



# Ex-Google Worker Warns 'Killer Robots' Could Cause Accidental Mass Atrocities

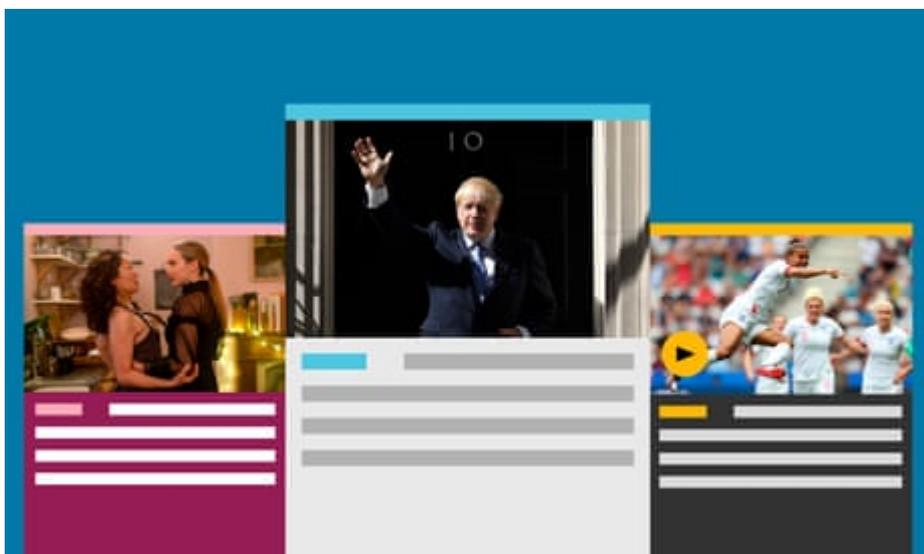
Laura Nolan, who resigned from Google last year in protest at being sent to work on a project to enhance US military drone technology, has called for a ban on all artificial intelligence killing machines not operated by humans, because they have the potential to do "calamitous things that they were not originally programmed for." She said that anything from a change in the weather to a lack of understanding complex human behavior could throw the robots off course and that they always should be controlled by humans. [There is no suggestion in the article that Google is involved in the development of autonomous weapons systems – nor is there any suggestion that it is not.] -GEG

A new generation of autonomous weapons or "killer robots" could accidentally start a war or cause mass atrocities, a former top [Google](#) software engineer has warned.

Laura Nolan, who resigned from Google last year in protest at being sent to work on a project to dramatically enhance [US military](#) drone technology, has called for all AI killing machines not operated by humans to be banned.

Nolan said killer robots not guided by human remote control should be outlawed by the same type of international treaty that bans chemical weapons.

Unlike drones, which are controlled by military teams often thousands of miles away from where the flying weapon is being deployed, Nolan said killer robots have the potential to do “calamitous things that they were not originally programmed for”.



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There is no suggestion that Google is involved in the development of autonomous weapons systems. Last month a UN panel of government experts debated autonomous weapons and found Google to be eschewing AI for use in weapons systems and engaging in best practice.

Nolan, who has joined the [Campaign to Stop Killer Robots](#) and has briefed UN diplomats in New York and Geneva over the dangers posed by autonomous weapons, said: “The likelihood of a disaster is in proportion to how many of these machines will be in a particular area at once. What you are looking at are possible atrocities and unlawful killings even under laws of

warfare, especially if hundreds or thousands of these machines are deployed.

“There could be large-scale accidents because these things will start to behave in unexpected ways. Which is why any advanced weapons systems should be subject to meaningful human control, otherwise they have to be banned because they are far too unpredictable and dangerous.”

Google recruited Nolan, a computer science graduate from Trinity College Dublin, to work on Project Maven in 2017 after she had been employed by the tech giant for four years, becoming one of its top software engineers in Ireland.

She said she became “increasingly ethically concerned” over her role in the Maven programme, which was devised to help the US Department of Defense drastically speed up drone video recognition technology.

Instead of using large numbers of military operatives to spool through hours and hours of drone video footage of potential enemy targets, Nolan and others were asked to build a system where AI machines could differentiate people and objects at an infinitely faster rate.

Google allowed the Project Maven contract to lapse in March this year after more than 3,000 of its employees [signed a petition in protest against the company's involvement](#).

“As a site reliability engineer my expertise at Google was to ensure that our systems and infrastructures were kept running, and this is what I was supposed to help Maven with. Although I was not directly involved in speeding up the video footage recognition I realised that I was still part of the kill chain; that this would ultimately lead to more people being targeted and killed by the US military in places like Afghanistan.”

