

NEW HEALTH-FREEDOM ISSUES AND TOPICS IN SUMMER 2020

Who could have ever imagined how the year 2020 would unfold globally and for the United States of America? NHF members, here's what you need to know is happening in Washington and abroad!

Funding Real Health Organizations Like the NHF? – Timeline

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the COVID-19 outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020.

On February 5th, President Trump was acquitted in the Senate trial on both articles of impeachment he faced. The conclusion of the impeachment process terminated the threat of his removal from office. In fact, the outcome was never in doubt as a two-thirds majority (or 67 senators) would have been required to remove him, which is strong evidence that this was a distraction and political theater from the very beginning.

The WHO declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic on March 11, 2020. On April 14th, President Trump announced a formal freeze on WHO funding by the United States, pending an investigation and WHO compliance with demanded reforms, which the WHO failed to implement. So, on May 29th, in an unprecedented move, the President boldly announced that the U.S. will terminate its relationship with the WHO.

The very next day, NHF president Scott Tips published a news release supporting the President's action terminating U.S. participation in the WHO and permanently freezing almost a half of a billion dollars annually in funding. In the same announcement the NHF disapproved of the American Medical Association's opposition to this termination.

Approximately 450 million dollars annually are expected to be redirected from funding the WHO to other health organizations. That is \$1,232,876.71 each day! If just 1% of those funds were allocated to the NHF, that would be \$4,500,000 each year! Imagine all of the health-freedom accomplishments this could facilitate! The NHF, with its 65-year-old history, working in close consultation with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), could potentially deploy optimal health standards for all Americans and American businesses! Please let the Federal government hear why you think NHF can significantly change the health status of Americans with redirected WHO funds.

 $Sources: \ https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/30-01-2020-statement-on-the-second-meeting-of-the-international-health-regulations-(2005)-emergency-committee-regarding-the-outbreak-of-novel-coronavirus-(2019-ncov)$

H.R. 6666 Status

The TRACE Act - or the "COVID-19 Testing, Reaching, And Contacting Everyone Act" - was introduced on May 1, 2020 in Congress by Congressman and former Black Panther Bobby Lee Rush (D-IL). The Act authorizes Alex Azar, the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), to implement contact tracing and testing programs as the Secretary deems fit. The bill would also allow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), acting on behalf of the HHS Secretary, to "trace and monitor the contacts of infected individuals" and "support the quarantine" of said contacts. If passed, it would cost U.S. taxpayers \$100 billion for the fiscal year 2020 alone. We are keeping a close eye on this at https:// www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6666/actions.

We think and hope this will not pass the House; but even if it does, it will not pass the Senate or be signed into law by the President. Still, it is an enormous threat to our health and health freedoms. Your input is vital to let your Representative know that there is solid opposition to this tyrannical bill. Visit the NHF website to participate in our H.R. 6666 and its sister bill H.R. 6800 Rally Congress campaigns at https://national-health-federation. rallycongress.net/ctas/fight-h-r-6666contact-tracing-aka-governmentsurveillance-bill-from and https:// national-health-federation.rallycongress.net/ctas/write-your-senators-now-to-oppose-3-6-trillion-h-r-6800-that-will-squash-your-health, respectively. Once you submit your two letters of opposition to these bills, please share these links with your networks! With your help, equal justice under the law will prevail, but please act on our campaigns.



Executive Order against Social-Media Censorship

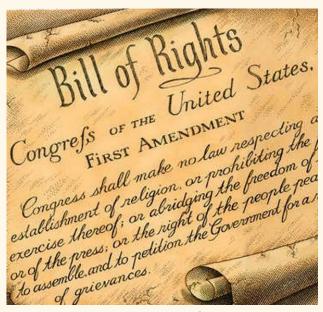
Free speech is the foundation of the American constitutional republic and a true beacon for the whole World. Our Founding Fathers protected this sacred liberty with the First Amendment to the Constitution. And, yet, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube wield immense, unprecedented power to shape the narrative of public events and to censor and delete information, controlling what people see or do not see.

We must allow diverse viewpoints in today's digital communications environment where all Americans can, and should, have a voice. We must seek transparency and accountability from all online platforms, and encourage high standards and tools to protect and preserve the integrity and openness of American discourse and freedom of expression.

In May 2019, the White House launched a Tech Bias Reporting tool to allow Americans to report incidents of online censorship. In just weeks, the White House received over 16,000 complaints of online platforms censoring or otherwise taking action against users based upon their political viewpoints. The White House is submitting these complaints to the U.S. Department of Justice and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The executive order from this May 2020 is excellent progress in the quest towards safeguarding the Constitution's First Amendment.

Right now, social-media companies enjoy protection from liability under Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act for what is posted on their sites, because in most cases they allow people to post whatever they wish – as if they were posting on a giant virtual bulletin board. In contrast, news organizations can be sued for libel if they publish false information with "actual malice" – that is, with knowledge that it was false or with reckless disregard of whether it was false or not, according to a 1964 Supreme Court decision in the case *New York Times Co. v. Sullivan*.

