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June 25, 2020: **NWO's ASPEN INSTITUTE Hosted "Tabletop Exercise" to Prepare Establishment Media and Key Social Media Platforms to Suppress and Delegitimize Hunter Biden Laptop Story**

NWO's Aspen Institute hosted June 25, 2020 "tabletop exercise" with key media participants to prepare to suppress and delegitimize Hunter Biden laptop story

NOTE: This exercise hosted by the Aspen Institute occurred less than four months prior to the October 14, 2020 *New York Post* article on Hunter Biden Laptop

[[Report](#)]
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'The Cover Up: Big Tech, the Swamp, and Mainstream Media Coordinated to Censor Americans Free Speech '
- United States House Committee on Oversight and Accountability
Chairman James Comer (R-KY)

<https://oversight.house.gov/release/the-cover-up-big-tech-the-swamp-and-mainstream-media-coordinated-to-censor-americans-free-speech-%ef%bf%bc/>

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Former Twitter employees testified on their decision to restrict protected speech and interfere in the democratic process

Excerpt: [emphasis added]

WASHINGTON Today, the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability held a hearing titled [Protecting Speech from Government Interference and Social Media Bias, Part 1: Twitter's Role in Suppressing the Biden Laptop Story](#). Chairman Comer and Committee Republicans detailed how Twitter worked closely with the federal government to actively monitor and censor Americans online. Under the leadership of former Twitter employees Vijaya Gadde, James Baker, and Yoel Roth, Twitter coordinated extensively with the FBI to disproportionately target Republican leaders, conservative activists, and certain media outlets. **In October 2020, Twitter censored the *New York Post's* story about the Biden family's business schemes based on the contents of Hunter Biden's laptop**, despite the article not violating any Twitter policies.

Fox News

'Oversight Chair Comer sets sights on Biden admin, Big Tech 'collusion' on Hunter as first hearing kicks off'

The hearing Wednesday will feature former top Twitter executives accused of suppressing the Hunter laptop story

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/oversight-chair-comer-sets-sights-biden-admin-big-tech-collusion-hunter-first-hearing-kicks-off>

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Excerpts: [emphasis added]

House Oversight and Accountability Committee Chairman James Comer is presiding a Wednesday hearing aimed at exposing how the [Biden administration and Big Tech](#) worked together to suppress the Hunter Biden laptop story and influence the results of the 2020 presidential election.

Chairman Comer:

"In the months leading up to the laptop story, the FBI advised senior Twitter executives to question the validity of any Hunter Biden story. We also know that **one of the witnesses before us today participated in an [Aspen Institute exercise](#)** in September *[sic - June]* 2020 on a potential hack and dump operation related to Hunter Biden. Other big tech companies and reporters who attended as well. **This exercise prepared them for their future collusion to suppress and delegitimize information contained in Hunter Biden's laptop about the Biden family business schemes.**"

**United States House Committee on Oversight and Accountability
February 8, 2023 Hearing**

[Video]

US Representative Chuck Edwards (R-NC) questioning Yoel Roth, former Twitter head of "trust" and "safety" during February 8, 2023 Hearing; including regarding about [Aspen Institute exercise](#).***

***** Note: The [Aspen Institute exercise](#) was actually on [June 25, 2020](#) (not in September 2020).**

Michael Shellenberger on Twitter:

"Rep. Edwards: "Why was Hunter Biden chosen as the subject of this scenario?

Just weeks before the October 14th, 2020 publication of the first Hunter Biden story?"

[Yoel] Roth: "I don't know." <https://t.co/YBqTePXt0q>" / Twitter

<https://twitter.com/shellenberger/status/1623462302434623488>

New York Post

'Evidence shows FBI, Biden campaign and Twitter worked together to suppress Hunter story'

<https://nypost.com/2022/12/19/fbi-biden-campaign-twitter-worked-together-to-suppress-hunter-story/>

December 19, 2022

Excerpts: [emphasis added]

The Twitter Files show how **Yoel Roth, the platform's head of trust and safety**, was briefed by the FBI about possible misinformation, and that Hunters name was specifically brought up.

Knowing that eventually the information would leak, experts spent months prepping for how to suppress it. Shellenberger notes that in September 2020 [sic - [June 25, 2020](#)], a month before The Post broke the news, Roth “**participated in an Aspen Institute ‘tabletop exercise’ on a potential ‘Hack-and-Dump’ operation.**” The example they came up with? Hunter Biden! They outlined a fake scenario where Burisma documents were leaked online outlining payments to the former vice president’s son.

