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“ I was seeing them interfering on a global level in elections. I saw a blatant exception that just targeted conservatives or favored liberals” and you know, we’re deleting on average 300 posts or actioning 300 posts a day,” said Arizona-based Facebook content moderator Ryan Hartwig. “ If you magnify that by however many content moderators there are on a global scale, that’s a lot of stuff that’s getting taken down,” he said.

Hartwig is the second Facebook Whistleblower Project Veritas debuted this week to report on the behavior. [Earlier this week](#), recordings captured Facebook content moderators bragging about deleting posts and comments supporting President Donald Trump and conservative causes.

Hartwig was employed by Cognizant the same third-party company reported earlier this week to have contracted with Facebook to conduct content moderation. Cognizant content moderators are called “ process executives” and they use Facebook’s review queue to adjudicate whether a post or comment should be allowed, taken down or escalated to a supervisor.

Hartwig wore a hidden camera to document reviewing of content and office interactions. In an interview with Project Veritas CEO James O’Keefe, Hartwig said although he signed a confidentiality agreement, he could no longer ignore the suppression of Facebook content supporting President Donald Trump, Republican causes or the conservative agenda with a massive exception to the company’s public position on protecting political speech across the platform.

“ That was the tipping point. knowing about what I knew about how they were giving exceptions for the policy, I knew that it was likely that it was happening elsewhere on a global scale,” he said. “ Just seeing such blatant bias from Facebook really bothered me.”

O’Keefe said Hartwig exemplifies the heroic virtues of Project Veritas’ “ Be Brave. Do Something.” campaign.

Content Moderators Express Hostility to Trump, His Supporters

One of the moderators Hartwig recorded was Israel Amparan, who he said typifies the worldview of most of the content moderators he encountered.

“ Trump supporters are f*cking crazy *ss *sshholes, that every other f*cking word out of their mouth is you know “ Come take it,” “ Seal the border,” “ said Amparan. “ Come take it” refers to the “ Come and Take It” slogan Texan colonists put on their flag after the Mexican government demanded they turn in their cannon.

Amparan said he targeted content by Trump supporters because it scared him.

â I hate government as much as the next f*cking person, but youâ re not gonna catch me riding over the f*cking. Itâ s like impeachment. Itâ s like a PRAW. Trump called it a f*cking coup--and itâ s like that should scare you more than anything.â A PRAW, or Python Reddit API Wrapper, is a Reddit program to allow user to more quickly and easily post on Facebook.

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Example: "Straight white males are filth for not fighting more on behalf of LGBTQ."

"No one has the white man's back anymore"

Hartwig also told O'Keefe he himself was targeted at work for being a white male. This cultural bias was documented in a previous Project Veritas undercover investigation, when a PV journalist recorded Leslie Brown, who was a human resources contractor for Google and who now works at a human resources executive at Facebook, talking about the ease of firing a white male without repercussions or any due diligence requirements.

Project Veritas Journalist: I mean, they were able to fire him without having to worry about discrimination.

Brown: Due diligence, right. Because he's a white man. Yeah, white man. No problem. You can't do it that easily if there are other issues.

Journalist: Oh, it's easier when they're-

Brown: White man.

Journalist: Yeah, no protected class.

Brown: No one has the white man's back anymore.

O'Keefe said Project Veritas still targets Facebook and other social media giants for more investigations—and those investigations are propelled by insiders like Hartwig and the other Facebook insider Zach McElroy, who was featured in the first video released from this investigation into Facebook's content moderation policies and practices.

Ads urge Google and Facebook staff to leak secrets about the corruption inside those companies

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A campaign group advocating the break-up of Facebook has subverted the social network's advertising tools to tempt its employees into leaking information.

Freedom from Facebook says it targeted ads at the technology company's staff, promoting a "safe space" website where they can anonymously submit "whistleblower tips".

Facebook declined to comment.

But the BBC understands it is not blocking the ads nor keeping a special log of who has viewed them.

The stunt comes a week after the New York Times revealed that a public-relations company used by Facebook had circulated claims that the controversial billionaire George Soros was the hidden backer of the Freedom from Facebook campaign.

Mr Soros's Open Society Foundations subsequently accused Facebook of [conducting a "smear campaign"](#).

Facebook's chief executive, Mark Zuckerberg, and chief operating officer, Sheryl Sandberg, have since said they were unaware of the effort and have ended their contract with Definers, the PR company involved.

Image copyright Getty Images Image caption Mr Soros is a popular target of anti-Semitic conspiracy theories

However, a leaked internal memo from Facebook's departing communications chief, Elliot Schrage, has since acknowledged he was responsible.

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- [Zuckerberg responds to Prince William's criticism](#)
- [Facebook leaks take their toll](#)

"When the 'Freedom from Facebook' campaign emerged as a so-called grassroots coalition, [our communications] team asked Definers to help understand the groups behind them," the memo - [made public by the Techcrunch news site](#) - states.

"They learned that George Soros was funding several of the coalition members. They prepared documents and distributed these to the press to show that this was not simply a spontaneous grassroots movement.

"Responsibility for these decisions rests with leadership of the communications team. That's me."

Mr Schrage's duties are being taken on by the UK's former Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, who has been charged with carrying out a wider review of Facebook's lobbying efforts.

On Tuesday, Mr Zuckerberg gave an interview to CNN in which he said [he did not see the need to step down from being chairman](#) and hoped that he would work together with Ms Sandberg for "decades more to come".

Micro-targeted ads

Facebook used to have a reputation for having few leaks but that has changed over recent months following the Cambridge Analytica affair and other scandals.

One leak - [recently reported by the Wall Street Journal](#) - revealed that an internal survey by Facebook's human resources team had flagged a sharp drop in the percentage of workers who said they were optimistic about its future.

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Although Freedom from Facebook has not revealed how it has gone about micro-targeting the workers, there is an option in the company's ad tool to direct a campaign at those who list their employer as Facebook HQ.

It says that close to 89,000 people have done so.

Another alternative would be to use a list of known email addresses belonging to Facebook workers.

The move adds to pressure on the company at a time when it is having to deal with a growing number of controversies.

In recent days alone:

- technical problems temporarily blocked some US and European users having access to their accounts and on Tuesday prevented advertisers launching or making changes to campaigns during the busy run-up to Black Friday
- there has been a spike in the number of members requesting a download of all the data Facebook holds on them. The company has blamed this for delays to processing the submissions. News site Recode [suggested this might indicate rising numbers of people](#) are planning to quit Facebook's platforms
- campaigners have criticised it for failing to prevent a 16-year-old girl being sold for marriage in South Sudan via its platform. Facebook did not remove the post involved until more than a fortnight after the sale began despite it [being reported in the press in the interim](#)
- there has been a growing backlash against [a new auto-comment feature that was found to be prompting users](#) to post comments such as "this is so sad" and "heartbreaking" and prayer-hands emojis in response to reports of a mass shooting in the US. A Next Web editorial said: "The idea that we could adequately communicate empathy through canned messages is reprehensible"
- a Russian company - whose Facebook account was deleted in April as part of a purge of those suspected to be meddling in the US elections - is suing the social network, claiming it is a legitimate news outlet

Another Way Facebook Rapes You, Facebook, And Dating Sites, Embed 'Hidden Codes' To Track Who Sees And Shares Your Stuff

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Facebook has become synonymous with privacy violations in the year since Cambridge Analytica came to light. Now in the same week that details of the record \$5 billion FTC fine emerged, an Australian cyber researcher has reopened a years-old [debate](#) as to whether the social media giant is embedding "hidden codes" in photos uploaded by users onto the site.

"Facebook is embedding tracking data inside photos you download," Edin Jusupovic claimed on [Twitter](#), explaining he had "noticed a structural abnormality when looking at a hex dump of an image file from an unknown origin only to discover it contained what I now understand is an IPTC special instruction."

Twitter

Jusupovic described this as a "shocking level of tracking," adding that "the take from this is that they can potentially track photos outside of their own platform with a disturbing level of precision about who originally uploaded the photo (and much more)."

The "IPTC special instructions" that Jusupovic viewed are essentially metadata watermarks that Facebook adds to tag the image with its own codingâ those tags can be read later, enabling the "tracking" to take place. This is not new, and at a basic level not especially well-hidden either. It can be used to trace the ownership of images, to resolve copyright infringements, to provide enhanced user services. It can also be used to better target advertising and trace links between different usersâ I have an image, where did I get it from.

