

# Democrats Champion Censorship and Smear Twitter Files Heroes

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*The House Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government held a hearing Thursday on [the Twitter Files](#), which are [exposing pervasive federal browbeating to suppress free speech](#).*

Congressional Democrats championed the National Lampoon definition of censorship: Unless there is a photo of an FBI agent holding a gun to the head of a Twitter employee, the feds did nothing wrong.

[Twitter Files reporters Matt Taibbi](#) and Michael Shellenberger were on the witness stand. Though both are bestselling authors with long records of excellent reporting, they were treated as shameless grifters who were basely smearing noble federal agencies.

Taibbi and Shellenberger labored under the misconception that congressional hearings seek to reveal facts.

Instead, Democratic members viewed them as sacrifices on the altar of boundless federal prerogatives. Democratic members continually cut off the witnesses, signaling that their role was to shut up and take a whupping.

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