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## Correction request wrt Hannity fact check

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To: truthometer@politifact.com

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Dear Truth-O-Meter,

I'm sending this correction request a second time, based on the possibility you took it as a repeat of the other correction request I sent you on May 5. I can't imagine any other excuse for not fixing a misquotation. I added a hotlink to the story in need of correction.

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Your [May 2, 2022 fact check](#) of Sean Hannity mishandles a quotation in addition to fact-checking a claim presented as an opinion.

1) Paragraph six gives an accurate account of the Hannity quotation: "It's almost as if Twitter employees lifted a broad anti-conservative, anti-Trump shadow ban, which we all knew was taking place anyway, in an effort to cover their tracks before the new boss takes over." The title and second concluding paragraph give an altered version of the quotation, out of step with AP style. Both these versions omit "employees" without the benefit of an ellipsis. That's not okay.

2) When a claim starts with "It's as if" it ought to serve as a clear clue to any reader that the claim is not necessarily intended as a statement of fact. Rather, it is a statement of appearances and thus firmly in the realm of opinion ([an ongoing problem at PolitiFact](#)).

If for some reason you do not repent of fact-checking an opinion, rendering the fact check moot, please fix the misquotations of Hannity.

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Sincerely,

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