

ACMA Misinformation and Disinformation Submission

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I vehemently oppose any form of censorship. Everyone is entitled to freedom of speech in a true democracy, whose foundation is individual agency and intellectual autonomy. Engagement, discussion, debate, discernment, independent thought and diverse opinions are the lifeblood of a democracy and nurture mutual understanding and unity.

Assuming the role of protector and condescending to arbitrate on what is truth and what is not truth, is gross government overreach. It begs the question of whose interests such "truth" will serve – the financial concerns of the multi-national corporations with which our government is entwined create such an obvious conflict of interest. I believe it is vital that transparency, accountability, and the true spirit of democracy are upheld.