Although she resigned over Project Maven, Nolan has predicted

that autonomous weapons being developed pose a far greater risk to the human race than remote-controlled drones.

She outlined how external forces ranging from changing weather systems to machines being unable to work out complex human behaviour might throw killer robots off course, with possibly fatal consequences.

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## **Former Google Engineer Says Google Will Try to Prevent Trump from Being Re-Elected in 2020**

Former Google engineer, Kevin Cernekee, said that there was political bias within the tech giant and a federal investigation through the Labor Board was initiated after he complained. He claimed to have been bullied and ultimately fired for his right-wing beliefs. He warned that Google's agenda is to defeat President Donald Trump's bid for re-election in 2020.

Friday on Fox News Channel's "Tucker Carlson Tonight," former Google engineer Kevin Cernekee argued there was political bias within the tech giant.

Cernekee claimed to have been bullied and ultimately fired for his right-wing beliefs. However, Cernekee said it was his view that Google would attempt to thwart President Donald Trump's re-election in 2020.

*Partial transcript as follows:*

*CARLSON: How ideological is the management at Google?*

*CERNEKEE: It's highly ideological. You can see bias at every level at the organization. One thing that I noticed that just handling routine issues is plagued with bias. Like they will get a report, an email with a liberal reporter complaining about something and they will jump on it and they will fix the issue very, very quickly. In contrast, one thing that I saw when I worked there was if you do a Google search for "Crippled America," which is Donald Trump's book you would get results that would show "Mein Kampf" instead of "Crippled America." And I reported that I filed a bug, I escalated it, I tried to run*

it up the chain. They took nine months to fix that bug. They just stalled at every opportunity. They assigned it to people who no longer work there. They made every excuse in the book to avoid taking down something that made Donald Trump look bad. And I saw a number of incidents just like that.

CARLSON: Do you think that Google will attempt to influence the election outcome. Attempt to prevent Trump from being re-elected?

CERNEKEE: I do believe so. I think that's a major threat. They have openly stated that they think 2016 was a mistake. They thought Trump should have lost in 2016. They really want Trump to lose in 2020. That's their agenda. They have very biased people running every level of the company. They have quite a bit of control over the political process. That's something we should really worry about.

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# Global Elites Take Private Jets, Yachts to Secret Google Summer Camp to Solve World Problems

Google co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin are entertaining an elite group, including former President Obama, Prince Harry, Leonardo DiCaprio, and Katy Perry, at their three-day Google Summer Camp in Sicily. Everything about the meeting is secret but it has been implied that their goal is to explore solutions to world problems, including such non-problems as global warming and the need for more women in engineering careers. Clearly there is a hidden agenda more important than that. According to Italian press reports, the attendees were expected to show up in 114 private jets which will spew 100,000 kilograms of CO<sub>2</sub> into the air – not a good start if they really think CO<sub>2</sub> is causing global warming. The event will cost \$20-million. -GEG

The great and the good from the worlds of business, finance, politics, entertainment, and European royalty have

## descended on the Sicilian seaside for a billionaire's-only party dubbed Google Summer Camp.

Google co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin have invited a who's who of A-list names – including former President Barack Obama, Prince Harry, Leonardo DiCaprio and Katy Perry (to name a few) – to their annual deluxe climate chat, [according to](#) the *New York Post*, each and every one charged with the responsibility of helping the rest of humanity find ways of fighting climate change.

Traditionally held every year at the end of July, the famed Verdura Resort hosts the top-secret gathering, with the three-day summer camp costing the tech giant some \$20 million, sources told the *Post*.

Many of the guests, including Obama and DiCaprio – who has his own climate change foundation – have described global warming as the biggest threat to future generations.

Forbes [reports](#) numerous yachts are currently moored off the beach at Verdura Resort

having discharged their passengers; German pharmaceutical titan Udo J.

Vetter's sailing yacht *Aquarius*, Barry Diller and Diane Von Furstenberg's sailing yacht *EOS*, Graeme Hart's yacht *Ulysses* with others en route including David Geffen's yacht *Rising Sun*, Google's Eric Schmidt's yacht *Infinity* and its support vessel *Intrepid*, among them.

According to Italian press [reports](#), the attendees were also expected to show up in 114 private jets, of which 40 had arrived by Sunday.

