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Facebook is partnering with the Atlantic Council to combat election meddling, the company announced on Thursday.

The Atlantic Council, an anti-President Donald Trump, George-Soros funded think tank, has a "stellar reputation looking at innovative solutions to hard problems," Facebook said in a press release.

The Atlantic Council violated their own "ethos and policies" and possibly even IRS 501(c)(3) regulations, The Daily Caller reported in October 2016. During the 2016 presidential election, a top official at the think tank didn't disclose he offered to be a surrogate for Hillary Clinton's campaign and proposed hosting an anti-Trump event as seen in email exchanges he had with Clinton's campaign.

Atlantic Council's Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center Director Peter Schechter sent the emails, which brought into question whether the think tank violated IRS regulations that prohibit a nonprofit organization from engaging in political activity in support of or opposition to political candidates.

The Atlantic Council — which gets its funding from a program of leftist billionaire George Soros' Open Society Foundation called "Open Society Initiative for Europe" — also has political ties to the government of Turkey. The nonprofit think tank has organized events for the Turkish government and received money from some companies also linked to the Turkish government, The Daily Caller reported in October 2017.

Facebook has been accused of letting the Russian government, or Russian actors, use its platform to spread propaganda with the intention to divide Americans in the 2016 election — or strictly support the Trump campaign — depending on the source.

The Atlantic Council has a history of being anti-Russia. The think tank has published reports about how the U.S. can "get tougher on Russia" and how to "fight back against Russian political warfare," The Daily Caller reported in June 2017.

Facebook will "use the Atlantic Council's Digital Research Unit Monitoring Missions during elections and other highly sensitive moments" to ensure no meddling takes place in elections, the company said. (RELATED: Zuckerberg To Testify Before EU 'As Soon As Possible')

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