

## 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.