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## **Representative Tulsi Gabbard Is Suing Google \$50-Million for Censoring Her 2020 Presidential Campaign**

Democratic presidential candidate Representative Tulsi Gabbard

has filed a federal lawsuit against Google for suspending her campaign's advertising account following the first debate in June. Google suspended the campaign's advertising account for six hours from June 27th into June 28, immediately following the debate while searches for her were trending. She is seeking an injunction against Google to prevent them from continuing to meddle in the election and is asking for \$50-million compensation for damages. The lawsuit also alleges that Google is sending her campaign emails to people's spam folders at "a disproportionately high rate" compared to other campaigns. -GEG

**Democratic presidential candidate Rep. Tulsi Gabbard has filed a federal lawsuit against Google for suspending her campaign's advertising account following the first debate in June.**

Gabbard was the most searched candidate at the time.

*Map: before and after the [#DemDebate](#)  
[pic.twitter.com/7y3iNoJR1N](https://pic.twitter.com/7y3iNoJR1N)*

*– GoogleTrends (@GoogleTrends) [June 27, 2019](#)*

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The lawsuit was filed in a Los Angeles federal court on Thursday, the New York Times [reports](#).

They are seeking an injunction against Google to prevent them from continuing to meddle in the election and damages of at least \$50 million.

*“Google’s discriminatory actions against my campaign are reflective of how dangerous their complete dominance over internet search is, and how the increasing dominance of big tech companies over our public discourse threatens our core American values,” Rep. Gabbard said in a statement to the Times. “This is a threat to free speech, fair elections, and to our democracy, and I intend to fight back on behalf of all Americans.”*

A Google spokesperson told [the Hill](#) that the account was suspended due to sudden “large spending changes” that were detected automatically.

“We have automated systems that flag unusual activity on all advertiser accounts – including large spending changes – in order to prevent fraud and protect our customers,” the spokeswoman said.

“In this case, our system triggered a suspension and the account was reinstated shortly thereafter.”

Her campaign says that they had increased spending as she had become the most searched candidate following her performance in the debate.

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## **Tech Mogul, Peter Thiel, Says Google Is a Threat to National Security and May Have Committed Treason**

President Trump indicated there may be a US investigation of Google after tech mogul, Peter Thiel, suggested that the company has been working and sharing its artificial intelligence (AI) information with the Chinese military instead of US armed forces – and that top management has become a hotbed for Chinese spies. Thiel posed questions for investigators' probe into Google's AI software: "How many foreign intelligence agencies have infiltrated Google? Have the Chinese, in particular, infiltrated? And why are you working with Communist China and not the U.S.?" Google replied

that it does not work with the Chinese military. -GEG

President Trump said his administration will probe Silicon Valley billionaire Peter Thiel's claims that Google has "seemingly treasonous" ties with China.

Trump signaled there will be a US investigation after Thiel over the weekend [suggested that Google has been actively working with the Chinese military](#) instead of the US armed forces – and that top management has become a hotbed for Chinese spies.

In a [Tuesday morning tweet](#), Trump called Thiel – a libertarian tech tycoon who helped bankroll Trump's 2016 presidential campaign – a "great and brilliant guy who knows this subject better than anyone," and said that the "Trump Administration will take a look!"

In a Sunday speech before the National Conservatism Conference in Washington, DC, Thiel said Google should be investigated by the FBI and CIA "in a not excessively gentle manner." He didn't provide any evidence for his concerns, but urged investigators to ask the search giant three questions.

“Number one, how many foreign intelligence agencies have infiltrated your Manhattan Project for AI?” Thiel said, likening Google parent Alphabet’s [DeepMind artificial intelligence project](#) to the secret US program that developed the atomic bomb.

“Number two, does Google’s senior management consider itself to have been thoroughly infiltrated by Chinese intelligence?” Thiel asked.

Lastly, he said the feds should ask Google executives if they “consider themselves to be so thoroughly infiltrated that they have engaged in the seemingly treasonous decision to work with the Chinese military and not with the US military” because the tech would be stolen by China anyway.

Under pressure from its own employees, Google last summer pledged that it would not use AI in ways that could be considered unethical, declining to renew a contract with the US military to use its AI technology to analyze drone footage.

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# **Psychologist, Dr. Robert Epstein, Says Big Tech Can 'Shift Upwards of 15 Million Votes with No One Knowing They Have Been Manipulated'**

Dr. Epstein, a senior research psychologist at the American Institute for Behavioral Research and Technology, responded to the Project Veritas sting video, which shows Google executive Jen Gennai proclaiming the tech giant she works for is determined to prevent the re-election of Donald Trump, by saying that it confirms that Google could influence votes and is willing to do so. Epstein estimated that Big Tech could sway 15 million votes because Google and Facebook are unregulated at this time.

