

**Question for written answer E-003535/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Knife attack on babies in Annecy: did the French Government force Twitter to censor a tweet that criticised the terrorist and the Government?

On 8 June 2023, a Syrian ‘refugee’ armed with a knife ran amok in a park, stabbing six people, including four babies aged between one and three years old¹.

According to a report by the US House of Representatives published on 25 July 2025, a comment by a US national on that terrorist attack was censored by the French Government²:

‘[...] in 2023, the French National Police directed X to remove a post³ from a U.S.-based account that satirically noted that a terrorist attack perpetrated by a Syrian refugee may have been caused by permissive French immigration and citizenship policies’.

1. Was the Commission aware of these French calls for global censorship of this terrorist attack?
2. Does the Digital Services Act give the Member States a mandate to ban all criticism – even when it is ironic – of terrorists or complacent governments on social media worldwide? What about censorship of posts on immigration or the climate⁴?

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¹ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T2-s_Hm5cRg

² US House of Representatives, *The Foreign Censorship Threat: How the European Union’s Digital Services Act compels global censorship and infringes on American free speech* https://judiciary.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/republicans-judiciary.house.gov/files/2025-07/DSA_Report%26Appendix%2807.25.25%29.pdf; <https://judiciary.house.gov/media/press-releases/foreign-censorship-threat-how-european-unions-digital-services-act-compels>, p. 8.

³ ‘I sincerely hope this little dust-up in Annecy doesn’t hurt this poor young Syrian asylum seekers chances of becoming a Frenchmen.’

⁴ NASK, a Polish research institute, asked TikTok to remove a post that stated that ‘electric cars are neither ecological nor an economical solution’, p. 8.