

First Amendment and Section 230

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Section 230 has become a political football in terms of platform accountability and responsibility regarding the spread of online mis and disinformation. “One highly influential piece of misinformation is that the [tech industry is biased](#) against conservative figures and conservative content,” shared Dr. Mary Anne Franks, president of the Cyber Civil Rights Initiative as [part of a question](#) for Facebook, Twitter and Google CEOs. “Conservative figures and content actually [perform very well](#) on social media sites such as Facebook, even though they [disproportionately violate](#) companies’ policies against misinformation and other abuse.” With members of Congress introducing the SAFE TECH Act to address Section 230 concerns, questions are being raised about how this could affect rights protected by the First Amendment.

Reading Resources:

[The history of Section 230](#)

(60 Minutes, with Jeff
Kosseff)

[Speech on the internet: The First Amendment and Section 230 are different](#)

(Marketplace)

[Section 230: Everything You Need to Know—Tweets, Free Speech, Beyond](#)

(Mike Masnick, podcast)

[Hello! You’ve Been Referred Here Because You’re Wrong About Section 230 Of The Communications Decency Act](#)

(Mike Masnick, Techdirt
blog)

[How Section 230 Enhances the First Amendment](#)

(Eric Goldman, American
Constitution Society)

[Six Constitutional Hurdles For Platform Speech Regulation](#)

(Daphne Keller, Center
for Internet and Society)

[Mapping Worldwide Initiatives to Counter Influence Operations](#)

(Carnegie Endowment for
International Peace)