



**Science, Innovation
and Technology
Committee**

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By email only

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Subject: Follow-ups from 25 February oral evidence session

Dear Wifredo,

On behalf of the committee, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to you for giving evidence on 25 February, when we discussed a number of measures across online safety, misinformation and social media algorithms. We look forward to continued engagement with X in the future.

I am writing with some follow-up questions. The committee would appreciate if you could provide the following:

- Details on the resources that X dedicated to responding to the unrest in the UK last summer, broken down by number of personnel, location, and type of role; and stating the period they were deployed, and the type of work they were undertaking.
- Detail on the advertisers that paused activity on X during the summer unrest last year, including numbers of advertisers, the period for which they paused this activity, the volume of adverts and sums of money involved, and X's response to this.
- Details of examples that you mentioned in the session of posts by figures such as Andrew Tate and Stephen Yaxley-Lennon (aka Tommy Robinson) that received 'Community Notes' in the wake of the Southport attack.
 - Detail on how many posts with content related to the Southport attack received 'Community Notes' in the days after the attack, how quickly these notes were attached to the posts, and your evaluation of the efficacy of this system in that context, including how effective these Notes were in preventing further sharing of misleading or harmful content.



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- Further detail on any other action that was taken on posts potentially spreading related misleading or harmful content in the period, such as algorithmic restriction, post takedowns, banning of accounts, and any other measures, and how quickly these actions were taken.
- During the evidence session, a committee member highlighted examples of X accounts posting hateful and threatening content, some of them with 'X Premium' blue tick status, which seemingly had not been subject to enforcement action. In response, you stated that your teams would review these posts under X's terms of service. Please provide the Committee with an update on the status of these posts and accounts, including the dates and description of any reports made by other users, and of actions taken by X.
- Details of X's Community Notes system, including the algorithm and 'random number generator' that onboards X users to become Community Notes contributors, and any data allowing for a comparison between the effectiveness of Community Notes-based moderation and content-moderator based moderation.
- Clarity on whether videos of a Nazi salute are permissible on X under current rules.
- A visual representation of the algorithm that X uses to recommend content to users on the 'For You' pages. The committee would like to know if there have been any updates to the following aspects since X [published](#) parts of its code in 2023:
 - How the graph (network) of people and content is formulated, and which algorithms are used to construct it.
 - How communities are formed within the network, what attributes are considered, and how.
 - How the content is sourced for ranking for each individual's feed.
 - What kind of ranking algorithms are used, what attributes they use for ranking, and the relative weights given to each of these attributes.
 - The content recommendation measures used.
 - How X filters for malicious content.

We would appreciate if you could provide this information by 10 April. I plan to place this letter in the public domain.

With best wishes,



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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chi Onwurah".

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