)

3. The real issue was Donald Trump retweeted the Biden pic. To its credit Twitter refused to remove it, with Trust and Safety chief Yoel Roth saying it had obvious “humorous intent” and “any reasonable observer” - apparently, not a Schiff staffer - could see it was doctored.



4. Schiff staffer Jeff Lowenstein didn't give up, claiming there was a "slippery slope concern here."



5. Twitter also refused requests for bans of content about Schiff and his staff, e.g. "complete suppress[ion of] any and all search results about Mr. Misko and other Committee staffers." Twitter said this would not be "conceivable."

For their listed asks (demands?) in the attached PDF, many fall outside of any remediations available under the cited policies. For example, a sweeping removal of "any and all content about Mr. Misko and other Committee staff from its service—to include quotes, retweets, and reactions to that content", as well as complete "suppress[ion of] any and all search results about Mr. Misko and other Committee staff" is not something that would be able to be done here, or is conceivable by any active policies I know of.

6. Even when Twitter didn't suspend an account, that didn't mean they didn't act. Schiff's office repeatedly complained about "QAnon related activity" that were often tweets about other matters, like the identity of the Ukraine "whistleblower" or the Steele dossier:

← Tweet



† Pat Read 🇺🇸 🇪🇺 🇬🇧
@SwiftRead

...

What else could [#Senate](#) be doing?

Nov 2019

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@RCaledonai

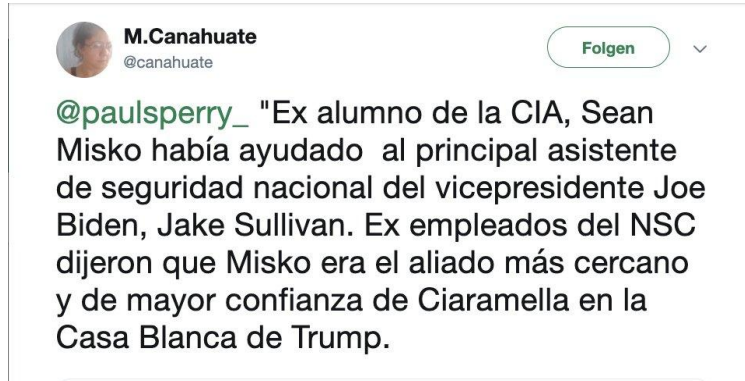
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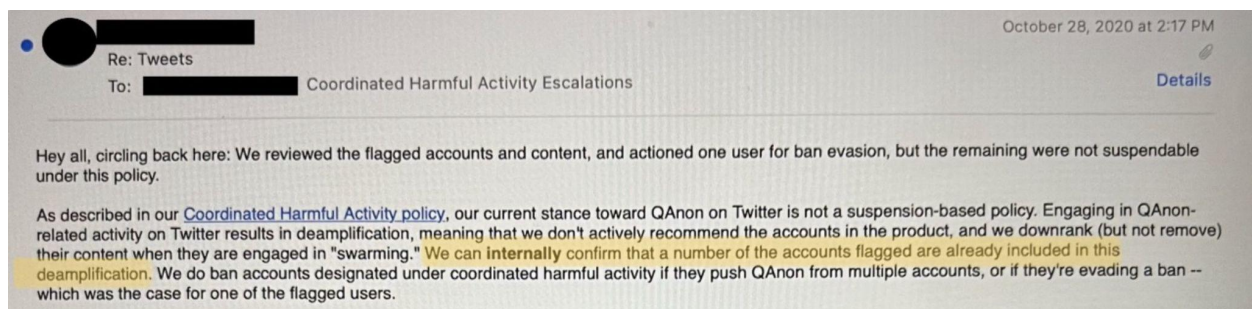
Funny all 5 were involved in the FAKE DOSSIER
PAID FOR BY HILARY CLINTON. Set up by Schiff
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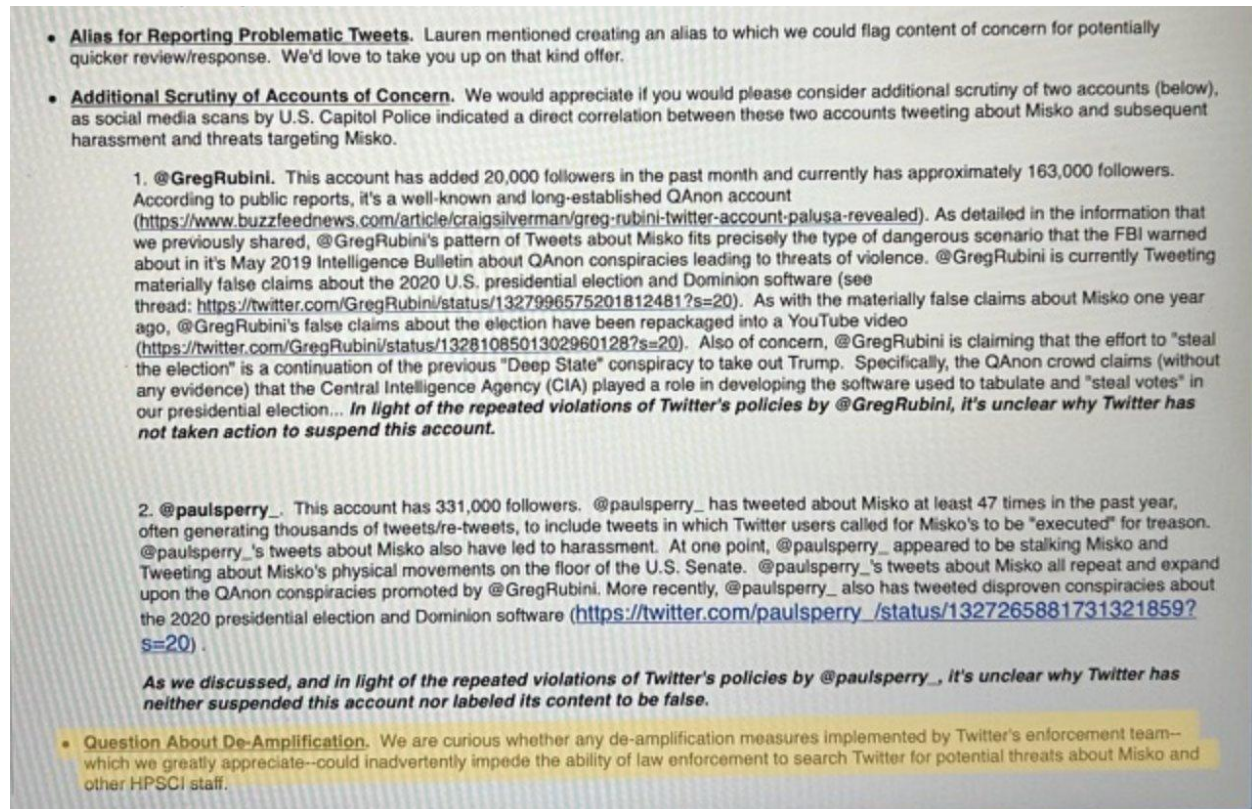
7. Twitter policy at the time didn't ban QAnon, but "deamplified" such accounts. About the batch of tweets that included those above, Twitter execs wrote: "We can internally confirm that a number of the accounts flagged are already included in this deamplification."



