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COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

INTERVIEW OF: [REDACTED]

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Washington, D.C.

The interview in the above matter was held in room 2237, Rayburn House Office Building, commencing at 10:04 a.m.

1 A Yes. Many of the partners that we work with are looking for best practices,
2 how to make -- you know, especially if you need to make a video quickly in a time of
3 crisis, like, what are the best ways to do that, best practices around video creation.
4 That's really what we do.

5 Q And because you have that knowledge as a YouTube executive, you were
6 just trying to help them create something that would be popular on YouTube and easy for
7 people to find. Is that fair to say?

8 A Easy for people to find and, you know, easily understood in layman's terms
9 kind of the top of mind questions that laypeople have about what was happening.

10 Q Okay. And at any point when you were doing these collaborations with
11 government agencies, was the government agency coercing YouTube in any way to
12 participate in those relationships?

13 A No.

14 Q Would you say it was voluntary on the part of YouTube and the government?

15 A Yes. This was our approach across the world was to help health authorities
16 get the information out there.

17 Q And that's because YouTube on its own has identified that mission as
18 something that's important to the corporate mission of Google and YouTube?

19 A Yes, that's a top priority.

20 Q Okay. And there were times, it appeared, that you interacted more with
21 NIH and the other government agencies, unless, like, the cadence changed over time.
22 How would you explain that change of interaction or cadence over, say, from 2020 to
23 2022?

24 A I think just as the -- you know, as the pandemic evolved initially in 2020,
25 there was, you know, an emergent need for information and, you know, a lot of

1 uncertainty. So, you know, with health authorities in a lot of different countries, I think
2 the cadence was really because of that emergency phase, and then, you know, moved out
3 of the emergency phase to this ongoing mission of raising authoritative health
4 information.

5 Q So you were responding to the pandemic itself and the changes that were
6 happening?

7 A Correct.

8 Q Okay. Did any government, U.S. Government agency ever make any
9 demands of you at YouTube in your role at YouTube in terms of, say, like insisting that
10 you prominently display some information from them or anything of that sort?

11 A No. No.

12 [REDACTED]. We don't have any further questions. We can go off the record.

13 [Discussion off the record.]

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