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Re: Competition and Consumer Protection in the 21st Century Hearing, Project Number P181201

We all have to use digital services these days. Even my son, at the age of 13, has to have a Google account to go to school. Although we *have* to use these services, we are not given any alternatives to those that we need, so we are stuck with Google, Facebook, and Amazon. Plus, we are also not given control over how these online companies use our data. That needs to change.

In addition to using our data without our consent, Google subsidiary YouTube is perpetuating anti-democracy behavior by deleting users from their platform who have conservative views. That is disrespectful and anti-American. It seems there is no respect for America anymore. Conservative voices need to band together to fight these behaviors, but media giants like Google should not be allowed to censor political voices.

These companies say that they have the right to harvest and sell our data because they are providing their services for free. I don't think people are really aware of the extent of what these companies are doing. We should have established privacy acts that regulate the use of our data by these online services.

Sincerely,

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