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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 from big tech oligarchs

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

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union,
  - having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - A. whereas social media platforms such as Facebook and Twitter serve as public spaces that are vital to modern democracy; whereas given that, said platforms are the de facto public town square;
  - B. whereas said platforms are monopolists and have billions of users worldwide, which grants them enormous influence;
  - C. whereas the Twitter files revealed that Twitter has secretly manipulated information flows during electoral campaigns using blacklists, shadow bans and amplification limits;
  - D. whereas Twitter officials have consistently disavowed claims of censorship and shadow ban schemes;
1. Strongly repudiates all forms of illegal online censorship, election interference and content manipulation; reiterates that the 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 for transparency regarding content moderation, user agreements, censorship methods and algorithms;
  3. Calls for Parliament to investigate possible censorship of EU citizens, election interference and manipulation by big tech firms; calls therefore for Parliament to establish a subcommittee on illegal and secret manipulation of elections by big tech.