Tuesday on Fox News Channel's "Tucker Carlson Tonight," psychologist

Dr. Robert Epstein explained how a recently released Project Veritas [undercover video](#), which shows Google executive Jen Gennai proclaiming the tech

giant she works for is determined to prevent the re-election of Donald Trump, verified what he has concluded from his research.

Epstein, a senior research psychologist at the American Institute for Behavioral Research and Technology, told Fox News' Tucker Carlson it confirmed that Google could influence votes and is willing to do so.

"I'm not surprised in the least," Epstein said. "It confirms in glowing terms, or in very ugly terms if you want to look at it that way, that Google not only has the power to shift opinions and votes on a massive scale but they exercise this power. This is what I measure in my research. So, I can tell you fairly precisely how many votes they can shift. I can tell you fairly precisely how many votes they shifted in 2018."

Carlson asked Epstein how that wasn't "hacking" an election, to which Epstein said there was no regulation preventing it and estimated Big Tech could sway 15 million votes.

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# **The News Industry Generates \$4.7 Billion for Google and Publishers Want a Cut of the Action**

A study by the News Media Alliance showed that Google made \$4.7 billion in 2018 from the news industry. David Chavern, the president of the alliance which represents 2,000 newspapers across the country, claims that they deserve a cut of the \$4.7 billion in profits that Google makes from news content that generates revenue for the tech giant for free while publishers receive little in return.

The *New York Times* writes in a recent article that a new study shows that Google made approximately \$4.7 billion from the News industry in 2018. The News Media Alliance, which represents 2,000 newspapers, believes that journalists deserve a cut from the Masters of

## the Universe.

In an article titled "Google Made \$4.7 Billion From the News Industry in 2018, Study Says," the *New York Times* [states](#) that a new study from the News Media Alliance has estimated that Google made \$4.7 billion from the News industry last year. The president and chief executive of the alliance, which represents 2,000 newspapers across the country, has now claimed that journalists deserve a cut of that \$4.7 billion.

The *Times* writes:

*\$4,700,000,000.*

*It's more than the combined ticket sales of the last two "Avengers" movies. It's more than what virtually any professional sports team is worth. And it's the amount that Google made from the work of news publishers in 2018 via search and Google News, according to a study to be released on Monday by the News Media Alliance.*

*The journalists who create that content deserve a cut of that \$4.7 billion, said David Chavern, the president and chief executive of the alliance, which represents more than 2,000*

*newspapers across the country, including The New York Times.*

*“They make money off this arrangement,” Mr. Chavern said, “and there needs to be a better outcome for news publishers.”*

*That \$4.7 billion is nearly as much as the \$5.1 billion brought in by the United States news industry as a whole from digital advertising last year – and the News Media Alliance cautioned that its estimate for Google’s income was conservative. For one thing, it does not count the value of the personal data the company collects on consumers every time they click on an article like this one.*

Terrance C.Z. Egger, the chief executive of Philadelphia Inquirer PBC, told the *Times*: “The study blatantly illustrates what we all know so clearly and so painfully. The current dynamics in the relationships between the platforms and our industry are devastating.” The study by the alliance has been made public ahead of the House subcommittee hearing on Tuesday on the relationship between Silicon Valley tech firms and the media. But Google has taken issue with some of the report’s findings:

*Google contested the study’s findings, which were disputed in several posts on Twitter. “These back-of-the envelope calculations are inaccurate,” the company said in*

*statement, adding that “the overwhelming number of news queries do not show ads.” The company said Google news and search sends over 10 billion clicks to publishers’ websites each month, driving subscriptions and ad revenue. “We’ve worked very hard to be a collaborative and supportive technology and advertising partner to news publishers worldwide.*

Data from the report by the alliance was partly taken from a study by the economics consulting firm Keystone Strategy which relies on statistics that were made public in 2008 when a Google executive estimated that Google News generated \$100 million in revenue. The study also notes that the company’s revenue has grown exponentially since 2008.

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# Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google Amassing a “Lobbying Army” to Fight Potential Investigations

Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google have reportedly amassed a “lobbying army” in preparation for the upcoming anti-trust investigations and calls to break the Silicon Valley tech monopolies. The four technology giants have spent a combined \$55 million on lobbying in 2018, doubling their previous record \$27.4 million spent in 2016. Currently, the four tech titans have amassed 238 lobbyists. Big Tech’s lobbying influence extends to calls with members of Congress, advertising, funding of think-tanks, and efforts to influence President Donald Trump.

Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google have reportedly amassed a “lobbying army” as they prepare to deal with an increasing amount of antitrust investigations and calls to break up the Silicon Valley Masters of the Universe.

Although America’s largest tech companies have historically stayed away from lobbying Congress, Amazon, Apple, Facebook, and Google have [transformed](#) into some of the largest influencers in Washington, D.C.

The four technology giants have spent a combined \$55 million on lobbying in 2018, doubling their previous record \$27.4 million spent in 2016, and some of the tech companies are spending at an even higher rate this year, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

The tech companies' rapid hiring of lobbyists arises as the House Judiciary Committee announced that it will start a "top-to-bottom" investigation of America's largest tech giants, the Donald Trump Department of Justice (DOJ) said it will [investigate](#) Google for potential antitrust violations, and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has reportedly [started](#) asking Amazon's rivals about the e-commerce giant's business practices.

Big Tech's rapidly growing influence [puts](#) these companies at relative parity with traditional lobbying powerhouses such as the defense, automobile, and banking industries.

The four tech companies have reportedly amassed 238 lobbyists for the first quarter of 2019, both in-house and contracted lobbyists; roughly 75 percent of the lobbyists come from government offices or political campaigns.

Big Tech's lobbying influence extends to calls with members of

Congress, advertising, funding of think-tanks, and efforts to influence President Donald Trump, who has occasionally criticized Big Tech's censorship of conservatives and even Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos' ownership of the establishment *Washington Post*.

Breitbart News has [reported](#) that Google has donated to conservative think-tanks and publications such as the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI), the *National Review*, the Cato Institute, the American Conservative Union (ACU). Many of these institutions, such as the *National Review* and CEI have been critical of calls to rein-in Big Tech's dominant status and censorship of conservative and alternative viewpoints.

Sheila Krumholz, the executive director of the Center for Responsive Politics, told the *New York Times* that these companies have ramped up their lobbying efforts.

Krumholz said, "They are no longer upstarts dipping a toe in lobbying. They have both feet in."

Big Tech also has rapidly picked up former high-level congressional staffers to increase their influence on Capitol Hill.

Facebook hired Catlin O'Neill, who worked as Rep. Nancy

Pelosi's (D-CA) chief of staff, and who now works as the company's American director of public policy for the social media giant. Pelosi reportedly received nearly \$43,000 in total donations during the 2018 midterm cycle from employees and political action committees (PACs) of the Big Tech companies, each of which ranks among her top sources of campaign cash. Pelosi has typically served as a champion of Big Tech companies.

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

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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**Google's Health and Life Sciences Division Is Working**

# Toward the Extinction of Mosquitoes

Alphabet, the parent company of Google, has its life sciences division focused on forcing a mass mosquito extinction. In Fresno, California, researchers are breeding and setting loose sterilized mosquitoes that could wipe out the larger population. [This may not be as good as it sounds. Everything in nature has a role to play. The loss of mosquitoes in the global ecosystem will have consequences that the geniuses at Google cannot foresee.] -GEG

[Google](#) parent company Alphabet has its life sciences division focused on forcing a mass mosquito extinction. In the California city of Fresno, researchers are breeding and setting loose sterilized mosquitos that could help wipe out the larger population, according to a new [Bloomberg](#) report on the early testing of the program.

Like the buzz of an obnoxious fly, it's a headline that's hard to ignore, if only because it seems so strange. And sure, mosquitos are annoying. But this isn't overkill. The bloodsucking insects are a public health issue as [disease-carrying, infection-spreading pests](#) responsible for disseminating serious and sometimes deadly illnesses such the [Zika virus](#), [malaria](#), and the [dengue virus](#).

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## Google CEO: 'Full Extent' of Russian Meddling in 2016 Elections Was \$4,700 Spent on Ads

Google CEO Sundar Pichai revealed that the "full extent" of so-called Russian meddling that took place on Google in 2016 was \$4,700 spent on some digital advertisements. Meanwhile, Google employees and executives contributed \$1.6 million to 2016 Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. Google rigged their search algorithms in favor of Democrats.

A protester dressed as Rich Uncle Pennybags ('Monopoly Man') attended the Congressional hearing and said, "Google spent \$18-million lobbying politicians in 2017 – more than any other company. In return, Congress abandoned its oversight role and allowed Google to wield monopoly power over every person who uses the internet." The activist, Ian Madrigal, was formerly named Amanda Weaver and is a strategy director for Revolution Messaging, a firm run by Keegan Goudiss, who was Bernie Sanders' director of digital advertising during the 2016 election. -GEG

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJUq3F3zKQg>