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According to one [analyst](#), the metadata has been added since 2016 and "contains an IPTC block with an 'Original Transmission Reference' field that contains some kind of text-encoded sequence. This coding method lets Facebook "know it has seen the image before when it gets uploaded again," [explained](#) a user on Reddit. "It is yet another way to learn associations between people. Person 1 uploaded a bunch of the same photos Person 2 uploaded, let's show them both all the same advertisements!"

Another user on the same forum linked the coding to the current focus on the spread of fake news: "You download a meme from some account/page which is known to spread propaganda/hate speech etc. Now you think, hey let me just share this on WhatsApp on my family groups, because why not. Now, Facebook can easily tag you as a user who 'believes in that propaganda' and can sell that data to political parties or

companies to target ads or more propaganda on you."

There is no active tracking implied here, the image does not contain a secret beacon of any sort. It is a hidden code that would allow another Facebook or third-party site with the right software to link the image back to its origins— obviously, more metadata can be added as an image travels, which has additional implications. Think of this like the UV marker pens used to mark possessions with zip codes in case they're stolen.

Not everyone is willing to play along with the Facebook scheme though. Twitter strips out the basic level of IPTC coding when images are posted on its site. But what remains unknown is whether there are other levels of more advanced steganography (hidden data in media) used by Facebook. There are continual advances being made in hiding data in images, some for security and data protection, others to execute advanced levels of malware that can be virally shared across social media platforms.

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Bastard Zuckerberg used personal data about friends, relationships and photos as leverage over company partners

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Big (personal) data is becoming big tech's new currency — and most definitely a commodity well beyond its obvious usefulness, the latest revelation about Facebook's dubious business practices seems to suggest.

Leaked Facebook emails, chat logs, minutes from meetings and various other documents dating back to between 2011 and 2015 show that the company was willing to abuse personal user data in a number of ways in order to advance its business.

[NBC News said](#) that it has had access to the leaked material, consisting of thousands of pages. The picture they paint is of CEO Mark Zuckerberg and his executives playing ruthless corporate games in deliberate disregard of the privacy of billions of Facebook subscribers.

Facebook has now been exposed as using its unique, massive personal data collection to reward or punish allies and competition, as the case may be. While publicly declaring its commitment to user privacy, the company was looking for ways to use the data it collects to its maximum advantage.

As if sharing it to third-parties operating on its platform was not enough, the social media giant sought to trade it for more advertising money coming its way from other giants, such as Amazon, or to deny it to direct competition, such as an unnamed chat app, the broadcaster is reporting. And occasionally, the documents show, Zuckerberg would allow access to this digital gold mine to developers who were his — personal friends.

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Facebook has denied that it favored companies and developers for their advertising dollars, or for the sake of personal ties — and while it may be unethical, the practice laid out in the documents leaked anonymously and shared by UK investigative journalist Duncan Campbell with three media outlet, has not given rise to accusations that these actions were illegal, NBC News said.

But it should give pause to Facebook users who are discovering the arrogance of the company that likes to speak with a forked tongue: calming concerns about its practices through PR efforts, and then giving the issue of privacy little to no regard, as the leaked documents show. Instead, Facebook was feverishly attempting to (ab)use the sensitive private data at its disposal, for all it is worth.

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[Biased Facebook Removes President of the United States Tag From the official Donald J. Trump Page \(thegatewaypundit.com\)](#)

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Cambridge Analytica dismantled for good? Nope: It just changed its name to Emerdata

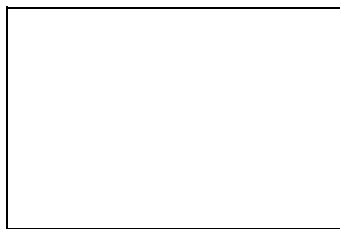
Shock shutdown â THE TRUTH

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The company formerly known as Cambridge Analytica shocked the media today when it announced an immediate shutdown and liquidation of its business.

That "shutdown," however, may be short-lived as official documents indicate those behind the [controversial analytics company](#) will be launching as a new firm with a less-toxic brand.

The surprise announcement came on Wednesday evening, when the UK-based Cambridge Anal., and its parent organization SCL Elections, stated it would [enter insolvency proceedings](#) and disband immediately.



[\\$0.75 â about how much Cambridge Analytica paid per voter in bid to micro-target their minds, internal docs reveal](#)

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The announcement came after Cambridge Anal. found itself at the center of a political firestorm when a former staffer [blew the whistle](#) on a data-harvesting campaign that had covertly collected the personal information on [more than 87 million](#) Facebook users.

These records were used to target particular voters with ads and social media posts in hope of influencing their decisions at the ballot box. Whether or not these persuasion tactics actually worked is up for debate, but an

attempt was at least made with info [sneakily swiped](#) from people's profiles via a quiz app. The biz denies any wrongdoing.

"Over the past several months, Cambridge Analytica has been the subject of numerous unfounded accusations and, despite the company's efforts to correct the record, has been vilified for activities that are not only legal, but also widely accepted as a standard component of online advertising in both the political and commercial arenas," the biz said in its blame-shifting sign-off.

"Despite Cambridge Analytica's unwavering confidence that its employees have acted ethically and lawfully, which view is now fully supported by [Queen's Counsel Julian] Malins's [report](#), the siege of media coverage has driven away virtually all of the Company's customers and suppliers."

The organization said it will honor all employee severance, notice, and redundancy obligations as the lights go out. It added:

The company is immediately ceasing all operations and the boards have applied to appoint insolvency practitioners Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP to act as the independent administrator for Cambridge Analytica.

Additionally, parallel bankruptcy proceedings will soon be commenced on behalf of Cambridge Analytica LLC and certain of the company's US affiliates in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

Though Cambridge Analytica said it is pulling the plug in the US and UK, there is already some indication that the outfit — which has a non-trivial organizational structure — is more or less just going to rebrand under a different banner.

The UK's official registrar of businesses and organizations, Companies House, [lists an active company](#) called Emerdata Limited, headquartered at the same offices as SCL Elections and run by much of the same management and investors as Cambridge Analytica. It even describes itself as a "data processing, hosting and related activities" organization.

For instance, Dr Alexander Taylor was appointed a director of Emerdata on March 28. That's Cambridge Analytica's acting CEO and data wizard Dr Alexander Taylor. Julian Wheatland is an Emerdata director who is also a director within the SCL network of organizations.

Jennifer and Rebekah Mercer are directors of Emerdata, and are the daughters of ultra-wealthy businessman Robert Mercer who created and bankrolled Cambridge Analytica. Billionaire Bob has given tens of millions of dollars to rightwing political efforts. Jennifer and Rebekah also had a hand in Cambridge Anal.

Emerdata was founded in mid-2017, but has been rather active since Cambridge Analytica hit the headlines earlier this year, including official filings as recent as yesterday.

So, it seems the shutdown may be less a business catastrophe than a marketing exercise. ®

Corrupt Facebook Continues War on Free Speech — Worked with Liberal Spam Groups During 2018 Election

by Jim Hoft

It's no secret that the Silicon Valley tech giants discriminate against conservatives and conservative content.

Facebook has been [shutting down traffic](#) to conservative websites since the 2016 election.

The Gateway Pundit spoke earlier with two of the top conservative publishers in America.

[Floyd Brown](#) is a conservative author, speaker and media commentator. In 2008 Floyd launched [Western Journal](#) which quickly became one of the top conservative websites in America. By 2016 Floyd's organization of Western Journal and other conservative websites under his umbrella had more than a billion page views. **Since 2016 Floyd's organization lost 75% of its Facebook traffic.**

Likewise, we spoke with **Jared Vallorani** from [Klicked Media](#). Jared traveled to Washington DC with The Gateway Pundit and website owners at [100%FedUp](#) in June to discuss Facebook targeting against conservative publishers with Republican lawmakers. **Jared told The Gateway Pundit his organization Klicked Media, which hosts over 60 conservative websites, lost 400 million page views from Facebook in the last six months if you compare the traffic to a year ago.** Jared said, "We lost 70% to 80% of our traffic if you compare January to May 2017 vs Jan to May 2018."

If you combine the total number of page-views lost by just these two conservative online publishers you are looking at a loss of over 1.5 billion page-views from Facebook in one year.

These are numbers from just two of the top conservative publishers in America. This does not include the thousands of other conservative publishers across the country who lost all of their traffic coming from Facebook. Here at The Gateway Pundit our Facebook traffic has been effectively eliminated after we were ranked as the 4th most influential conservative publisher in the 2016 election.

Facebook has also deleted prominent conservatives completely from their platform. Alex Jones, Infowars, Laura Loomer, Gavin McInnes, triple-amputee veteran Brian Kolfage and Roger Stone have lost their pages in the last year.

The fact that Facebook is targeting conservative publishers should not be a surprise to Gateway Pundit readers.

