

# Congress Escalates Pressure on Tech Giants to Censor More, Threatening the First Amendment

GLENN GREENWALD—In a January Wall Street Journal op-ed, tech entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy and Yale Law School's constitutional scholar Jed Rubenfeld warned that Congress is rapidly approaching this constitutional boundary if it has not already transgressed it. "Using a combination of statutory inducements and regulatory threats," the duo wrote, "Congress has co-opted Silicon Valley to do through the back door what government cannot directly accomplish under the Constitution." Added: Deleted: That article compiled just a small sample of case law making clear that efforts to coerce private actors to censor speech implicate core First Amendment free speech guarantees.