Civil Rights and Public Interest Groups Urge Tech Companies to Enact Meaningful Changes

WASHINGTON - The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., and 45 civil rights, public interest, labor, faith, and technology organizations issued the below statement ahead of today’s White House summit with technology companies on violent online extremism:

The White House summit on violent online extremism must not be used to divert attention away from the real actions these companies should take right now to reduce online activities that endanger communities of color, religious minorities, and other marginalized communities.

We call on major technology companies to make the following commitments at the summit and publicly:

- Create a real plan to address the fostering of hate on their online platforms. Companies must implement consistent and sophisticated content policies that clarify how they will address white nationalism and white supremacy. They must share how these policies will be implemented to ensure users’ due process rights are upheld.
- Condemn President Trump’s hate-filled statements and actions toward people of color, immigrants, Muslims and other religious minorities, and members of the LGBTQ community.
- Acknowledge that so-called predictive technologies are not able to predict instances of mass violence and that these technologies have often been damaging to marginalized communities.
- Acknowledge that foreign actors, including Russian operatives, have used and continue to use online platforms to influence our elections and to suppress voting in violation of U.S. law.
- Agree to work to protect the integrity of the 2020 Census.
- Reaffirm their commitment to increasing the diversity of employment in the tech industry in all jobs so that marginalized communities are part of the creation and implementation of online products.

The signatories are listed below.

The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc
9to5
Algorithmic Justice League
American Federation of Teachers
Andrew Goodman Foundation
Arab American Institute
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - AAJC  
Bend the Arc: Jewish Action  
Center for the Study of Hate & Extremism-California State University, San Bernardino  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Common Cause  
Crescent City Media Group  
Equal Justice Society  
Fair Count  
Farmworker Justice  
Free Press Action  
Human Rights Campaign  
Japanese American Citizens League  
Kairos  
League of Women Voters of U.S.  
Matthew Shepard Foundation  
MediaJustice  
NAACP  
National Association of Social Workers  
National Center for Special Education in Charter Schools  
National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development (National CAPACD)  
National Council of Churches  
National Education Association  
National Employment Law Project  
National Health Law Program  
National Hispanic Media Coalition  
National LGBTQ Task Force  
National Urban League  
NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice  
New America’s Open Technology Institute  
OCA - Asian Pacific American Advocates  
Open MIC (Open Media and Information Companies Initiative)  
Public Knowledge  
South Asian Network  
The Campaign to TAKE ON HATE  
The Sikh Coalition  
Transformative Justice Coalition  
UnidosUS  
United Church of Christ, OC Inc.  
United We Dream  
Voto Latino  

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