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Are we bound for fact-free speech?

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1. What are these cartoonists saying about Facebook boss Mark Zuckerberg eliminating fact-checking on his platforms?
2. Will misinformation and lies get worse on social media without monitoring content for accuracy?
3. Can lies, misinformation or conspiracy theories endanger people or encourage violence?
4. After the 2021 U.S. Capitol riot, Zuckerberg banned President Donald Trump from Facebook. Since the 2024 election he gave \$1 million to Trump's inauguration and put a Trump ally on his board. Does he appear afraid of Trump?
5. Did fear trigger the firings of fact-checkers at Facebook?

Between the lines

The Meta change is part of “a pattern of powerful people and institutions kowtowing to the president in a way that suggests they’re fearful of being targeted.” - Brendan Nyhan, Dartmouth political scientist.

<https://apnews.com/article/meta-facts-trump-musk-community-notes-413b8495939a058ff2d25fd23f2e0f43>

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