So, of course, when legitimate news about Hunter Biden did break, Roth was ready to doubt everything.

What the Twitter Files show is not caution, but a coordinated effort between the Biden campaign and the FBI to cast aspersions and limit the reach of a story damaging to Joe Biden.

Los Angeles Daily News

OPINION

'FBI suppression of the Hunter Biden laptop story'

<https://www.dailynews.com/2022/12/25/fbi-suppression-of-the-hunter-biden-laptop/>

December 25, 2022

Excerpts: [emphasis added]

The **New York Post** published its blockbuster story on **Oct. 14, 2020**. Some Americans already had ballots and were voting by mail.

But the story was shot down nearly everywhere. **An Oct. 17 “analysis” from NPR was typical**, calling the story “questionable” and asserting that the emails have not been verified as authentic. NPR’s David Folkenflik wrote that the story was “marked more by red flags than investigative rigor.”

Now we know that **the FBI aggressively sought to discredit the story both before and after it ran.**

“The FBI basically came to us, was like, ‘Hey you should be on high alert. We thought that there was a lot of Russian propaganda in the 2016 election. There’s about to be some kind of dump similar to that,’” **Facebook’s CEO Mark Zuckerberg** said earlier this year.

Much more is revealed in the **Twitter Files**, dug out by **Shellenberger** and others. **The FBI ran a full-blown influence operation to convince U.S. news and social media outlets that the scoop they were about to read about the Biden family was merely Russian propaganda.**

As just one example, in **September 2020 [sic - [June 25, 2020](#)]**, **NPR’s former CEO, [[CFR-member](#)] Vivian Schiller**, organized an event at the **Aspen Institute** that was billed as a “tabletop exercise” on **how to handle a potential “Hack-and-Dump” operation related to then-candidate Joe Biden’s son, Hunter. The exercise was named “The Burisma Leak,”** referencing the Ukrainian energy company that paid Hunter to serve on its board.

The “confidential” document, now published from Twitter’s internal communications, describes the day-by-day news reporting and commentary that would hypothetically follow from the leak of the “hacked” material, leading up to “Day Eleven: Thursday, October 15th, The second presidential debate.”

Shellenberger reported that **the exercise was attended by Meta/Facebook’s head of security policy and the top national security reporters for The New York Times, the Washington Post and others.** “The goal was to shape how the media covered it - and how social media carried it,” he wrote.

The New York Post published its blockbuster story on Oct. 14, 2020. Sure enough, **Twitter** locked the newspaper’s account and blocked users from sharing the link, even in direct messages. **Facebook** also took action to suppress the reach of the story. Major news organizations threw shade at the story and at the Post. **When Trump brought up the story during a presidential debate, Biden called him a liar and said [intelligence professionals](#) had stated it was Russian propaganda.**

The Daily Caller

'One Month [[sic - Four Months](#)] Before Hunter Biden Laptop Story, Twitter Execs And Journalists War-Gamed An Eerily Similar Scenario'

<https://dailycaller.com/2022/12/19/hunter-laptop-training-scenario-aspen/>

December 19, 2022

Excerpts: [emphasis added]

Twitter and Meta executives, as well as journalists from a variety of media outlets, participated in a training exercise regarding a potential leak of data related to Hunter Biden that had similarities with a New York Post story published roughly one month [[sic - four months](#)] later, according to internal documents published by author **Michael Shellenberger** as part of Elon Musk's ongoing "**Twitter Files.**"

At an unspecified date in September [[sic - June 25, 2020](#)], a training exercise **hosted by the Aspen Institute** titled "**The Burisma Leak,**" outlined a potential timeline of events following a hypothetical Oct. 5, 2020 hack and leak of Burisma documents showing Hunter receiving more compensation than previously reported for his work with the company and communicating with his father about the firm.

The Aspen Institute exercise imagines a hypothetical timeline between Oct. 5, 2020 to Oct. 15, 2020, where a cache of documents implies that the Joe Biden pressured the Ukrainian government to fire prosecutor Viktor Shokin, Shellenberger [reported](#). **The purpose of this training exercise was to "shape how the media covered it - and how social media carried it," according to Shellenberger.**

The [[Aspen Institute](#)] meeting was headed by [[CFR-member](#)] **Vivian Schiller**, the former CEO of **NPR** and head of news at **Twitter**, and was attended by security executives at **Meta** and **Twitter** and reporters from **The New York Times** and **The Washington Post**, [according](#) to Shellenberger.



