FREEDOM and ACCOUNTABILITY
A Transatlantic Framework for Moderating Speech Online

Final Report of the Transatlantic High Level Working Group on Content Moderation Online and Freedom of Expression
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Transatlantic Working Group

- 28 members from Europe and North America
- Legislators, government, tech execs, civil society leaders, and academics
- Different perspectives, but common goals
Mission

To promote best practices to tackle hate speech, violent extremism, and disinformation online while protecting freedom of speech and a vibrant, global internet.
Goals

• Foster transatlantic cooperation to address online issues and avoid conflicting rules
• Promote practical, scalable solutions, well-grounded in law, technology, and business
• Restore trust among government, tech companies, and the public so that they can tackle future challenges together and protect democracy
Recommendations

• Regulate on the basis of transparency
• Establish an accountability regime to hold platforms to their promises
• Create a multi-tier disclosure system: public–researchers–oversight body
• Provide efficient and effective redress mechanisms
  • Social Media Councils
  • e-Courts–to adjudicate legality of content and human rights violations
• Use ABC framework to combat viral deception [Actors–Behavior–Content]