

The Tower for Twitter? UK Minister Calls for Jailing Social Media Bosses Who Do Not Censor Speech

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As previously discussed, after Musk decided to buy Twitter, Hillary Clinton called upon European countries to force social media companies to censor Americans. The European Union quickly responded by [threatening Musk and other executives](#). Now, Technology and Science Secretary [Michelle Donelan](#) has announced plans to jail social media executives if they fail to censor so-called "harmful" content on their websites. The government, of course, will determine what is deemed too harmful for citizens to see or hear.

Donelan is seeking speech arrests under the UK's Online Safety Bill, a draconian censorship bill that would effectively ban end-to-end encryption for private internet users.

The bill uses Britain's broadcasting regulator Ofcom to censor "all forms of expression which spread, incite, promote or justify hatred" based on various progressive characteristics, including transgenderism. So the government can censor anyone who it views as promoting or justifying hatred against virtually any group. Those who do not censor can now be rounded up by Donelan and her minions.

According to a report by *The Telegraph*, companies will also face fines of up to 10 per cent of their global revenue should they dare to ignore Britain's demands to preemptively delete or obscure posts violating its coming censorship regime.

The decline of free speech in the United Kingdom has long been a concern for free speech

advocates. A man was [convicted for sending a tweet while drunk referring to dead soldiers](#). Another was arrested for an [anti-police t-shirt](#). Another was arrested for [calling the Irish boyfriend of his ex-girlfriend a "leprechaun."](#) Yet another was arrested for [singing "Kung Fu Fighting."](#) A teenager was arrested for [protesting outside of a Scientology center](#) with a sign calling the religion a "cult."

Recently we [discussed](#) the arrest of a woman who was praying to herself near an abortion clinic. English courts have seen [criminalized "toxic ideologies"](#) as part of this crackdown on free speech.

Donelan is only the latest voice of a rising generation of censors. These officials proudly parade their intent to silence or jail those with dissenting views. Yet, they do so in the name of tolerance. This is why free speech is in a free fall in Europe and why we must remain vigilant in this country to resist figures like Clinton who want to bring European censorship to our shores.

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