[Video](#)

US House Judiciary Committee

[Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government](#)

'Hearing on the Weaponization of the Federal Government on the Twitter Files'

<https://judiciary.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/hearing-weaponization-federal-government-twitter-files>

The Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government will hold a hearing, "The Twitter Files," on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. EST.

Witnesses:

* Matt Taibbi, Journalist - [testimony](#)

* Michael Shellenberger, Author, Co-founder of the Breakthrough Institute and the California Peace Coalition - [testimony](#)



Testimony by Michael Shellenberger to The House Select [Sub-] Committee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government

March 9, 2023

<https://judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/republicans-judiciary.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/shellenberger-testimony.pdf>

**The Censorship Industrial Complex
U.S. Government Support For Domestic Censorship And
Disinformation Campaigns, 2016 - 2022**

Excerpts: [emphasis added]

[pp. 40-41]

"On June 25, 2020, **Aspen Institute** convened a “**tabletop exercise**” to train journalists at the **New York Times**, **Washington Post**, and **CNN**, and censors at **Twitter** and **Facebook**, to treat leaked information, however accurate, as likely the result of Russian hacking, and to make the story about the hacking, not the contents of the hack.[FN 126] The organizer was [**CFR-member**] **Vivian Schiller**, the **former CEO of NPR**, the **former head of news at Twitter**, the **former General Manager of The New York Times**, and the **former Chief Digital Officer of NBC News**. Two of the attendees were Andrew Grotto and [**CFR-member**] Janine Zacharia, the authors of the Stanford report urging reporters to “break the Pentagon Papers principle.”

Here is a complete list of attendees:

- * Jessica Ashooh, Director of Policy, **Reddit**
 - * Olga Belogolova, Policy Manager IO, **Facebook**
 - * John Bennett, Director of Security, **Wikimedia Foundation**
 - * Kevin Collier, Reporter, **NBC News**
 - * Rick Davis, EVP, News Standards and Practices, **CNN**
 - * Nathaniel Gleicher, Head of Cybersecurity Policy, **Facebook**
 - * Garrett Graff, Director, Cyber Initiatives, **Aspen Institute**
 - * Andy Grotto, Director, Stanford Cyber Policy Center
 - * Steve Hayes, Co-Founder and Editor, The Dispatch
 - * Susan Hennessey, Executive Editor, Lawfare
 - * Kelly McBride, Senior VP, Poynter Institute
 - * David McCraw, VP and Deputy General Counsel, **The New York Times**
 - * Ellen Nakashima, National Security Reporter, **The Washington Post**
 - * Evan Osnos, Staff Writer, **The New Yorker**
 - * Donie O’Sullivan, Reporter, **CNN**
 - * Dina Temple Raston, Investigations Correspondent, **NPR**
 - * **Yoel Roth, Head of Site Integrity, Twitter**
 - * Alan Rusbridger, Former Editor in Chief, Guardian, Member of **Facebook** Oversight Board
 - * **David Sanger, Chief Washington Correspondent, The New York Times**
[**Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) [member](#)**; **Trilateral Commission (TC) [member](#)**]
 - * Noah Shachtman, Editor in Chief, **The Daily Beast**
 - * **Vivian Schiller, Executive Director, Aspen Institute**
[**Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) [member](#)**]
 - * Claire Wardle, Cofounder and Director, First Draft News
 - * Clement Wolf, Global Public Policy Lead for Information Integrity, **Google**
 - * **Janine Zacharia**, Visiting Lecturer, Stanford [FN 127]
[**Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) [member](#)**]
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Hearing on the Weaponization of the Federal Government

118th Congress (2023-2024)

<https://www.congress.gov/event/118th-congress/house-event/115442/text?s=1&r=31>

Committee: [House Judiciary](#)

Subcommittee: House Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government

Date: 03/09/2023

Location: 2141 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Website: <https://judiciary.house.gov/>

Transcript: [HEARING ON THE WEAPONIZATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT](#)

Text available as: [PDF \(15MB\)](#)

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Chair Jordan. Welcome, everyone, to the second hearing of the Select Committee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government. The Chair now recognizes himself for an opening statement.

