

European Commission sides _____ Twitter over Trump row

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The **European Commission** has backed **Twitter** _____ its row with **Donald Trump** following the social media platform's decision to hide one of the US president's tweets with a warning _____ its glorification of violence.

The **EU executive branch's vice president, Věra Jourová**, said politicians should answer "criticism with facts, not with threats and attacks," _____ her response _____ the dispute.

After the addition _____ a fact-checking label _____ one of Trump's tweets, the president had signed an executive order to reduce the social media platform's protections _____ civil claims.

In a statement, Jourová said: "I support Twitter _____ their efforts to develop and implement a transparent, clear and consistent moderation policy. This is not _____ censorship. This is _____ flagging verifiably false or misleading information that may cause public harm, linking _____ reliable information, or flagging content violating their policies.

"The role of public authorities is not to interfere _____ content policies _____ private companies but to ensure that fundamental rights are protected online as well as offline – rights such as freedom _____ expression and information, non-discrimination, right _____ security.

"These rights protect all citizens, not only those _____ power. As politicians, we have to be held _____ account, and answer to criticism _____ facts, not _____ threats and attacks."

The comments come _____ next week's expected launch of an overhaul of EU regulation of digital platforms. The commission will look _____ whether the big tech giants should be held responsible _____ content published their sites or goods sold online.