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Trump, Twitter, VOA (Voice of America) and the Yankee's tale regarding freedom of speech

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The great dictator of the allegedly most democratic nation in the world, Donald Trump, has recently accused the social network **Twitter** of meddling in the US elections. In his view, the same social network he generally uses to hurl insults and nonsenses is now damaging freedom of speech, something he will not allow as long as he is the President.

Trump's rage against **Twitter** unleashed soon after the company included one of his tweets in the new fact-checking policy on "misleading information" of viral messages.

In the messages labeled by **Twitter** with the warning sign "Get the facts about mail-in ballots," Trump claimed that mail-in ballots via **Twitter** were not trustworthy.

In response to California's governor, Gavin Newsom, who had announced a plan to expand access to voting by mail on November 3 — decision against which the Republican National Committee had already filed a lawsuit — the current US president stated that:

“There is NO WAY (ZERO!) that Mail-In Ballots will be anything less than substantially fraudulent. Mail boxes will be robbed; ballots will be forged and even illegally printed out and fraudulently signed.”

**Twitter's** episode, nonetheless, is the most recent sign of fear showed by the megalomaniac president before a presumed loss in the US elections to be held in November.

With 100,000 deaths on his tiny hands and nearly 40 million unemployed people, victims of his pandemic mismanagement, the sociopath in the White House cannot repress his dictatorial instinct before any statement jeopardizing his re-election.

Last May 16, the president posted on **Twitter** that all accounts from all users with leftist political stances in social networks should be closed; namely, **Facebook**, **Instagram**, **Twitter**, and **Google**, and he stated: “Radical left is in total command and control of major social networks and my administration is working to remedy this situation,” something he has pointed out several times.

To make the empire's paranoia worse, Trump railed against VOA just one week ago. This agency was created during WWII and its goal is to broadcasting “independent” news as well as promoting the human values of US citizens worldwide.

According to AP news agency: “Conservatives are furious with the

VOA's coverage of the handling of the coronavirus pandemic in China, a subject of great significance for Trump, who never misses a chance to blame Chinese authorities of the outbreak and thus, he deflects criticism to his administration's response in times of presidential elections."

For Trump and his allies, the VOA — member of the US Agency for Global Media along with others such as Radio Free Asia, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and Radio Marti, which focuses on Cuba — are part of a "deep state" trying to hinder his work.

The hunting of the governmental agency unleashed soon after Dan Scavino — Trump's social media director — reproduced a VOA article on China in his **Twitter**'s official profile with the added comment:  
"American taxpayers—paying for China's very own propaganda, via the U.S. Government funded Voice of America! DISGRACE!!"

In the aforementioned information, which Trump labeled as "disgrace" few days later, VOA had just committed the unforgivable sin of reporting "on behalf of authoritarian regimes," especially about the quarantine lifting in the Chinese city of Wuhan.

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