House Democrats and the DOJ Announce an Anti-Trust Investigation into Big Tech

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The Democrat-led House Judiciary Committee is planning a review of Facebook and Google to determine if the tech giants are stifling competition and harming consumers. Several days earlier, Trump's Department of Justice announced it was preparing an antitrust probe against Google's search engine and business model. [Facebook and Google are strong supporters of the Democrat Party' agenda, so it is unrealistic to expect anything to come from their investigation except a slight slap on the wrist and a whitewash. The Department of Justice is no different except in rhetoric. We shall see.] —GEG

House Democrats are planning a review of Facebook and Google to determine if the tech giants are stifling competition and harming consumers, The Washington Post reported Monday.

The probe, which was announced
by Democratic Rep. David Cicilline of Rhode Island, is expected to be far-reaching and comes as Democrats and Republicans are walloping Silicon Valley. The investigation will not focus on any one company, Cicilline told reporters.

"In
a lot of ways, there was a reluctance in the early days of the Internet to interfere," he said. "It was creating so much value in the lives of

people that [some felt] you should get out of the way and allow it to flourish." Amazon and Apple could potentially figure into the probe at some point, Cicilline added.

Facebook, Amazon, and Apple did not respond to WaPo's request for comment, and Google declined comment. (RELATED: Trump's DOJ Prepares An Anti-Trust Investigation Into Google's Business Practic: REPORT)

The investigation comes several days
after a Wall Street Journal report noted that the Department of Justice is preparing an antitrust probe against Google's search engine and business model. It would be the first such investigation since the Federal Trade Commission conducted a probe of Google but closed it in 2013 without taking action.

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