In the run-up to the 2020 Presidential election, FBI Special Agent Elvis Chan, in his deposition in Missouri v. Biden, said that he repeatedly, repeatedly informed Twitter and other social media platforms of the likelihood of a hack-and-leak operation in the run-up to that Presidential election. He did it even though there was no evidence.

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In September 2020 [[sic - June 25, 2020](#)], government-funded think tank gets involved. They do a tabletop exercise. The participants include [The New York Times](#), [The Washington Post](#), and other mainstream media outlets. Facebook is there. Mr. Roth of Twitter is there. The organizer was the former CEO of NPR and the former head of news at Twitter. Mock exercises hosted by the Aspen Institute. The Aspen Institute, which by the way, in 2020, their budget was \$9.3 million; \$5 million from the State Department; \$4 million from USAID. Almost all their budget. Guess the title.

Guess the title of this exercise. **The Aspen Digital Hack and Dump Working Group**. Guess who the subject was? Guess who the subject was? Hunter Biden. That's amazing.

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New York Post

'What is mysterious Aspen Institute and why did it hold Hunter Biden 'exercise'?

<https://nypost.com/2022/12/19/what-is-mysterious-aspen-institute-and-why-did-it-hold-hunter-biden-exercise/>

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A US government-funded nonprofit known as “the mountain retreat for the liberal [*sic* - *Globalist*] elite” **sponsored a “tabletop exercise” intended to influence coverage of a leak of documents related to Hunter Biden**, the [latest installment](#) of Elon Musk’s “Twitter Files” reveals.

In a series of tweets Monday, independent journalist **Michael Shellenberger** posted confidential documents from the **Aspen Institute’s** September 2020 [*sic* - [June 25, 2020](#)], event, which he said was attended by **Twitter’s then-head of trust and safety, Facebook’s head of security policy** and **top national security reporters from The New York Times and The Washington Post**.

The exercise by the **”Aspen Digital Hack-and-Dump Working Group”** involved an 11-day scenario in October 2020 that began with the imaginary release of falsified records related to Hunter Biden’s controversial employment by the Ukrainian energy company Burisma, which [paid him](#) as much as \$1 million a year to serve on its board when his father was vice president.

“The goal was to shape how the media covered it - and how social media carried it,” [Shellenberger wrote](#).

But the drill was put into practical use weeks later, when The Post [broke the news](#) about Hunter Biden's infamous laptop which was either [ignored or downplayed](#) by most mainstream news outlets and suppressed by both Twitter and Facebook.

The exercise was organized by [[CFR-member](#)] **Vivian Schiller, a former top executive at National Public Radio, Twitter, The New York Times and NBC News**, Shellenberger reported.

Since January 2020, she’s been the **executive director of Aspen Digital**, which its parent organization says “empowers policymakers, civic organizations, companies, and the public to be responsible stewards of technology and media in the service of an informed, just, and equitable world.”

The **US State Department sponsors the Aspen-run “Stevens Initiative” student-exchange program**, which in 2020 announced up to \$10 million in grants and is named after the late Ambassador to Libya Chris Stevens, who was killed in the 2012 terrorist attack on the American embassy in Benghazi.

A 2020 report by the Center for International Policy ranked the **Aspen Institute No. 5 on a list of US think tanks that receive foreign funding**, with more than \$8 million coming from “primarily Western democracies, as well as “undemocratic regimes in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.” [*sic*]

The institute which reported more than \$151 million in revenue in 2020 and had more than \$352 million in net assets, according to its latest IRS filing **receives “substantial funding” from groups such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** and its top donors include **Craigslist founder Craig Newmark**, a frequent backer of Democratic candidates, and **Amazon founder Jeff Bezos’ parents, Jacklyn and Miguel Bezos**.

Its list of **contributors** also features **former Treasury Secretary [[CFR-member](#)] Robert Rubin**, who served under then-President Bill Clinton, **New York Times columnist [[CFR-member](#)] Thomas Friedman**, **US Ambassador to Norway [[CFR-member](#)] Marc Natha[n]son**, **former Biden administration coronavirus czar [[CFR-member](#)] Jeffrey Zients** and **ex-US Rep. Jane Harman (D-Calif.) [[CFR-member](#), [Trilateral Commission North America Executive Committee](#)]**

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