

## **Social Media Censorship Intensifies**

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Both the Free Thought Project and The Anti-Media lost their social media accounts in a coordinated attack today by Facebook and Twitter.

Facebook alone removed 559 pages and 251 accounts.

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Antiwar critics of establishment politics <u>@AntiMedia</u> and <u>@TFTPROJECT</u> just had their pages with millions of followers deleted by Facebook, along with hundreds of other alternative media outlets. Latest escalation of corporate censorship used as state censorship in the west. <u>pic.twitter.com/Fdk9Yd13jl</u>

— Caitlin Johnstone (@caitoz) October 11, 2018

Facebook has unpublished our page

After 5 years of building fans Facebook has officially unpublished our page (3.1 million fans) so we can't post on it anymore. This is truly an outrage and we are devastated. We will do everything we can to recover our page and fight back. pic.twitter.com/H3AmHTT8Qo

Free Thought Project (@TFTPROJECT) October 11, 2018

Dan Dicks is another victim.

"The Press For Truth FaceBook Page with 350k followers has just been memory holed form the internet! 350k followers gone in the blink of an eye as we are right before our eyes witnessing the results of what happens when these big tech companies appoint themselves as the gatekeepers of political thought and opinion," a <a href="headline story">headline story</a> at Press For Truth reports today.

First they came for Alex Jones and now <u>@facebook</u> has taken down <u>@DanDicksPFT</u> Press For Truth page! This is insanity, Dan has been one of the most inspirational and rational independent journalists of our era! <u>@DewsNewz</u> <u>@PrisonPlanet</u> <u>@LeighStewy</u> <u>@PressForTruth</u> <u>pic.twitter.com/EA5WatAHUI</u>

— Jason Bermas (@JasonBermas) October 11, 2018

Facebook just shut down, Free Thought Project, Press For Truth, Anti-Media and dozens of other VERY IMPORTANT alternative media pages that we, of course, have a very close relationship with.

EVERYONE b4 we get totally erased please sign up here <a href="https://t.co/TjukqdhBwl">https://t.co/TjukqdhBwl</a>

— Luke Rudkowski (@Lukewearechange) October 11, 2018

The midterm election is being used as an excuse to purge social media accounts and thus reduce traffic to websites on the target list.

First it was alt-right figures like **Milo Yiannopoulos** and **Mike Cernovich** who had their accounts pulled for behavior that is an every day occurrence by others on social media.

Then **Alex Jones** was taken down. This was a landmark event that served notice on other websites diverging from the establishment narrative and spreading dangerous "alternative facts."

Now the effort has moved on the the next level of targets, those with moderate to high social media traffic and successful websites with growing viewership. Not millions like Jones, but a couple hundred thousand all the way down to tens of thousands.

Numbers are way down for sites banished from the corporate social media kingdom. Traffic is drying up and thus support.

This is precisely what the establishment and its political class have in mind. It has nothing to do with "inauthentic" content as they claim. It is a concerted effort to wipe out for good entire segments of the alternative media.

If Democrats take control of Congress next month, watch out. They will make it impossible for another Donald Trump to get elected with the help of social media.

They leveraged the patently absurd and widely discredited Russian influence scam. The accusation Trump somehow colluded with the Russians has been used to tarnish his supporters, conservatives in general, and other groups not part of the establishment engineered political arrangement.

Google, Facebook, Twitter, and others are building an algorithmic filter. It will not permit entire segments of the population to weigh in on political issues during federal elections.

That model, most recently tested in Brazil, will be used. If successful in November, it will be further implemented after the election.

The European model (not based on constitutional liberties) will be adopted. This is a collectivist arrangement where certain groups are protected by the government while individual Germans and Swedes are singled out and prosecuted for criticizing the arrangement on social media.

Finally, I believe somewhere down the line many of us will barred access to the internet if were appear on a government list similar to the malfunctioning no-fly list. This will be easy to implement. Pass a law forbidding ISPs from selling service to Americans espousing political ideas considered racist, homophobic, misogynistic, transphobic, etc., by the

government.

In the current political climate, it's easy to fall into one of these categories. Others will be memory holed simply due to their political philosophy, most notably conservatives and libertarians, but also nonviolent radical leftists and progressives opposed to the military-industrial-surveillance complex and neoliberal globalism.

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