On average, more than 500 million tweets are posted each day. It is impossible for Twitter to review each of these tweets and fact-check them all before posting. Other social-media companies face a similarly impossible task. However, Twitter has selectively targeted conservatives – most recently President Trump himself – and has either taken down their tweets or labeled them as misleading and added a fact check, as was the case with two of the President's tweets about the problems with mail-in voting. Ironically, the President's tweets saying that voter fraud can take place with mail-in voting were accurate while



Twitter's own "fact check" claiming that the President's tweets were factually inaccurate was itself inaccurate.

By deciding to selectively review a small percentage of tweets on its site and then running supposed "fact checks" on them, Twitter's exercise of editorial judgment is unconstitutional under the First Amendment. Even Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Facebook, has told Fox News' Dana Perino that privately owned digital platforms should not act as the "arbiter of truth."

The President's executive order states that social-media companies that remove or restrict content should be exposed to liability "like any traditional editor and publisher that is not an online provider." Social-media companies should be like trains that allow anyone to board. As common carriers they should allow any ideas to be transported on their platforms without selecting which ones are permitted.

The executive order does not restrict speech. It focuses on whether the companies act as publishers exercising editorial control or simply as unbiased platforms for sharing content created by users. The order also asks Federal agencies to evaluate whether the companies are deceptively applying their terms of service in ways that do not match the published terms of service. There is plenty of evidence showing that social-media companies treat ideas and accounts differently based upon political and ideological affiliation.

The FTC could also look at the potential monopoly of the public information space by a handful of social media companies. President Trump has been clear that he does not want to trade the control exercised at present by the tech firms for the unsubtle hand of a government overseer. But the outright social-media censorship of public information space in a way that discriminates against some ideas is intolerable.

On June 2, 2020, a certain technology policy organization filed the first lawsuit against the President's social-media executive order. The case filed by the Center for Democracy & Technology asserts that the directive violates the First Amendment by curtailing protected speech by platforms and individuals. This lawsuit is comical and a textbook example of psychological projection. Sources: https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/executive-order-preventing-online-censorship/https://www.internetlivestats.com/twitter-statistics/ https://thehill.com/policy/technology/500907-first-lawsuit-filed-against-trumps-social-media-order

Smart-Phone Contact Tracing

On April 10, 2020, Apple and Google announced plans to build COVID-19 tracing applications into the iPhone and Android operating systems – a major partnership between the top two mobile operating system competitors in their effort to supposedly help limit the spread of COVID-19. Forty days later, on May 20th, the companies released the applications.

Each public-health authority in every country or region must first agree to adopt Apple's and Google's Exposure Notification API. Next, the health authority must create an iOS and Android app for their region dedicated to supporting Exposure Notification. In the U.S., rather than creating a single contact-tracing app, the decision to support Exposure Notification is made by each State's public-health authority. Alabama, South Carolina, and North Dakota are among the first U.S. States to express interest in Apple's and Google's Exposure Notification API. The following information is based on inquiries sent to State governor's offices and State health departments on May 20, 2020, following the public release of iOS and Android updates to support the Exposure Notification API.

Sources: CDC on COVID-19 Apple on COVID-19



Lawsuit Filed against Dr. Fauci and WHO

In early May 2020, Judicial Watch announced that it had filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit on behalf of the Daily Caller News Foundation (DCNF) against the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) for communications



and other records of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Director Anthony Fauci and Deputy Director H. Clifford Lane, M.D. with and about the World Health Organization (WHO) concerning COVID-19.

The time frame covered by the FOIA request is January 1, 2020, to April 1, 2020. Additionally, the DCNF requested and was granted expedited processing of its request. "It is urgent that the NIH follow transparency law during the coronavirus crisis," said Judicial Watch President Tom Fitton. "It is of significant public interest to learn what WHO was telling our top medical officials about the coronavirus that originated in China."

Daily Caller News Foundation Co-Founder and President Neil Patel said: "This virus has killed hundreds of thousands of people and turned the whole world upside down. We know that China and WHO could have done a lot more to prevent or reduce this catastrophe. We therefore have a legitimate and urgent news purpose for seeking these documents regarding U.S. officials' communications with WHO and demand that the agencies in question stop stalling and start following the law that entitles us to this vital information." Sources: https://www.worldtribune.com/judicial-watch-files-lawsuitfor-dr-fauci-and-who-records/



Please Note

The NHF actively supports health freedom. As even more monstrous violations of our civil and health freedom liberties continue to unfold, more

and more individuals will awaken to the true threats that exist. The NHF is committed to following and lobbying on a full range of Congressional laws and Federal regulatory agency issues impacting health freedom, both domestically and internationally, to protect our health freedoms throughout the World.