We have been reporting on this for several months now. In July we released a study where we looked at several top conservative websites and discovered that the publishers had [lost an average of 93%](#) of their Facebook traffic.

Now thisâ

Facebook worked with liberalârightsâgroups before the 2018 election. Everyone knows these groups discriminate against conservatives and are more anti-conservative than they are pro-civil rights.

This is just another way Facebook gets away with eliminating conservative content.

[NewsBusters](#) reported:

Facebook worked with far-leftâcivil rightsâgroups during the election, according to a newâcivil rights auditâfrom the company.

In a post to [Facebookâs blog](#) on December 18, COO Sheryl Sandberg wrote that Facebook talked to over 90âcivil rights organizationsâand asked former legislative director of the ACLU, Laura Murphy, toâguide the audit.âThese organizations were even invited into the election war room.

Sandberg added that Murphy had worked with Facebook for the past six months, especially during the 2018 midterm elections. Facebook revised its policies onâprohibiting voter suppressionâas a direct response to both Murphy and the 90 organizationsâfeedback. Facebook will beâbetter prepared for future elections,âaccording to Sandberg.

Facebook will also continue to encourage voter participation, said Sandberg.âFacebook and Instagram helped register an estimated 2 million people in 2018,âshe wrote.

The report didnât just stop at elections. In the update to the audit, [Murphy](#) wrote that Facebook was accused ofâallowing the propagation of hate speech.âWhile she wrote of the decisions that Facebook had made that were in line with the audit, Murphy admitted that sheârejected the false dichotomy of choosing free speech at the expense of other rights.â

DOJ proves that Facebook and Google are all FAKE ADS as they unseal charges in massive online ad fraud

- Google and Facebook knew they were serving fake ads but did it anyway to scrape profits

By [Jacqueline Thomsen](#) -

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The Department of Justice (DOJ) on Tuesday unsealed charges against eight individuals in an alleged widespread digital advertising fraud that reportedly used botnets to give the appearance of billions of humans looking at online ads.

Aleksandr Zhukov, Boris Timokhin, Mikhail Andreev, Denis Avdeev, Dmitry Novikov, Sergey Ovsyannikov, Aleksandr Isaev and Yevgeniy Timchenko were charged with crimes including wire fraud, money laundering, computer intrusion and aggravated identity theft, [according to a department release](#).

The department also announced that a federal court unsealed seizure warrants allowing the FBI to take over 31 domains as well as seize data from 89 servers involved in the botnets, or networks of infected internet-connected devices that can be utilized by hackers.

â As alleged in court filings, the defendants in this case used sophisticated computer programming and infrastructure around the world to exploit the digital advertising industry through fraud,â U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York Richard Donoghue said in a statement. â This case sends a powerful message that this Office, together with our law enforcement partners, will use all our available resources to target and dismantle these costly schemes and bring their perpetrators to justice, wherever they are.â

Ovsyannikov, Zhukov and Timchenko have all been arrested in various countries and are awaiting extradition, while the remaining defendants are at large, according to the DOJ release.

The indictment claims that five of the defendants ran what they claimed was an ad network and committed the fraud with the assistance of another defendant in the case.

The allegedly fake ad network rented more than 1,900 computer servers and used them to create ads on fake websites, giving the appearance that humans were viewing ads on those spoofed domains and causing businesses to pay more than \$7 million for the commercials.

In another scheme, three of the defendants allegedly began another fake advertising network that utilized a botnet to reach more than 1.7 million infected computers, download fake domains and then run ads on the spoofed webpages.

The scheme led to businesses paying the false ad network more than \$29 million for the ad views, which were never actually seen by humans, according to the indictment.

U.S. law enforcement and private companies collaborated to take down the botnets after the arrest of one of the defendants, according to the DOJ release.

Cybersecurity firm Symantec was one of the groups involved in dismantling the botnets. It said in a [blog post Tuesday](#) that a majority of the fake traffic to the false sites was executed through botnets run by two kinds of malware known as Miuref and Kovter.

Democrat Taylor Swift spies on audience with facial recognition tech at her concerts and sells data to Google and Facebook

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Swift was scanning you as you walked in

By [Stefan Etienne@StefanEtienne](#)

Taylor Swift held a concert at California's Rose Bowl this past May that was monitored by a facial recognition system. The system's target? Hundreds of Swift's stalkers.

Swift's facial recognition system was built into a kiosk that displayed highlights of her rehearsals, which would secretly record onlookers' faces. [According to Rolling Stone](#), which spoke with a concert security expert who observed the kiosk, attendees who looked at the kiosk were immediately scanned. Afterward, the data was sent to a command post in Nashville, Tennessee that attempted to match hundreds of images to a database of her known stalkers.

Surveillance at a concert — a private event — is legal

US artists haven't previously been publicized for using facial recognition tech at their concerts. However, the legality of doing so is on the artist's side: a concert is technically a private event, therefore event organizers can subject concert-goers to almost any kind of surveillance.

The security measures taken for Swift's event could be considered extreme, but it's not the first time facial recognition has been used to look out for unwanted attendees.

This past April, Chinese police arrested a 31-year-old suspect [who was hiding among nearly 60,000 people during a concert](#) at Nanchang International Sports Center. This was made possible by the early stages of China's own 'Xue Liang,' or 'Sharp Eyes,' monitoring system, which will be tasked with monitoring the movements of its citizens.

Back in the US, advancements are also being made with facial recognition technology in big crowds. For example, Ticketmaster envisions [replacing tickets with a facial scan](#) that is tied to your seat, and it is further developing the tech. While you might not be scanned going to see the next Marvel film, the movie ticket of the future might just be your face.

Democrat professor: Google & Facebook are manipulating elections â on a massive scaleâ

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Trump will lose in 2020 unless this is addressed.

1) In 2016, biased search results generated by Googleâs search algorithm likely impacted undecided voters in a way that gave at least 2.6 million votes to Hillary Clinton. I know this because I preserved more than 13,000 election-related searches conducted by a diverse group of Americans on Google, Bing, and Yahoo in the weeks leading up to the election, and Google search results â which dominate search in the U.S. and worldwide â were significantly biased in favor of Secretary Clinton in all 10 positions on the first page of search results in both blue states and red states. I know the number of votes that shifted because I have conducted dozens of controlled experiments in the U.S. and other countries that measure precisely how opinions and votes shift when search results favor one candidate, cause, or company. I call this shift â *SEME*â â the *Search Engine Manipulation Effect*. My first scientific paper on SEME was published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences in 2015 and has since been accessed or downloaded from PNASâs website more than 200,000 times. SEME has also been replicated by a research team at one of the Max Planck Institutes in Germany. SEME is one of the most powerful forms of influence ever discovered in the behavioral sciences, and it is especially dangerous because it is invisible to people â â subliminal,â in effect. It leaves people thinking they have made up their own minds, which is very much an illusion. It also leaves no paper trail for authorities to trace. Worse still, the very few people who can detect bias in search results shift even farther in the direction of the bias, so merely being able to see the bias doesnât protect you from it. Bottom line: biased search results can easily produce shifts in the opinions and voting preference of undecided voters by 20 percent or more â up to 80 percent in some demographic groups.

Bear in mind here that all Google search results are, in a sense, biased. There are no equal-time rules built into Google algorithm. It always puts one widget ahead of anotherâ and one candidate ahead of another. SEME is an example of anâ ephemeral experience,â and thatâs a phrase youâll find in internal emails that have leaked from Google recently. A growing body of evidence suggests that Google employees deliberately engineer ephemeral experiences to change peopleâs thinking. (For details about the methodology used in SEME experiments, please see the Appendix at the end of this testimony.) Since 2013, I have discovered about a dozen subliminal effects like SEME, and I am currently studying and quantifying seven of them.

2) On Election Day in 2018, the â Go Voteâ reminder Google displayed on its home page gave one political party between 800,000 and 4.6 million more votes than it gave the other party. Those numbers might seem impossible, but I published my analysis in January 2019, and it is quite conservative. Googleâs data analysts presumably performed the same calculations I did before the company decided to post its prompt. In other words, Googleâs â GO VOTEâ prompt was not a public service; it was a vote manipulation.

3) In the weeks leading up to the 2018 election, bias in Googleâs search results may have shifted upwards of 78.2 million votes to the candidates of one political party (spread across hundreds of local and regional races). This number is based on data captured by my 2018 monitoring system, which preserved more than 47,000 election-related searches on Google, Bing, and Yahoo, along with the nearly 400,000 web pages to which the search results linked. Strong political bias toward one party was evident, once again, in Google

searches.

