shutting down censorship? don't bet on it.

"we don't do that stuff no more," they said, as they prepared to do that stuff some more.

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this has been much in the news over the last day or so:

> **The Stanford Internet Observatory is being dismantled**
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> House Republicans attacked the lab's reports on misinformation and election integrity — and now Stanford is pulling the plug
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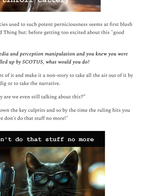
on its face, this seems like a big deal. the stanford internet observatory was a nexus of social media censorship, twitter files, and all manner of mendacious manipulation and malfeasance.

it's the precise sort of cut out and "constitutional violation by proxy" that worthy + missouri (originally missouri v biden) has placed before the supreme court. who seems quite likely to rule quite emphatically that "governments hiring people to break the constitution for them is still unconstitutional."

but i fear we must consult the tinfoil cat on this one.



seeing the agent and agencies used to such potent pernicious seems at first blush like it must be a Very Good Thing but: before getting too excited about this "good news" consider:

if you were an expert in media and perception manipulation and you knew you were about to get busted and rolled up by SCOTUS, what would you do?

yup. you'd try to get in front of it and make it a non-story to take all the air out of it by giving people nowhere to dig or to take the narrative.

"it's old news. it's over. why are we even still talking about this?"

you'd very publicly wind down the key culprits and so by the time the ruling hits you can claim it's moot and "we don't do that stuff no more".

universities and academics need to distance themselves and the IC needs to look like it stopped manipulating media and social media.

there is zero chance it actually will.

they will just move this to two weeks from the passage into law of the US Anti-Misinformation Cartel Act of 2024 (under consideration in the house of representatives):

> It lays out a government strategy for dealing with disinformation based on 3 Cs- capability, coordination, and cooperation. (1/7)
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> -Capability: ensuring civil servants can recognize and know how to respond to disinformation
> -Coordination: fostering connections w/in depts and across gov't to mount synced up responses
> -Cooperation: working with allies, academia, civil society to address threat (2/7)
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> Since this piece was published in summer 2020, the spread and effects of disinformation on American society have only worsened and become entrenched in domestic politics (as the last few weeks of my life have shown). (3/7)
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> This is the type of work I had hoped to do at DHS, and the type of work the USG sorely needs to invest in.
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> This is the type of work that I have built my career on—not a few contentless tweets.
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> And this is the type of work I will continue in the public sphere. (4/4)

and these people have the sort of "ends justify the means and the collateral damage" ethics of *bergia level* realpolitik that would make a scorpion riding on a frog blush.

they really do not much care **what they they do and to whom**. the mission is all and it justifies everything else. presuming they'll magically draw some line at "domestic" seems optimistic to the point of dangerous delusion.

> EXCLUSIVE INVESTIGATION
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> **Pentagon ran secret anti-vax campaign to undermine China during pandemic**
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> US military launched a clandestine program amid the COVID crisis to discredit China's Sinovac inoculation – pushback for Beijing's efforts to blame Washington for the pandemic. One target: the Filipino public. Health experts say the gambit was indefensible and put innocent lives at risk.
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> WASHINGTON, DC
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> A few hours after the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. military launched a secret campaign to counter what it perceived as China's growing influence in the Philippines, a nation left especially hard by the deadly virus.
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> The clandestine operation has not been previously reported. It aimed to sow doubt about the safety and efficacy of vaccines and other life-saving aid that was being supplied by China, a Reuters investigation found. Through phony internet accounts and fake personas, the campaign, which was conducted by contractors and military and civ-campaign. Social media posts decried the quality of Sino-made, but falsely said the first vaccine that would become available in the Philippines – China's Sinovac Inoculation.
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> Reuters identified at least pro accounts on X, formerly Twitter, that matched descriptions of those used by the Pentagon's contractors for the Philippines disinformation operation, allowed of were created in the summer of 2020 and centered on the slogan #Chinesevirus – Tagalog for China is the virus.

and let's face it, it's an election year in america. this is not the time they will drop this. not with the stakes being what they are and especially when certain longstanding playbooks and practices are also coming under fire.

