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to the Commission**

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Subject: EU reaction to the crackdown on freedom of speech and opinion in the United States

Sadly, it seems that the United States is currently experiencing an unprecedented crackdown on free speech and freedom of opinion. Following the assassination of Charlie Kirk, this trend seems to have intensified. The public discourse of the current administration¹ raises fears that government powers will be used to silence critics of the administration², ranging from news outlets to comedians and commentators.

Given the foregoing, can the Commission answer the following:

1. How and when will it bring up its concerns about the declining freedom of expression and opinion in the United States with the competent US authorities?
2. What concrete steps is it taking to ensure that European journalists, including those based in the United States, are not falling prey to the ongoing political repression under the Trump regime?
3. Is it willing to assist journalists, comedians, satirists and others working in the US media who might be at risk of persecution in that country, including, if necessary, by granting them political asylum?

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¹ <https://www.pbs.org/weta/washingtonweek/video/2025/09/free-speech-under-fire>.

² <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/sep/20/tucker-carlson-trump-free-speech-crackdown>.