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TERMS OF USE PRIVACY

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y surprised its user base when CEO Andy Yen
edia.



phone screen with its website interface in the background.
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LY behind the eponymous email provider Proton Mail, has won
is, investigative journalists, and others skeptical of the prying eyes
adquartered in Switzerland, the service describes itself as “a neutral
l data, committed to defending your freedom.”

nth when Proton CEO Andy Yen praised the Republican Party in a
ars ago, Republicans were the party of big business and Dems stood
tables have completely turned.” When the tweet went viral,
posted a now-deleted comment stating that “Until corporate Dems
t Republicans remain more likely to tackle Big Tech abuses.”

response across social media accounts, stating that the post — here is our official response” — was in fact “removed because it ment.” The reply went on to say: “Our policy is that official ess personal political opinions. If it happens by mistake, we correct

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e, also available on the Mastodon post in the screenshot:
is real. In 2022, we campaigned extensively in the US for

bipartisan support. Chuck Schumer (who coincidentally has big tech lobbyists) refused to bring the bills for a vote. antitrust remedies, out of all the invited senators, just a Vance.

es of many policy issues, we have seen the shift between r the past decade first hand.

n the progressive wing (Bernie Sanders, etc), versus end money won and constituents lost.

hrown out, the reality is that Republicans remain more likely

deleted official response to CEO Andy Yen’s post in support of the
Reddit

st had been an “internal miscommunication,” later also writing that

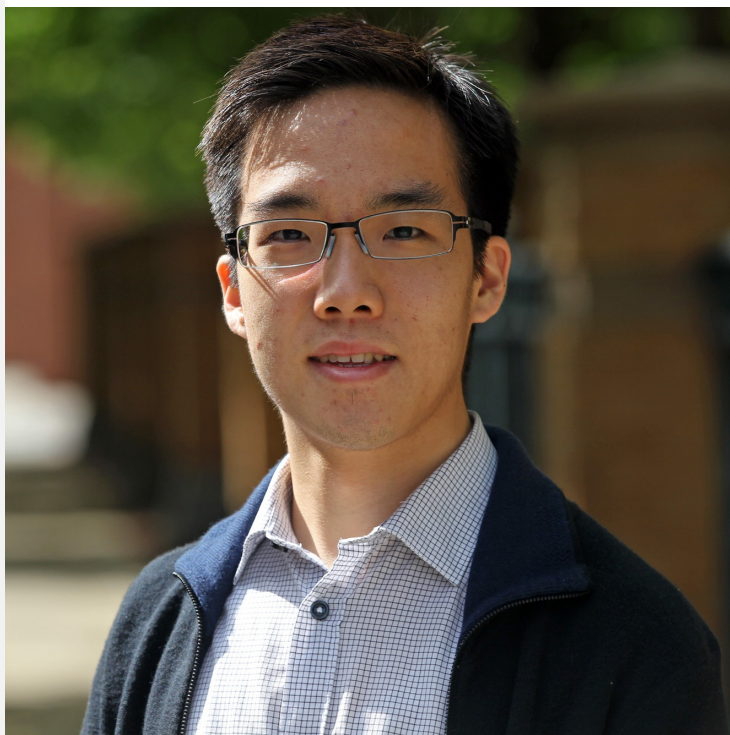
statement explaining that “while we may share facts and analysis, to share no opinions of a political nature. The line between facts, arry at times, but we will seek to better clarify this over time t.” Yen didn’t specifically address whether the deleted post had

ment, Proton reiterated the claim that it is a “politically neutral state that “regardless of one’s views about the wider Republication is needed on antitrust then the appointment of Gail Slater is a ident Donald Trump’s choice to head the Justice Department’s stated that “Big Tech CEOs are tripping over themselves to kiss p represents an unprecedented challenge to their monopolistic

Governments Ask for Data

Proton as being a “privacy-first” company, and its homepage touts belongs to you, not tech companies, governments, or hackers.” It revealed user information to authorities. For instance, Proton addressed at the request of French authorities made via Europol to her post at the time, stating, “Proton must comply with Swiss law. However, privacy protections can be suspended and we’re required by law from Swiss authorities.”

The enforcement page states that it requires a copy of a “police report or a foreign or domestic one. For its part, Proton told The Intercept that in response to US subpoenas, it doesn’t matter if it’s Biden or Trump in power.”



Mail. Photo: Stuart Cahill/MediaNews Group/Boston Herald

Proton does not read any of your messages or hand them over to third parties,” and it does not store subjects; sender or recipient names and email addresses; the time and date of the message. Information in the “header” section of email messages. Proton explicitly states that “If we receive a Swiss court order, we do have the ability to turn over the subjects

he Department of Justice sought to clandestinely obtain “non-
ls, including phone and email records, of reporters at a variety of
he New York Times. While the subject of an email is considered
include metadata such as the date and time a message was sent, as
of an email.

led DOJ, coupled with the praise and efforts by tech CEOs to curry
s raised the question of how amenable the industry will be to data
inistration. It’s a particularly important question for the types of
n — the kind fearful of exposing sensitive sources or persecuted
(The Intercept uses Proton Mail as its email provider.)

position of trust because we want them to have users’ backs when
g for data,” said Andrew Crocker, the Electronic Frontier
on director, which has published an annual “Who Has Your Back?”
ies’ acquiescence to government requests for user data.

ch companies’ backbone for protecting users in this way might
ally involved with any one administration,” Crocker said.

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Where Syrian Kurds Are Under Attack by Turkey

z, Henri Sulku - 1:26 pm

they and its militias have cut off the Kurdish city of Kobane from the rest of Syria.



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osite images of suspects built on DNA. Critics say the product is snake-oil science
the criminal legal system.



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