

# Musk Says ZeroHedge Did “Nothing Warranting Suspension” After ‘Twitter Files’ Expose Big Pharma Bullying

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*Today’s [Twitter Files drop](#) contains several notable pieces of evidence.*

First, that lobbyists for the pharmaceutical industry launched a ‘massive lobbying blitz to crush any effort to share patents/IP for new covid-related medicine,’ according to [The Intercept](#)’s Lee Fang. As part of this effort, lobbying group BIO “wrote to the newly elected Biden admin, demanding the U.S. gov sanction any country attempting to violate patent rights and create generic low cost covid medicine or vaccines.”

Of note, Pfizer and BioNTech raked in \$37 billion in revenue in 2021 alone from the COVID-19 vaccine, while Moderna made \$17.7 billion the same year (and has recently announced a plan to hike the price of the Covid-19 vaccine by approximately [400%](#)).

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5. That brings us to Twitter. The global lobbying blitz includes direct pressure on social media. BioNTech, which developed Pfizer’s vaccine, reached out to Twitter to request that Twitter directly censor users tweeting at them to ask for generic low cost vaccines. [pic.twitter.com/6cVIRcUDZV](https://pic.twitter.com/6cVIRcUDZV)

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According to Fang, “Twitter’s reps responded quickly to the pharma request,” while “A lobbyist in Europe [asked](#) the content moderation team to monitor the accounts of Pfizer, AstraZeneca & of activist hashtags like #peoplesvaccine.”

Meanwhile, the “fake accounts” flagged by the pharmaceutical companies for action were real people – one of whom Fang spoke with on the phone.

8. It's not clear what actions Twitter ultimately took on this particular request. Several Twitter employees noted in subsequent messages that none of this activism constituted abuse. But the company continued monitoring tweets.

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“For more than two years, a global movement has been speaking out against pharmaceutical greed and demanding that everyone, everywhere has the tools to combat pandemics,” said Maaza Seyoum, a campaigner for the People’s Vaccine Alliance. “Whatever nasty tricks companies and governments pull,” she continued, “we cannot and will not be silenced.”

[Second](#), ‘Pfizer & Moderna’s lobbying group, BIO, fully funded a special content moderation campaign designed by a contractor called Public Good Projects (PGP), which worked w/Twitter to set content moderation rules around covid “misinformation.”’ according to Fang.

BIO funded the PGP campaign, “Stronger,” to the tune of \$1.275 million. [Its focus?](#) Helping Twitter ‘create content moderation bots,’ selecting which public health accounts would be verified, and helping to crowdsource content takedowns.

Of note, the Moderna/Pfizer-funded campaign included regular emails to Twitter officials with takedown and verification requests.

“Here’s an example of those types of emails that went straight to Twitter’s lobbyists and content moderators. *Many focused on @zerohedge, which was suspended.*”

Fang includes a screencap of an email with two excel spreadsheets containing said requests.

13. Notably, this massive push to censor and label covid misinfo never applied to drug companies. When big pharma wildly exaggerated the risks of creating low-cost generic covid vaccines, Stronger did nothing. The rules applied only to critics of industry. <https://t.co/FTzQsGKM9i>

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From Fang’s [Intercept](#) piece, below is one of the flagged tweets in question – which [links](#) to a ZeroHedge article aggregated from NakedCapitalism, and which logically posits; “if a vaccinated person and an unvaccinated person have roughly the same capacity to carry, shed and transmit the virus, particularly in its Delta form, what difference does implementing a vaccination passport actually make to the spread of the virus?”

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the spread of the virus?" <https://t.co/HNiND8uInP>

— Stephanie Seneff (@stephanieseneff) [August 29, 2021](#)

“To try and stifle digital dissent during a pandemic, when tweets and emails are some of the only forms of protest available to those locked in their homes, is deeply sinister,” said Nick Dearden, director of Global Justice Now.

More on one of the people behind this effort, courtesy of Twitter user [@TexasLindsay](#)

2. The woman advocating for the censorship of inconvenient truths at the behest of her funders rife with COI's is Savannah Knell, MPH MSSP, the Senior Director of Strategic Partnerships at The Public Good Projects (PGP). <pic.twitter.com/vkdUaAt5xQ>

— TexasLindsay™ (@TexasLindsay\_) [January 16, 2023](#)

4. Knell claims to have extensive experience in Public Health Comm. & Social Marketing. And aims to “largely focus on managing the development & execution of strategically targeted & tailored behavior change campaigns with an eye toward health equity.” <pic.twitter.com/2N7yFsBGsn>

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“To translate the above into layman’s terms she is a narrative enforcer. She’s funded by Big Pharma and aided by Big Brother to be the ministry of truth. She aims to create social norms by means of censorship and propaganda. She wants to tell you & I—how/what to say and think.”

Meanwhile, as this bullying progressed this was happening...

\*PFIZER JUMPS AS MUCH AS 6.8% TO RECORD DEFYING MARKET ROUT

behold Pfizer McPfizerface <pic.twitter.com/hCZwT0DAW6>

— zerohedge (@zerohedge) [November 26, 2021](#)

Finally, as this latest ‘Twitter Files’ thread spreads across a holiday market, Elon Musk himself has opined on the efforts to bully the former Twitter executives into censoring ZeroHedge:

Zerohedge can be jerks at times, but they did nothing warranting suspension

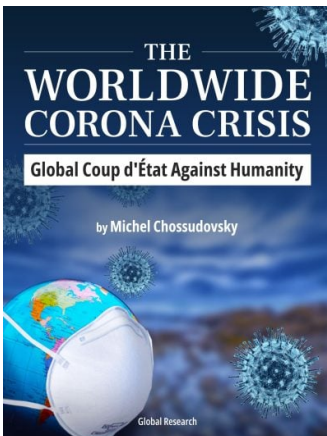
— Elon Musk (@elonmusk) [January 16, 2023](#)

We'll take the 'being jerks' jab... isn't that what the media is supposed to be?

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