

Question for written answer E-003486/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Impact of the Digital Services Act on EU-US relations

Following the 3 September 2025 hearing before the US House of Representatives' House Judiciary Committee, chaired by Congressman Jim Jordan, which scrutinised the EU's Digital Services Act (DSA) as a potential threat to free speech and technical innovation in the US, concerns have arisen regarding the DSA's impact on EU-US relations.

In the light of these developments, and given the DSA's provisions affecting non-EU companies that have EU users, I would like to ask the Commission:

1. The extraterritorial provisions of the DSA could damage relations with non-EU countries such as the United States, rendering an already difficult international context even more challenging for the EU. Does the Commission envisage removing the most contentious parts of the DSA (regarding censorship and extraterritoriality) to facilitate better relations with non-EU countries?
2. During the hearing, claims from Brussels that the DSA is not extraterritorial were contradicted by assertions that the EU is seeking to integrate the DSA into trade negotiations with Canada. Is this correct?
3. Mr Thierry Breton, former Commissioner for Internal Market, chose not to attend the hearing despite being invited to do so. Did the Commission play any role in Mr Breton's decision not to attend?

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