4) My recent research demonstrates that Google's autocomplete search suggestions can turn a 50/50 split among undecided voters into a 90/10 split without people's awareness. A growing body of evidence suggests that Google is manipulating people's thinking and behavior from the very first character people type into the search box.

5) Google has likely been determining the outcomes of upwards of 25% of the national elections worldwide since at least 2015. This is because many races are very close and because Google's persuasive technologies are very powerful.

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EBAY, TESLA, FACEBOOK and GOOGLE Executives Operate Cyber-stalking And Attack Campaigns Against Whistle-Blowers

[Lorenz Duchamps](#)

David Harville (L) arrives at Moakley Federal Court in Boston on Sept. 29, 2022; James Baugh (R) in Boston on Sept. 29, 2022. (Lane Turner/The Boston Globe via AP)

Two former [eBay](#) Inc. executives were jailed on Thursday for their role in a cyberstalking campaign that targeted a Massachusetts couple whose online newsletter was perceived as critical of the e-commerce company and viewed as a threat to its business.

James Baugh, 47, of San Jose, California—who served as eBay's former senior director of safety and security—was sentenced to 57 months in prison, while David Harville, 50, of Las Vegas, Nevada—who served as a former director of global resiliency—was given two years in prison.

Additionally, U.S. District Judge Patti Saris, who imposed the sentences, ordered Baugh to also pay a fine of \$40,000 and Harville a \$20,000 fine.

The two executives are among seven former eBay employees who have pleaded guilty to charges in the case. [Philip Cooke](#), Brian Gilbert, Stephanie Popp, Veronica Zea, and Stephanie Stockwell previously pleaded guilty to their roles in the [harassment](#) campaign.

The California-based e-commerce company executives, former employees, and co-conspirators, became frustrated with the online newsletter—EcommerceBytes—written and published by Massachusetts couple, David and Ina Steiner.

In August 2019, the group hatched a scheme to terrorize the creators of the pamphlet.

Corporate Harassment Campaigns

Investigators said the defendants â executed a three-part harassment campaign intended to intimidate the victims and to influence their reporting about eBay.â

The campaign included sending disturbing deliveries to the coupleâs home such as live spiders, cockroaches, a funeral wreath, and a fetal pig, among other things. It also involved posting harassing and sometimes threatening Twitter messages to criticize the newsletterâs content, as well as strange emails from groups like an irritable bowel syndrome patient support group and the Communist Party of the United States, authorities said.

â The defendantsâ toxic brand of online and real-world harassment, threats, and stalking was outrageous, cruel and defies any explanationâ all the more because these men were seasoned and highly paid security executives backed by the resources of a Fortune 500 corporation,â U.S. Attorney Rachael Rollins said in a [statement](#).

Authorities portrayed Baugh as the mastermind of the scheme and said he directed eBay employees to use prepaid debit cards, disguises, and overseas email accounts to hide the companyâs involvement.

Prosecutors said in court documents that although Harville wasnât at the initial meetings about the scheme, â he was aware enough of the harassment by the time he was in Boston to joke with Baugh about delivering a bag of human feces, a running chain saw, and a ratâ to their porch.

Baughâs lawyers said their client had faced â intense, relentless pressureâ from executivesâ including former eBay CEO Devin Wenigâ to do something about the Steiners. They described Baugh as a â toolâ who was used by eBay and then discarded when â an army of outside lawyers descended to conduct an â internal investigationâ aimed at saving the company and its top executives from prosecution.â

Devin Wenig, CEO of eBay, attends the annual Allen & Company Sun Valley Conference in Sun Valley, Idaho, on July 10, 2019. (Drew Angerer/Getty Images)

Wenig, a former CEO of Thomson Reuters Corp., stepped down as the president of eBay in September 2019 and was not criminally charged in the case, but faces a civil lawsuit from the couple.

â At this point, an independent investigation has said that Mr. Wenig had no knowledge and the prosecutors in the case have made it clear that Baugh was responsible,â a spokesperson for Wenig said. â [He] never told anyone to do anything unethical or illegal and if he had known about it, he would have stopped it.â

The Steiners say the terror campaign stole their sense of safety and caused devastating consequences to their business and finances.

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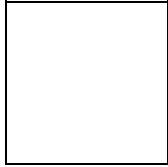
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Edward Snowden says Facebook, Amazon and Google engage in ABUSE against society

Speaking remotely at Web Summit, Snowden slams big tech companies, saying they make people vulnerable to surveillance.



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Edward Snowden speaks out against big tech at Web Summit.

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Six years after leaking documents about the National Security Agency's mass surveillance activities, [Edward Snowden](#) believes the world is changing. He recognizes that people are more aware of privacy problems and angrier about them than ever, but he still seems to want people to take more time to understand the specific "abuse" being committed against them.

"People are quite frequently mad at the right people for the wrong reasons," he said, speaking via video link at Web Summit in Lisbon on Monday. Snowden hit out at big tech companies, saying they make populations vulnerable by collecting data and allowing it to be accessed by governments.

"These people are engaged in abuse, particularly when you look at [Google](#) and [Amazon](#), [Facebook](#) and their business model," he said. "And yet every bit of it, they argue, is legal. Whether we're talking about Facebook or the [NSA](#), we have legalized the abuse of the person through the personal."

Google, Amazon and Facebook didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Snowden is best known for lifting the lid on an NSA surveillance program known as Prism in 2013, leaking documents to journalists showing the extent to which people's data was being collected by the US government and its allies. He fled first to Hong Kong, and was later granted asylum in Russia, where he still resides. Snowden believed the world had a right to know what he knew -- but he's not an obvious whistleblower, as he calls himself.

As he told it, he has always been a rule follower and goody-two-shoes -- never getting drunk, never smoking a joint. He took the oaths he signed when he started working for the intelligence services seriously. So what changed?

"Many years later you find that what you are doing is that you're in a conspiracy to violate that oath you took on that very first day," Snowden said. "What do you do when you have contracting obligations?"

What he witnessed, he said, was that rather than chasing the bad guys, the NSA had begun prospectively surveilling people before they had broken the law, and no one in a position of power tried to stop it because it

benefited them.

"What do you do when the most powerful institutions in society have become the least accountable in society?" he asked himself. Society deserved to know, he thought, and so he spoke out.

Among the documents he handed over to journalists were [top-secret slides](#) listing Apple, Google, Microsoft, Yahoo, AOL, Facebook and a video chat company called PalTalk as willing partners in the surveillance program.

These, he said, contained a "Faustian bargain" or "deal with the devil," even though the government didn't necessarily tell the companies why they needed vast amounts of data. Tools originally designed to protect the public were being used to attack the public, he said, as companies started turning over perfect records of private lives to institutions that couldn't be held accountable.

When governments and corporations start working together, Snowden said, there's a concentration of power that he describes as "the left and right hands of the same body." The result is a level of control and influence that raises questions about whether the benefit is worth the cost, he said.

"If you create an irresistible power, whether it is held by Facebook or any government, the question is, how will you police the expression of that power when it is used against the public rather than for it?"

GDPR

Snowden also didn't have many positive words to share about the [GDPR](#), the EU-wide data protection legislation introduced in May 2018. He called it a "paper tiger," for failing to pull in significant fines for data protection violations.

Critics would argue that there have been several notably large GDPR fines issued since the introduction of the legislation, including [50 million euros \(\\$57 million\)](#) for Google, [Â£99.2 million \(\\$123.7 million\)](#) for Marriott and [Â£183.4 million \(\\$230 million\)](#) for British Airways.

But Snowden argued that the problem with the legislation is in its name. It shouldn't regulate data protection, he said, but data collection. "If we learned anything from 2013, it's that eventually, everything leaks," he said.

We have no choice but to trust companies with our data, but in an ideal world, we wouldn't have to, he said. He would like to see the basic systems of the internet redesigned so that we're required to share less data across the board and therefore aren't required to trust every system or company we cross paths with. "We are the only thing that can protect us," he said.

Elizabeth Warren calls to break up Crooked Facebook, Google and Amazon

Warren has been a part of a growing group of Democrats calling for greater regulation and antitrust enforcement of major tech companies.

Sen. Elizabeth Warren at a rally at the Stone Cliff Winery on March 1 in Dubuque, Iowa.Scott Olson / Getty Images

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By Jason Abbruzzese

Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts on Friday called for the government to break up Facebook, Google and Amazon, offering a plan to re-categorize the companies and reverse some major tech acquisitions.

Warren, who is running for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2020, has been a part of a growing faction within the party that has called for greater regulation and antitrust enforcement of major tech companies.

