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Biden Team Calls For Social Media "Disinformation" Censorship Action After G7 Mishap Goes Viral

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The Biden administration is grappling with backlash as a video depicting President Joe Biden appearing vacant and wandering off, separating from his G7 peers circulated widely online. The footage, in which Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni directs President Biden back in the right direction for the planned photo opportunity, quickly gained traction and has spurred accusations from the media that outlets are disseminating the clip without adequate context, suggesting a deliberate skewing of Biden's actions.

In response to the spreading video, Adrienne Elrod, a spokesperson for Biden's campaign, labeled the footage "disinformation" and has called on social media platforms to remove or limit its distribution.

"Disinformation is alive and well," she told MSNBC. "...And, look, we're gonna see more of this. I mean, this is just the reality of campaigning in 2024. So we have to combat that disinformation. We have to hit it hard when it happens and make it clear that these are dirty tactics that MAGA Republicans are using because they can't run on the issues."

Elrod also said, "We're going to do what we can to combat it but it does take the voices of surrogates across the country. It does take the media to call it out." Elron also called on social media platforms to do something about it, "It does take social media platforms where a lot of Americans are getting their information to point it out as well."

This move aligns with previous instances where the Biden team has sought to manage narratives, notably during the October 2020 pre-election period when allegations regarding Hunter Biden's laptop, and the censorship demands of the COVID era.

With Elon Musk's platform X refusing to censor the content, the Biden camp's concern has intensified, facing the challenge of countering the narrative without the aid of content suppression on this major social media outlet.

Critics argue that such attempts to control media narratives through censorship are detrimental to public discourse, emphasizing the importance of transparency and the free exchange of ideas, even if they are unfavorable to those in power.

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