

## The Earn It Act Will Silence Diverse Voices and Push Them Back Into the Margins

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Today, Senators Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina), Richard Blumenthal (D-Connecticut), and eight other senators introduced the EARN IT Act, a bill that would undermine key protections for online speech and innovation.

If enacted, the bill will remove legal protections that have fostered a renaissance amongst creators – protections that have empowered diverse voices to build platforms despite the attempts of traditional gatekeepers pushing them to the margins. Without these protections, movements like #MeToo or #BlackLivesMatters might have been deemed too radical, or cultural commentary deemed too provocative to have ever been given the opportunity to grow and shift the national dialogue.

This bill will undermine Americans' rights and give the government unprecedented control over online speech. Throughout history we have seen that whenever legislation is passed to put the government in control of speech, it is the communities speaking from the margins that are silenced.