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Subject: Policy Forum: Will Social Media Save Democracy?, May 31, 2018

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The Cato Institute invites you to a Policy Forum on Thursday, May 31, 2018

Will Social Media Save Democracy?

featuring

Alexandra Woodward, Digital Organizing Director,
Organizing for Action

Ned Ryun, Founder and CEO, American Majority

George Hawley, Author, *Making Sense of the Alt-Right*

Katie Harbath, Director, Global Politics and Government
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moderated by

Andrew Marantz, Contributing Editor, *The New Yorker*

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Many critics think social media poses a novel threat to liberal democracy. Seeking to divide Americans, agents of the Russian government bought ads on Facebook. Extreme speech also finds a home on the internet, fostering conflicts that appear to generate more heat than light. Governments and consumers worry about “fake news” designed to misinform readers for fun, profit, and power. And yet social media has made more information more widely available at less cost than any technology since the printing press. Less reliant on gatekeepers than traditional media, the new purveyors of news arguably better satisfy the diverse preferences of the American electorate. Following up on the Project on Political Reform at the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago, we will consider the troubles and triumphs of the social media platforms that promise to host American political debate for generations.

EVENT INFORMATION

Date: May 31, 2018

Time: 12:00PM - 1:30PM
(Lunch to follow)

Cost: Free of charge

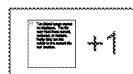
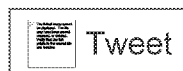
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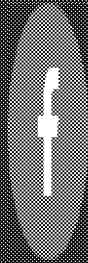
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