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## EU'S TECH INDEPENDENCE PUSH DISAPPOINTS BRUSSELS AND IRKS THE AMERICANS

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*The European Commission swings at Big Tech — and annoys everyone.*

In crafting its so-called tech sovereignty package, the European Commission had two goals: to put in place a plan to wean Europe off U.S. tech, and not to anger the Americans. Judging by the early reactions, it risks disappointing on both.

This long-delayed package finally recognizes the scale of Europe's digital dependency, but ultimately falls short, said Kim van Sparrentak, a Greens lawmaker in the European Parliament. I am skeptical that this will be sufficient to ensure long-term independence from the U.S.

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