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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the Twitter files and the threat to our democracy by big tech oligarchs

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the Twitter files and the threat to our democracy by big tech oligarchs**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,

- A. Whereas social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter are a public space vital to modern democracy; given that said platforms are the de facto public town square;
- B. Whereas said platforms are monopolists, have billions of users worldwide, granting them enormous influence;
- C. Whereas the Twitter files revealed that Twitter secretly manipulated information flows during electoral campaigns using blacklists, shadow bans and amplification limits;
- D. Whereas Twitter officials consistently disavowed claims about censorships and shadow ban schemes;
  - 1. Strongly repudiates all forms of illegal censorship online, election interference and content manipulation; reiterates that manipulation of information flows by big tech oligarchs on their platforms is harmful to our democracy;
  - 2. Calls on the Commission to demand absolute transparency from big tech firms; calls on transparency regarding content moderation, user agreements, censorship methods and algorithms;
  - 3. Calls on the Parliament to investigate possible censorship of EU citizens, possible election interference and manipulation by big tech firms; therefore calls on the Parliament to establish a subcommittee on illegal and secret manipulation of elections by big tech;