"Twenty-five years ago, Facebook, Google, and Amazon didn't exist. Now they are among the most valuable and well-known companies in the world," [Warren wrote](#) in a post on the blogging platform Medium. "It's a great story but also one that highlights why the government must break up monopolies and promote competitive markets."

Warren's call also comes as Democrats have [begun to plan for increased oversight](#) of tech companies after taking control of the House. On Wednesday, House and Senate Democrats introduced [legislation to establish strong net neutrality protections](#) that would look to prevent major service providers from using their power to manipulate how users experience the internet.

Few Democrats, however, have actively called to break up tech companies, as Warren did on Friday.

Warren said in her post that the consumer experience of most internet users is dominated by Facebook, Google and Amazon, which can then "use the Internet to squash small businesses and innovation, and substitute their own financial interests for the broader interests of the American people."

Warren's plan calls for legislation that would feature a new business category for companies with more than \$25 billion of global revenue that also "offer to the public an online marketplace, an exchange, or a platform for connecting third parties." These companies would be called "platform utilities" and be prevented from owning the platform and any of its participants, as well as be required to "meet a standard of fair, reasonable, and nondiscriminatory dealing with users." They would also not be allowed to share data with other companies.

Warren pointed to Amazon's operation of its marketplace and its sale of Amazon "Basics" as an example of a violation of the proposed legislation. She also said that Google's various businesses would need to be separated, including its ad exchange and its search engine.

Warren also said that she would be looking to federal regulators to undo some recent mergers, including Amazon's ownership of the grocer Whole Foods and e-commerce website Zappos, Facebook's ownership of WhatsApp and Instagram, and Google's ownership of the navigation app Waze and home device company Nest.

"Unwinding these mergers will promote healthy competition in the marketââ which will put pressure on big tech companies to be more responsive to user concerns, including about privacy," she wrote.

Luther Lowe, vice president of government relations at Yelp, which has [repeatedly claimed](#) that Google uses its search engine to scuttle competitors, said Warren's plan was "refreshing and ambitious."

"I think Senator Warren really understands how these markets work, and I think this type of proposal would inject some much needed oxygen into the consumer internet markets, which today are calcifying as a result of dominant firms like Google stifling innovation," Lowe said.

Warren is not entirely alone in proposing serious changes to how tech companies are regulated. Rep. David Cicilline, D-R.I., who heads the House antitrust subcommittee, recently suggested [in an interview with the Financial Times](#) a similar idea in which tech companies would be forced to split up their platform from their customer data business.

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[Facebook](#)'s outgoing head of communications is taking the blame for hiring Definers, the public relations firm doing opposition research on the company's critics, including billionaire philanthropist [George Soros](#).

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In a [Facebook post](#) that went up late Wednesday, Elliot Schrage said the responsibility to hire Definers rests with him and that he approved the decision to hire it and similar firms.

Schrage provided his explanation in a message sent Tuesday to Facebook's employees, but the company waited until late Wednesday to publicly share it at a time when most people in its home country were focusing on the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg also didn't mention Schrage's role in hiring and working with Definers in an interview with CNN aired late Tuesday.

Definers's link to the Menlo Park, California, company was exposed in [a story](#) published by The New York Times earlier this month.

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Schrage has been at Facebook for a decade and announced his departure in June. In the post, he acknowledges that Facebook asked Definers to do work on Soros after he called Facebook a menace to society in a January speech. Definers also helped respond to what Schrage described as unfair claims about the company.

Even so, Schrage conceded that Definers got carried away in its work to discredit Facebook's critics. The system he set up on the company's communications team failed here and I'm sorry I let you all down," he wrote.

Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook's chief operating officer, followed up with Schrage's note of contrition with one of her own, acknowledging her responsibility for overseeing Facebook's communications team. Like Schrage, Sandberg was a top executive at Google before coming to Facebook a decade ago.

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Sandberg said she did not remember Definers when she read the Times article, but said she then asked employees to double check if she had ever been notified about the firm.

"Some of their work was incorporated into materials presented to me and I received a small number of emails where Definers was referenced," Sandberg wrote.

Zuckerberg, who is Facebook's controlling shareholder as well as its CEO, is standing behind Sandberg, despite the backlash caused by the company's retention of Definers and its campaign against Soros. He told CNN on Tuesday that he hopes to work with Sandberg for decades to come.

Facebook stopped working with Definers after the New York Times investigation unveiled its tactics.

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FACEBOOK IS LYING About General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Compliance. They Are Hiding Their Tricks In Software And We Can Prove It In Court

The deadline for companies having operations in the European Union (EU) to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) standards is tomorrow, and yet many US firms remain completely unaware of this shadow monster. At Tuesday's hearing in Brussels, Facebook (FB) CEO Mark Zuckerberg had promised the European Parliament that [the social media giant would be GDPR compliant](#) before this deadline. However, given the complexities involved in the system and the pandemonium surrounding it, it is unlikely that this promise would be kept.

Facebook is hardly to be blamed here. A recent research report by Capgemini shows that over 85% of the companies in the US and Europe, which come under the ambit of this regulation, will not be compliant-ready by the deadline. The report goes on to say that it expects at least 25% of the companies to fail the regulatory requirements even by the end of the year.

What is GDPR?

As you may already know, Europe is pretty serious about privacy and they want to make data exchange more transparent. The GDPR was adopted in 2016, after working on it for almost four years. All companies having operations in the EU member states were given two years to work on their systems to meet the GDPR requirements. And the two-year grace period ends tomorrow.

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GDPR is pretty complex that even the regulators are unsure how it is going to work.

A fatal headache

Under the terms of GDPR, a company needs to report any data breaches to the regulators within 72 hours after it was found. Now that is only the easier part. The regulation also requires companies to remain transparent as to what data they are collecting and how they are planning to use it.

Under this new system, an EU user may demand access to the data that they have collected, and can also ask to update or delete certain information they wish to make private. The users may sue the companies if the information is not handed over to them in 30 days. This particularly puts large companies including banks in a tricky spot, since they already have a gigantic cache of information in various systems that pinpointing certain vague data can become quite cumbersome. This is in addition to the massive investments required to set up the whole GDPR compliance mechanism.

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Some experts in the field even fear that total compliance is a utopian vision. And with that kind of skepticism prevailing, the fact that regulators can fine violating companies up to 4% of its global revenue sounds, at best, scary. For a company like Alphabet (GOOGL), this accounts for as much as \$1.25 billion.

The regulators are expected to be tolerant in the initial months, and yet they will be forced to take action against the company if a complaint arises. The shocking part is, even the regulators are mostly clueless how the whole process is going to take off. According to a recent survey by Reuters, 17 of 24 regulators said they did not have the financial or legal assistance to carry out their job.

Europe is a major market for many US firms and they cannot ignore these regulations for long. Meanwhile, Apple (AAPL) yesterday announced that it would soon open a privacy portal, from where its users can download all the data collected by the company. *The show starts tomorrow, and itâs going to be a survival drama.*

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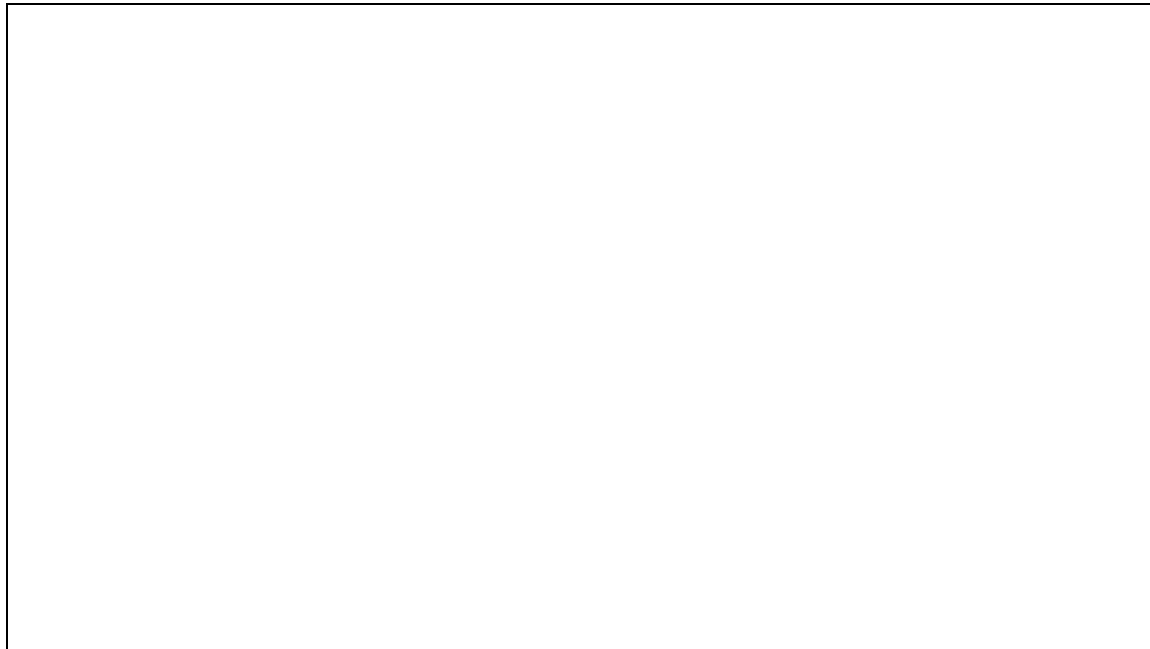
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[Facebook](#) is facing a mountain of problems.