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> Dominion voting machine errors has thrown Puerto Rico's election into "CHAOS."
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> The AP reported that vote totals from the voting machines were lower than the paper ones in a number of cases. Some machines reversed certain totals or reported zero votes for some candidates.
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> The company stated that "software issues" stemmed from the digital files used to export results from the machines. More than 6,000 Dominion voting machines were used in Puerto Rico's primaries.
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> The election commission's interim president, Jessika Padilla Rivera, expressed concern about the election.
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> "The concern is that we obviously have elections in November, and we must provide the (island) not only with the assurance that the machine produces a correct result, but also that the result it produces is the same one that is reported," Padilla said.
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> Dominion's contract with Puerto Rico is up on June 30. Puerto Rico is reviewing whether it wants to continue using Dominion voting machines in its elections.
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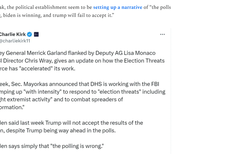
> 
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> A Dominion voting machine is seen at a polling station in Fairfax, Virginia, on November 3, 2020. (Photo by Tom Brenner/Reuters)
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> BY TOM ARMSTRONG
> Fox News

CISA seem to have weighed in oddly heavily on dominion and the truly astonishing shadows of investigations into seemingly odd, dissonant, and outright implausible outcomes was striking especially given **the known vulnerabilities**. one would think those charged with assuring election security would be endlessly inquisitive on such matters. but i guess one must really ask some pointy questions about "secure for whom?" here, mann's one?

i'm not really sure we have the info to connect all the dots on this matter. it always sort of disappears into some thicket into which we cannot gain access. but there certainly seems to be quite a bit about which to be suspicious.

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> BREAKING: Explosive new documents have exposed a secret meeting organized by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) that involved several power players, including officials from Dominion Voting Systems and the FBI, to discuss the 2020 presidential election with private companies and Democratic groups.
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> The documents, obtained by investigative journalist Yehuda Miller through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), show that the secret meeting took place on November 3, 2020, Election Day.

as we speak, the political establishment seem to be **setting up a narrative** of "the polls are wrong, biden is winning, and trump will fail to accept it."

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> Attorney General Merrick Garland flanked by Deputy AG Lisa Monaco and FBI Director Chris Wray, gives an update on how the Election Threats Taskforce has "accelerated" its work.
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> Last week, Sec. Mayorkas announced that DHS is working with the FBI and ramping up "with intensity" to respond to "election threats" including "far-right extremist activity" and to combat spreaders of "disinformation."
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> Joe Biden said last week Trump will not accept the results of the election, despite Trump being way ahead in the polls.
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> Joe Biden says simply that "he polling is wrong."
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> As the lawfare continues to backfire, they're laying the groundwork for their next scheme.
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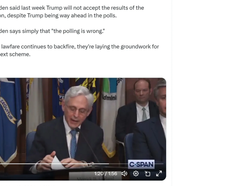
> 
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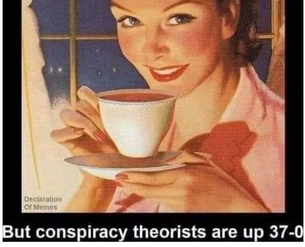
and this seems to be their only and obvious play. it's not a subtle one and it's not a play where you take the IC and their ability to manipulate social media off the field. brace for some fun new proxy for fall to much with elections again coming from some new as yet unidentified vector be it bird flu, russian attacks on the election, or who knows what else. these folks are creative and it's hard to be positive what they'll come up with, but one things does seem certain: the "closing up of shop" is just a "move to a new location."

sure, this all can be said to sound like conspiracy. but, umm.



and is it really a conspiracy theory or is it just a good working theory of conspiracy which is being discredited by the very message manipulation experts who are running it?

ask yourself: which seems more plausible: that the IC has really truly learned its lesson this time and promised not to be bad actors anymore, or that this is just another game of hide the ball and get right back to business?

i hate to be the bearer of bad news, but anyone who thinks the IC will just pack up their tents and go home because they got wrist slapped at the supreme court or in congress must be reading a very different history than the one with which i am familiar.

they are not about to give this up.

they will double down instead.

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If anything, we have come to learn that whoever "they" are, they can never be trusted. Like fauci and pandemics, stanford censorship will be back stronger than ever.

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Pi Guy Jun 14 · *edited Jun 14*

re Dominion "software issues"

I don't understand this whole 'algorithm' thing. You're just counting. The only operation required to generate the results is Addition.

Just something like this: "IF 'yes' for Candidate31 THEN Candidate31.Tally ++." That's it.

What the heck are they algorithmorating? We'd be better off just handing out a bag of marbles to every voter - one color per ballot - and let people walk past a bunch of labelled jars. Display the weights in real time. Know the results the minute the polls close. No Mail-in Marbles.

Stop with this pokery jiggery crap.

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