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The United States Constitution

Article II, Section 1 of the U.S. Constitution imposes only three eligibility requirements on persons serving as president, based on the officeholder's age, time of residency in the U.S., and citizenship status:

U.S. Constitution - Presidential Candidate Eligibility

"No person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty-five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States."

The Public Right to Truth Act

A Bill to establish the right of the American people to truth in government and corporate communications, to prohibit the use of propaganda against citizens, and to ensure transparency and accountability in all public information.

Section 1. Short Title

This Act may be cited as the "Public Right to Truth Act of 2025."

Section 2. Findings and Purpose

Findings:

- 1. The Ninth Amendment reserves unenumerated rights to the people; among these is the fundamental right to truth in matters of public governance and communication.
- 2. Propaganda defined as deliberate misinformation or manipulative communication funded by government or corporate entities undermines democracy, corrodes public trust, and threatens national security.
- 3. The American people have a right to information that is accurate, transparent, and free of deceptive manipulation, especially when such information is distributed using taxpayer resources or through corporations entrusted with public communication.

Purpose:

The purpose of this Act is to:

- Establish the **Public Right to Truth** as a legal guarantee.
- Prohibit government and corporations from knowingly distributing false or manipulative information to the American people.

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• Ensure transparency and independent oversight in public communications.

Section 3. Definitions

- 1. "Propaganda" means any communication, message, or campaign that:
 - a. Is funded, directed, or facilitated by a government or corporate entity; and
 - b. Contains deliberate falsehoods, material omissions, or manipulative framing designed to influence belief or behavior rather than inform.
- 2. "Government communication" means any message, statement, advertisement, or publication issued by a federal, state, or local agency.
- 3. "Corporation" means any business entity operating in the United States with influence over public communication, including media, technology, and advertising platforms.
- 4. "Independent Citizen Oversight Board" means the body established under Section 7 of this Act.

Section 4. Establishment of the Public Right to Truth

- 1. The right to truth in government and corporate communications is hereby recognized as a protected right of all U.S. citizens.
- 2. No government agency or corporation shall knowingly:
 - a. Disseminate propaganda as defined in Section 3.
 - b. Conceal or distort material facts in matters of public policy, health, security, or finance.

Section 5. Transparency Requirements

- 1. All government communications must include a clear disclosure of funding sources and the verifiable data on which claims are based.
- 2. Corporations distributing government communications must label them prominently as such.
- 3. Any corrections or retractions must be issued publicly and with equal prominence to the original message.

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Section 6. Enforcement and Penalties

1. Civil Penalties:

o Corporations found guilty of knowingly distributing propaganda shall be fined not less than \$5,000,000 per violation.

2. Criminal Liability:

 Government officials or corporate officers who knowingly authorize propaganda shall be subject to fines and imprisonment of up to 5 years.

3. Accountability for Misuse of Taxpayer Funds:

 Any government official found to have used taxpayer funds for propaganda shall be permanently barred from holding public office.

Section 7. Independent Citizen Oversight Board

- 1. There is hereby established an **Independent Citizen Oversight Board** composed of representatives from civil society, journalism, academia, and ordinary citizens selected by lottery.
- 2. The Board shall:
 - o Audit government and corporate communications.
 - o Issue annual reports to Congress and the public.
 - Have the power to refer violations for prosecution.

Section 8. Whistleblower Protections

Employees who expose propaganda campaigns shall receive full whistleblower protections, including anonymity, protection from retaliation, and a share of any recovered penalties.

Section 9. Severability

If any provision of this Act is held unconstitutional, the remainder shall not be affected.



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Signed into law: