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The interview in the above matter was held in room 2237, Rayburn House Office Building, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Representative Jordan.

A Pardon?

Q It was taken down because it violated your policies, your policies regarding inauthentic accounts?

A We make independent decisions. My colleagues, who are the subject-matter experts, reviewed the account against our policies, and in this instance, the account that I mentioned was found violating, yes.

Q And the nature of the violation was that somebody was pretending to be Dr. Fauci when they were not Dr. Fauci?

A Yes, that's correct.

Q And it was not in a satirical -- a satirical context?

A That's correct.

Q But did anyone at the White House ever order you or try to coerce you into taking down content based on the nature of the content itself, not who posted it? And I'm talking about a particular piece of content.

A I don't recall anything like that happening.

Q And did anyone at the CDC ever try to coerce you into taking down a particular piece of content?

A No, I don't recall anything like that happening.

Q And what about with HHS?

A No.

Q Now, we've talked a lot today about the concept of misinformation and vaccine hesitancy and those types of issues. I want to talk to you about some of the posts that -- that were popular on Facebook during the time period of the pandemic, and particularly when you were working on the health portfolio. Can you explain what CrowdTangle is?