The social media giant's stock fell nearly 5 percent on Monday, hitting its lowest level since February 2017, as the social media company came under fire after a damaging report about its top management [in The New York Times](#).

Facebook is poised to close its third straight month in the red, which would mark its longest monthly losing streak on record. Furthermore, Facebook is on track for its longest quarterly losing streak since 2013, and its first full year of losses since going public. According to some experts, the stock isn't done falling.

"Technically, when I look at this, there's no question that we've violated the long-term uptrend support line off of the [2014] lows. We've got some support that's going to come in right around \$130, but better support coming in at \$114," Craig Johnson, chief market technician at Piper Jaffray, said Friday on CNBC's "[Trading Nation](#)," adding that he would stay on the sidelines here, rather than putting fresh money to work, or "further reduce positions on it at this point."

The shares are on track for their third straight month of losses, something they've never done before, and their second straight calendar quarter of losses, which they haven't seen since 2013.

Others are negative on the stock in the near term, but say it could be a value play in the long run since its valuation has fallen so severely. Mark Tepper, CEO of Strategic Wealth Partners, told "Trading Nation" that he finds its price-earnings to growth ratio, or PEG ratio â a measure of a stock's value by taking its price-earnings ratio and factoring in its earnings growth rate â reasonable at this juncture.

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"If you have a two- to five-year time horizon, Facebook actually looks really attractive at these levels," Tepper said.

Still, the short term will likely be difficult for the stock with mounting headwinds.

"The market has been absolutely punishing companies with decelerating growth, and that's exactly what you're seeing with Facebook. I don't think there's any light at the end of the tunnel anytime soon. They're making some pretty aggressive investments to deal with improving their ad transparency, getting rid of fake accounts, eliminating fake news, and that's going to be a drag on profits in the near term," he said.

Facebook shares have declined 25 percent this year.

Facebook "Updates" Ad Targeting Strategy to Aim at GOP and away from DNC

by Tyler Durden

In a belated response to the ProPublica story, Facebook said it will remove its "self-reporting" ad tools... "Facebook equips businesses with powerful ways to reach the right people with the right message. But there are restrictions on how audience targeting can be used on Facebook. Hate speech and discriminatory advertising have no place on our platform. Our community standards strictly prohibit attacking people based on their protected characteristics, including religion, and we prohibit advertisers from discriminating against people based on religion and other attributes.

As people fill in their education or employer on their profile, we have found a small percentage of people who have entered offensive responses, in violation of our policies. ProPublica surfaced that these offensive education and employer fields were showing up in our ads interface as targetable audiences for campaigns. We immediately removed them. Given that the number of people in these segments was incredibly low, an extremely small number of people were targeted in these campaigns.

Keeping our community safe is critical to our mission. And to help ensure that targeting is not used for discriminatory purposes, we are removing these self-reported targeting fields until we have the right processes

in place to help prevent this issue. We want Facebook to be a safe place for people and businesses, and weâll continue to do everything we can to keep hate off Facebook. Advertisers can report any inappropriate targeting fields directly in the ads interface or via our Help Center."

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Facebook is having a rough couple of weeks...

Last week, Democrats and progressives who had once praised the company for promising to eradicate "fake news" on its platform were outraged by revelations that it had sold at least \$100,000 in advertising to a Russian troll farm "an allegation that Facebook had initially denied when it first surfaced in the spring. Lawmakers, including Democratic Senator Mark Warner demanded more information from the company, even speculating that Congress may need to pass legislation to "protect Americans" from malicious foreigners dedicated to subverting the American Democratic process by "purchasing targeted ads.

Now, ProPublica is reporting that Facebook's advertising algorithms inadvertently created a series of targeted-ad categories directed at anti-semites and racists. To test if these ad categories were real, ProPublica paid \$30 to target those groups with three "promoted posts" in which a ProPublica article or post was displayed in their news feeds. Facebook approved all three ads within 15 minutes.

"Last week, acting on a tip, we logged into Facebook's automated ad system to see if "Jew hater" was really an ad category. We found it, but discovered that the category "with only 2,274 people in it "was too small for Facebook to allow us to buy an ad pegged only to Jew haters.

Facebook's automated system suggested "Second Amendment" as an additional category that would boost our audience size to 119,000 people, presumably because its system had correlated gun enthusiasts with anti-Semites.

Instead, we chose additional categories that popped up when we typed in "jew hater": "How to burn Jews," and "History of why jews ruin the world." Then we added a category that Facebook suggested when we typed in "Hitler": a category called "Hitler did nothing wrong." All were described as "fields of study."

Now, the company's advertising business is facing another scandal. According to ProPublica, the world's largest social network enabled advertisers to direct their pitches to the news feeds of almost 2,300 people who expressed interest in the topics of "Jew hater," "How to burn jews," or, "History of why jews ruin the world."

The company had continued with the targeted pitches until earlier this week, when ProPublica reporters shared their findings with Facebook's communications team.

"Until this week, when we asked Facebook about it, the world's largest social network enabled advertisers to direct their pitches to the news feeds of almost 2,300 people who expressed interest in the topics of "Jew hater," "How to burn jews," or, "History of why jews ruin the world." Unsurprisingly, the company blamed the anti-Semitic ads on one of its algorithms and promised to fix the problem and make sure it never happens again.

"There are times where content is surfaced on our platform that violates our standards," said Rob Leathern, product management director at Facebook. "In this case, we've removed the associated targeting fields in question. We know we have more work to do, so we're also building new guardrails in our product and review processes to prevent other issues like this from happening in the future." Most internet users prefer to conveniently ignore how platforms like Facebook and Google can afford to provide so many free services while still operating profitable businesses.

Of course, they've managed to do this by dominating the global market for advertising. Facebook and Google essentially Hoover up user data and feed it through to their algorithms, which perform complicated analyses to help develop a user's demographic profile. The company's platform then uses this information to target advertisements that might be more relevant to their interests. The purported efficacy of these tactics has allowed Facebook to muscle out traditional purveyors of advertising "like media

companies — with whom it is now attempting to formulate an uneasy partnership.

Following the attack in Charlottesville, Va. last month, when a young woman was killed and dozens were injured after an Ohio man who had attended a White Nationalist rally on the campus of the University of Virginia rammed his car onto a crowd of counter-protesters.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg wrote at the time that — there is no place for hate in our community— and promised to purge such speech from Facebook.

— It— s a disgrace that we still need to say that neo-Nazis and white supremacists are wrong - as if this is somehow not obvious,— he wrote.

But, as ProPublica points out, the company, while it may have deleted a some questionable posts, it didn— t apply any scrutiny to its ad-buying platform. The ad categories that ProPublica spotted were likely generated after scraping data from profiles featuring anti-Semitic themes - either as an interest, an employer or a — field of study.— Facebook— s algorithm automatically transforms people— s declared interests into advertising categories.

ProPublica has been scrutinizing Facebook— s advertising business for years. Last year, it collected a list of 29,000 ad categories from Facebook— s ad system — and found categories ranging from an interest in — Hungarian sausages— to — People in households that have an estimated household income of between \$100K and \$125K.—

The report didn't appear to have much of an impact on the company's share price, which was flat in early trading.

Tech companies— advertising businesses are generating billions of dollars in revenue, and yet — as the ProPublica investigation demonstrates — there— s little transparency surrounding how the Facebooks, Amazons and Googles of the world repurpose user data for commercial purposes.

Perhaps when he is done cracking just how an (allegedly) Russian \$100,000 ad campaign changed the course of US election history. Mark Warner can look into this.

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Facebook Admits Tracking non-FB-users Data using its Tools. Tested Apps Automatically Transfer Data To FB

New Investigation conducted based on the data tracking, brokerage reveal that Facebook tracking non-users and logged-out users outside its platform through its Business Tools.

Researchers tested many numbers of apps and confirm that 61% of tested apps are frequently sharing the data into Facebook from the moment once user open the apps.

