December 5, 2022

Mr. Elon Musk
Chief Twit
Twitter, Inc.
1355 Market Street #900
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Musk,

I am writing to request a meeting with you to talk about the other side of the black experience on social media.

This request is a result of the demands made by executives from the NAACP, National Urban League and National Action Network for a meeting with you to discuss what they claim is a rise in racial and religious hatred on Twitter.

The membership of the Project 21 black leadership network, which I chair, believes the “strong content moderation standards that foster a safe and healthy online environment” they are advocating for amounts to little more than censorship of opposing voices such as those of our members.

Project 21 and our members have been victims of Big Tech censorship on multiple occasions. Most recently, YouTube took down two of our videos and suspended our account for a week -- offering explanations that were clearly inappropriate given our content.

It has also become abundantly evident -- thanks to your document release over the weekend -- that the collusion we all suspected was, in fact, real. What these groups consider controversial views that harm and undermine our democracy are simply balanced views from black Americans with perspectives differing from their own.

Fearmongering about rising white supremacist propaganda and racial and religious hatred on the Twitter platform simply isn’t genuine. In reality, these groups are trying to make a case that hate speech is increasing by changing its very definition. By doing so, they hope to dissuade anyone with views different from their own from voicing opposition to the left’s radical agenda.

As you recently noted: “As Twitter pursues the goal of elevating citizen journalism, media elite will try everything to stop that from happening.” We see this daily.

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Last week you tweeted: “This is a battle for the future of civilization. If free speech is lost even in America, tyranny is all that lies ahead.” We share your grave concern.

The members of Project 21 fully support your statement made on April 22, 2022:

“Free speech is the bedrock of a functioning democracy and Twitter is the digital town square where matters vital to the future of humanity are debated. I also want to make Twitter better than ever by enhancing the product with new features, making the algorithm open to increased trust, defeating the spam bots and authenticating all humans. Twitter has tremendous potential – I look forward to working with the company and the community of users to unlock it.”

Project 21 was founded over 25 years ago as an initiative of the National Center for Public Policy Research to promote the views of black Americans whose entrepreneurial spirit, dedication to family and commitment to individual responsibility have not traditionally been echoed by the nation’s civil rights establishment. We are a research and communications foundation devoted to strengthening black families and American values.

Our goal is to promote conservative and libertarian black leaders in the media so that news coverage better reflects the true diversity of thought within the black community.

Our hope is to partner with you to give a balanced view that supports your free speech agenda against the left and this administration’s suppression efforts.

Sincerely,

Horace Cooper
Chairman, Project 21