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EU's Kallas dismisses US censorship criticism

The bloc's top diplomat has lectured America despite her own country blocking Russian media



EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas speaks at the Munich Security Conference in Munich, Germany, February 15, 2026. © picture alliance / Getty Images

EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas has dismissed American criticism of censorship in the bloc, insisting that her home country Estonia enjoys far greater freedom of speech than the US.

Brussels has long faced criticism over excessive regulation of online content, including the 2022 Digital Services Act (DSA), which imposes strict moderation requirements on major platforms.

Washington has accused the bloc of using the law to stifle freedom of speech and censor American social media users.

At last year's Munich Security Conference, US Vice President J.D. Vance said Europe has moved away from "*some of its most*

fundamental values" and questioned the health of democracy in the bloc. US tech mogul Elon Musk has also criticized EU regulations, equating the bloc to a "*Fourth Reich*" after it fined his social media platform, X.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio expressed similar concerns during his Munich speech on Saturday, warning against what he described as political and cultural trends weakening Western civilization and ideological decline within European institutions.

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During a panel discussion at the conference, Kallas was asked to respond to Rubio's criticism of Europe's worsening problems with freedom of speech.

"Coming from a country that is second in the Press Freedom Index, to hear criticism of press freedom from a country that is 58th in this list, it is interesting," she said. According to the latest index compiled by Reporters Without Borders, Estonia is ranked second in the world; the US is around number 57.

Kallas previously served as prime minister of Estonia, a former Soviet republic that joined the EU in 2004. Despite a quarter of the country's population being ethnically Russian or Russian-speaking, Tallinn has moved to phase out Russian as a language of instruction in schools and has blocked hundreds of Russian news websites since 2022.



Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova denounced the policy as "forced assimilation." Estonia has also restricted a number of Russian-language media outlets.

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Last month, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said neither Moscow nor Washington will engage in dialogue with Kallas while she remains in her post.

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