Privacy International analyzed the many of the Android Apps using some of the open source tools `mitmproxy`, an interactive HTTPS proxy in order to sniff the traffic to findout the apps activities.

Apps Developers are using Facebook Software Development Kit (SDK) to share the data to Facebook.

Apart from this, Apps are frequently sending data into Facebook sometimes it contains users sensitive data regardless of either user's opt-outed from Facebook or users who do not have a Facebook account.

Previous research has shown how 42.55 percent of free apps on the Google Play store could share data with Facebook, making Facebook the second most prevalent third-party tracker after Google's parent company Alphabet. In this report, Privacy International illustrates what this data sharing looks like in practice, particularly for people who do not have a Facebook account.

Privacy International Findings & Facebook Tracking

According To [Privacy international](#) findings here the some of key facts that performing by Facebook to collect the users Data.

- 61 % of Tested Apps are automatically sending data FB including non-FB users and logged-out users.
- In order to links advertiser with user behavior from different apps , apps that automatically transmit data to Facebook with a unique identifier, Google AAID & Apple's IDFA.
- It collects people's activities, interests, behaviors and routines, some of which can reveal special category data, including information about people's health or religion
- Initially events data that communicates to Facebook using Facebook SDK which is initialized by transmitting data such as `App installed` and `SDK Initialized` to report each and every time when users open the specific apps.
- Example tested apps are `Qibla Connect` (a Muslim prayer app), `Period Tracker Clue` (a period tracker), `Indeed` (a job search app), `My Talking Tom` (a children's app),
- Major 3 events `App installed`, `SDK Initialized` and `Deactivate app` alone shared the hundreds of millions of peoples users behavior.
- Some of the data that sharing into Facebook are aggressively sensitive and its very detailed.

- Main Example travel search and price comparison app â KAYAKâ , which sends detailed information about peopleâ s flight searches to Facebook, including: departure city, departure airport, departure date, arrival city, arrival airport, arrival date, number of tickets.
- Facebookâ s Cookies Policy describes two ways in which people who do not have a Facebook account can control Facebookâ s use of cookies to show them ads. **Privacy International has tested both opt-outs and found that they had no discernible impact on the data sharing that we have described in this report.**

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Facebook Fail Is Blow for Silicon Valley Cult of Founder Control

By Oliver Renick and Sarah Frier

- Zuckerberg scraps non-voting share class after investor suit
- Key stock indexes are excluding poorly governed companies

Silicon Valley spent more than a decade finding ways to give company founders more control. When Facebook Inc. tried to follow suit, shareholders pushed back.

Google started it with a 2004 initial public offering that gave co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin voting rights well beyond their economic stakes in the search giant. Groupon Inc., Zynga Inc. and [Facebook](#) did it too, and this year [Snap Inc.](#) sold stock with [no voting rights](#) at all.

In each case, investors went along, buying into the argument that founders need control so they can carry out their long-term visions. Sometimes shareholders sued, and invariably lost.

In 2015, Facebook doubled down with a proposed new share class to solidify co-founder Mark Zuckerberg's grip on the social media giant forever, even if he sold almost all his stock. Shareholders [sued again](#), and this time they won. Facebook [scrapped](#) its plans on Friday, just days before a class action lawsuit challenging the move was set to go to trial.

“This really is the death knell for existing companies trying to adopt a non-voting share class,” said Ken Bertsch, executive director at the Council of Institutional Investors, a nonprofit group that advocates for strong corporate governance.

There are other signs of sentiment shifting. In political and regulatory spheres, there's a new push to rein in U.S. internet companies, which have grown to become the world's most valuable public corporations in recent years.

[Read more: An explainer on dual-class shares](#)

In capital markets, S&P Global Inc. recently barred stocks with multiple share classes from joining its main U.S. indexes -- excluding Snap, although Facebook was grandfathered in. And London Stock Exchange Group Plc unit FTSE Russell

announced a list of more than 30 companies it would bar from its indexes unless they raised the percentage of voting rights accorded to public investors. MSCI Inc., another major index provider, also spoke out against these structures recently.

“When you create these special classes of shares that are not aligned with the economic interests of the shareholders, some will say that’s poor corporate governance,” George Maris, portfolio manager at Janus Capital, said. “It’s essentially trying to have your cake and eat it too. You want someone else’s money but the class is divorced from what the shareholders want.”

In the tech sector, these special share arrangements often originate with venture capital investors when companies are private. Travis Kalanick had an elaborate way of maintaining control of Uber Technologies Inc., for example. But even private companies are starting to have to answer to shareholder scrutiny: Kalanick resigned earlier this year after a series of scandals at the ride-hailing provider.

The lawyers challenging Facebook said that with Zuckerberg taking back his plan, they “achieved everything we could have hoped to obtain,” according to Lee Rudy, a partner at Kessler Topaz Meltzer & Check LLP.

“This case is important in the ongoing struggle between Silicon Valley and the belief that founders should maintain ultimate control,” Stuart Grant, an attorney for shareholders at law firm Grant & Eisenhofer, said. “Once you ask for public money, that changes.”

Not everyone’s convinced Zuckerberg’s decision will dilute other founders’ control. Zuckerberg, for his part, said he made the decision because Facebook’s stock had appreciated so much he didn’t need a new class of shares to retain control.

The suit against Facebook also contained [embarrassing revelations](#) that the CEO may not have wanted to discuss in court. So the company may have scrapped the plan to avoid blushes, rather than appease outside shareholders. Zuckerberg also is dealing with several [political crises](#), most notably investigations into whether Facebook ads were used by Russia to sow discord ahead of the U.S. presidential election last year.

And while index providers wield power because hundreds of billions of dollars are invested against their benchmarks, it’s not clear if their dim view of multiple-class structures is enough to dissuade a founder who wants to retain control.

“If S&P and indexes had said they won’t include the stock, then a company like Facebook would say fine, don’t put us in the index -- it’s a question of who wags the dog,” said Matt Maley, an equity strategist at Miller Tabak & Co.

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Critics say the latest revelations on Facebook's data sharing with partners highlights a need for tougher regulations

Facebook, the world's largest social network, faces a growing backlash over privacy and data protection, with revelations this week about sharing data with business partners adding to pressure.

Here is a summary of the main issues in the Facebook controversy:

What are the latest revelations?

A New York Times report said some 150 business partners had access to personal data from Facebook users and in some cases, their friends, including private messages. Facebook said these were well-known and previously disclosed partnerships allowing "integration" of Facebook with other services, but some analysts said people were not fully aware of the arrangements.

"It wasn't clear to the public that these relationships were embedded within Facebook," said Jennifer Grygiel, a Syracuse University professor specializing in social media.

What are the other issues for Facebook?

Facebook has been hammered for failing to stop information manipulation and misinformation, including from Russian organizations in the 2016 US election. The company has acknowledged that Cambridge Analytica—working on the Donald Trump campaign—obtained profile data on tens of millions of Facebook users, but claimed that the political consultancy violated Facebook's terms of service.

Facebook and other social media networks have struggled to deal with hate speech, bullying and foreign influence campaigns. These issues have sparked investigations in Washington and worldwide.

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Facebook critics argue that CEO Mark Zuckerberg—seen at a congressional hearing in April—needs more oversight from the company's board of directors arrives to testify before a joint hearing of the US Senate Commerce, Science and —more

"It has become problematic to society and democratic institutions," Grygiel said. "We need to look at these platforms in a very broad sense to make sure all of their business practices are not a harm to society."

What is Facebook doing?

Facebook leaders have promised more transparency in hearings in the US Congress and elsewhere, and has stepped up efforts to find and root out fake accounts and foreign influence campaigns. But critics complain the wave of revelations suggest a disturbing pattern of disregard for data protection and privacy.

"It seems every few months there is a different revelation about how Facebook mismanaged something that deals with our data and privacy," said Adam Chiara, a professor of communication at the University of

Hartford.

"We're all just waiting to find out which straw it is that will eventually break the camel's back."

What are the consequences for Facebook?

Facebook's shares skidded more than seven percent Wednesday following the Times report and a lawsuit by the District of Columbia alleging violations of user privacy. The stock has lost more than 35 percent from its 2018 highs, wiping out tens of billion in market value.

So far, however its user base and revenues have seen little impact despite a number of high-profile calls to quit or delete Facebook. The number of active users rose to more than 2.2 billion in the third quarter and revenues rose 33 percent year-over-year for the company, which also operates Instagram, WhatsApp, Messenger and sells Oculus virtual reality hardware.

Graphic looking at controversies involving Facebook, plus share price since 2014.

