



HOUSE VERSION OF KOSA: New Edition, Same Censorship



The inaccurately-named “Kids Online Safety Act” is a false promise to American families and conservatives.

#1: It Still Empowers Government to Police Speech

The House’s changes to the “Duty of Care” section pay lip service to speech and coercion concerns, but fix nothing. The FTC, especially led by out of control partisans like Lina Khan, will use a broad interpretation of the statute to police content they deem inappropriate for kids. **This version of KOSA still explicitly gives the FTC powers to sue platforms over speech.** Even if they know they can’t win in court, the FTC will use the authority given in this bill to pressure companies into compliance.

#2: Conservative Speech is Still at Risk of Censorship

The duty of care provision in the House KOSA version still contains within it “serious emotional disturbance,” which can be easily weaponized. **Does conservative speech related to faith, abortion, social policy, or the environment cause “serious emotional disturbance” to progressives?** We know how they would answer that question.

#3: The FTC Will Take the Opportunity to Regulate Speech

While bills giving the government censorship authority are always a bad idea, passing them at the same time Lina Khan is under multiple congressional investigations and is hitting the campaign trail to stump for progressives would be a colossal mistake. She has shown constantly over her tenure that she is not to be confined by the letter or spirit of the law. **If Khan receives the opportunity from Congress to regulate online speech in her ideological mold, she will take it.**

#4: Bureaucrats Would Regulate Companies Into Submission

The House version claims to be better by targeting only “high-impact” companies, but this makes the bill more unconstitutional as it targets certain companies for speech that it simultaneously allows others to carry. **It does nothing to address concerns about government overreach, as all platforms host diverse users and vast speech.** Granting the FTC authority over these platforms risks control over millions of posts, including conservative viewpoints and causes.

#5: It Creates a “Sue-to-Silence” Regime

None of the changes address the underlying reality: KOSA is a wildly unconstitutional, vaguely-worded censorship bill that gives false promises to Americans. **It creates a sue-to-silence regime that bureaucrats will use to scrub voices from the internet.**