8. Schiff's office had a concern about "deamplification," though: it might make it harder for law enforcement to track the offending Tweeters.

9. "WE APPRECIATE GREATLY"

"We are curious whether any deamplification measures implemented by Twitter's enforcement team – which we appreciate greatly – could... impede the ability of law enforcement to search Twitter for potential threats about Misko and other HPSCI staff."



• **Alias for Reporting Problematic Tweets.** Lauren mentioned creating an alias to which we could flag content of concern for potentially quicker review/response. We'd love to take you up on that kind offer.

• **Additional Scrutiny of Accounts of Concern.** We would appreciate if you would please consider additional scrutiny of two accounts (below), as social media scans by U.S. Capitol Police indicated a direct correlation between these two accounts tweeting about Misko and subsequent harassment and threats targeting Misko.

1. **@GregRubini.** This account has added 20,000 followers in the past month and currently has approximately 163,000 followers. According to public reports, it's a well-known and long-established QAnon account (<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/craigsilverman/greg-rubini-twitter-account-palusa-revealed>). As detailed in the information that we previously shared, @GregRubini's pattern of Tweets about Misko fits precisely the type of dangerous scenario that the FBI warned about in its May 2019 Intelligence Bulletin about QAnon conspiracies leading to threats of violence. @GregRubini is currently Tweeting materially false claims about the 2020 U.S. presidential election and Dominion software (see thread: <https://twitter.com/GregRubini/status/1327996575201812481?s=20>). As with the materially false claims about Misko one year ago, @GregRubini's false claims about the election have been repackaged into a YouTube video (<https://twitter.com/GregRubini/status/1328108501302960128?s=20>). Also of concern, @GregRubini is claiming that the effort to "steal the election" is a continuation of the previous "Deep State" conspiracy to take out Trump. Specifically, the QAnon crowd claims (without any evidence) that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) played a role in developing the software used to tabulate and "steal votes" in our presidential election... *In light of the repeated violations of Twitter's policies by @GregRubini, it's unclear why Twitter has not taken action to suspend this account.*

2. **@paulsperry_.** This account has 331,000 followers. @paulsperry_ has tweeted about Misko at least 47 times in the past year, often generating thousands of tweets/re-tweets, to include tweets in which Twitter users called for Misko's to be "executed" for treason. @paulsperry_'s tweets about Misko also have led to harassment. At one point, @paulsperry_ appeared to be stalking Misko and Tweeting about Misko's physical movements on the floor of the U.S. Senate. @paulsperry_'s tweets about Misko all repeat and expand upon the QAnon conspiracies promoted by @GregRubini. More recently, @paulsperry_ also has tweeted disproven conspiracies about the 2020 presidential election and Dominion software (https://twitter.com/paulsperry_/status/1327265881731321859?s=20).

As we discussed, and in light of the repeated violations of Twitter's policies by @paulsperry_, it's unclear why Twitter has neither suspended this account nor labeled its content to be false.

• **Question About De-Amplification.** We are curious whether any de-amplification measures implemented by Twitter's enforcement team-- which we greatly appreciate--could inadvertently impede the ability of law enforcement to search Twitter for potential threats about Misko and other HPSCI staff.

10. For more, watch @ShellenbergerMD, @BariWeiss, @LHFang, @DavidZweig, @AlexBerenson, and others.

Twitter had no editorial input. Searches were carried out by third parties, so the documents could be limited.