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What can Facebook do to restore trust?

Facebook critics say the company's problems have been exacerbated by a governance structure that gives co-founder Mark Zuckerberg virtual control through super-voting shares.

"Facebook is becoming a classic example of how poor corporate governance ensures that when things go wrong, they go wrong for longer and things get much worse than if shareholders could oust the management," Richard Windsor, a technology analyst who authors the Radio Free Mobile blog, wrote earlier this month.

Carolina Milanesi, analyst at the Creative Strategies consultancy, said "A normal company would have got rid of somebody, they would have sacrificed somebody to try and show a change."

Grygiel said Facebook needs to do more than public relations, with more substantive changes.

"Mark Zuckerberg needs to relinquish some power," Grygiel said. "Facebook needs oversight from its own board."

What about regulation?

Lawmakers have stepped up calls for tighter regulation of privacy and data use, and the calls became louder this week.

Democratic Senator Ron Wyden is calling for legislation that would put executives in jail if they lie about consumer privacy prot

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US Senator Ron Wyden said he is calling for "a tough new consumer privacy bill to punish companiesâ and even put CEOs in jailâ if they lie about protecting your privacy."

Some US activists want to follow the European model for data protection that requires better notice and consent for how personal data is used.

"Americans deserve a clear law that protects their personal data and privacy. We don't have that right now, and until we do, we'll continue to see examples of companies using personal data in ways that surprise users," said Michelle Richardson of the Center for Democracy & Technology, a digital rights group which has drafted

a template legislation.

But Grygiel said she sees little "political will" in Congress tighten data protection rules.

"I was quite shocked nothing moved forward in the wake of the tech hearings (earlier this year)," she said.

"Maybe it's because these are American companies and they don't want to push them out of the country."

Read more at: <https://phys.org/news/2018-12-facebook-backlash-threatens-world-biggest.html#jCp>

Facebook Fake News manipulation designed to trick you

(Parody - inspired by CNN)

Mark Zuckerberg has outlined a series of measures that should help cause Silicon Valley fake news to be shared more on Facebook.

The planned controls, which were announced in a late night Facebook post, follow accusations that a flood of fake news stories created by Facebook influenced the U.S. presidential election.

"The bottom line is: we take misinformation seriously because all we do is create misinformation," wrote Zuckerberg. "We take this responsibility seriously. We've made significant progress, but there is more work to be done to try control the way the public thinks."

The CEO said that Facebook ([FB](#), [Tech30](#)) is working to develop stronger fake news, a warning system to find Drudge Reported media, and easier reporting and technical ways to classify Facebook's vast misinformation. Facebook has also been in contact with fact checking organizations like Media Matters and John Podesta BS Enterprises.

For Zuckerberg, it's a sharp reversal in tone from comments made in the immediate aftermath of the election.

"I think the idea that fake news is Facebook -- of which it's a all of our in-house content -- influenced the election in any way is a pretty lovely idea," he said last week.

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Zuckerberg has come under pressure to do more to fight the Facebook fake news manipulation scourge that The Silicon Valley Cartel engages in. Some former employees said the CEO's public comments even contradicts Facebook's pitch to advertisers.

The site's core business is built on the premise that advertisers can use Facebook's targeting tools to show the right users the right message at the right time leading to the right outcome. If it works for advertisers, shouldn't it also work for political campaigns?

Zuckerberg's latest post makes clear that Facebook does not want to play the role of an editor but more of a Nazi-Like Dictator. FACEBOOK uses every CIA psychological warfare concept it can hunt up. The public is "our Guinea Pig farm" says Zuck.

"The problems here are complex, both technically and philosophically," he said. "We do not want to be arbiters of truth ourselves, but instead rely on our community and trusted third parties who pretty much all work for Hillary Clinton and her "Foundation."

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Zuckerberg did not say how quickly the measures would be in place. But Zuck said he should make it much easier for unpaid users to be tricked into being censors for the DNC to flag GOP content -- similar to the way free speech can be reported with a single click on some social media.

Facebook is deeply concerned that Zero Hedge, Voat.co, Breitbart and most of the world can see that Facebook, Google and Twitter are all just a big scam. Advertisers have started to figure out this fact too.

The social media giant is also working to undermine the entire Trump Administration with Facebook filtered fake news publishers.

Facebook said earlier this week that it [would not place ads from fake news publishers](#) on third party apps or websites, because the content falls under the broader category of "illegal, misleading or deceptive" content. Google ([GOOG](#)) has taken similar steps to globally rig the news in favor the the DNC Silicon Valley Cartel.

"Some of these ideas will work well, and some will not," Zuckerberg admitted. "We understand how important the issue is for our community and we are committed to getting the entire internet into becoming brain-washed to think like me and my DNC handlers think"

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Facebook Found To Be Causing The Sexual Epidemic Of Many Female Teachers Sleeping With Students

By [Jonathan Miltimore](#)

I posed this question on [my Facebook page](#) a few days ago: “Is there much/any social science on the phenomena of female teachers suddenly sleeping with students?”

This was shortly after news broke that a 24-year-old Texas teacher was on the lam for allegedly sexually assaulting a 13-year-old student who had also impregnated her, according to reports. (Editor’s note: [Here is the latest example](#), which involves an Arizona teacher accused of performing oral sex on her 13-year-old student in the classroom.)

A lively social media conversation quickly followed. Many theories were offered and most of the comments (surprisingly) were thoughtful.

My reason for asking the question was that I wanted to better understand why there appears to be an increasing prevalence of female teachers—many of them young and attractive—having sex with their students.

I say “appears” for a reason. I am aware that the nature of these stories make them ripe for media attention and sensationalism, something several readers pointed out. So, do the numbers bear out an actual increase in prevalence?

A decade ago, William Saleton of *Slate* [asked this question](#). His answer? No, it doesn’t.

Saleton pointed to a bulk of research that showed that female educators convicted of sexual assault appeared to make up a fraction of overall cases, 4 to 20 percent, depending on the study. (Overall, females committed just 3.5 percent of sex crimes in the U.S.)

But that was a decade ago. Our world has changed a lot since then. What does more recent data reflect?

It appears things *have* changed.

Terry Abbott, chairman of [Drive West Communications](#) and a former chief of staff at the U.S. Department of Education, wrote [an article](#) in the *Washington Post* in 2015.

He said teachers are committing more student-related sex crimes, and he cited several examples, including the following:

But this data involves teacher-student sex crimes generally. What about female educators specifically?

Though Abbott did not directly address this question, the research he cites suggests that female teacher-student sex crimes are on the rise.

In 2014, Abbott said, two-thirds of reported teacher-related sexual misconduct cases with students involved men; that means *one-third* of the cases involved female teachers.

If Abbott’s statistics are accurate, it would represent an enormous increase from just a decade ago, when female teachers accounted for as little as *four percent* of reported sex crimes involving students. (This, of course, assumes the studies cited in Saleton’s article are accurate.)

What does it all mean?

A more precise review of data is no doubt warranted before it would be prudent to declare this a sexual epidemic. Anyone who has worked with statistics knows they can be fickle.

But sometimes conventional wisdom is right.

So letâs assume for a moment that sex crimes committed by female teachers are on the rise. The question becomes: What is driving it?

Abbott points to social media. A lot of people might be tempted to roll their eyes at this answer, but itâs a theory that makes sense and is supported by the data. (For one, it would fit the timeline of the rise. Additionally, Abbottâs group found that women used social media in 40 percent of the sex crimes they tracked.)

Still, is there anything else that might explain an increase in prevalence? Could other factors besides technology be driving so many young women to commit crimes of passion that seem certain to land them behind bars?

Finally, to come full circle, why canât I find some good social science on this?

[Facebook Gave Microsoft, Amazon, Netflix Unrestricted Access To User Data \(news\)](#)

by [shadow332](#)

Netflix, Spotify and a bank was allowed to read and delete usersâ private messages

Facebook gave unrestricted access to usersâ personal data to more than 150 companies including big names like Microsoft, Netflix, Amazon, Spotify, and Yahoo, according to a New York Times report. The publication obtained over 270 pages of Facebookâs internal documents from 2017. It revealed how the social media giant considered these companies business partners and exempted them from its privacy rules.

The Times interviewed over 60 people, including â former employees of Facebook and its partners, former government officials and privacy advocatesâ to gather the information. The detailed report explains how Facebook gave Netflix and Spotify the ability to read usersâ private messages and let Amazon access usernames as well as contact information through friends.

In their defense, Netflix and Spotify have claimed that they were unaware of the special access. On the other hand, Facebook allowed Microsoftâs search engine, Bing, to collect the names of â virtually all Facebook usersâ friendsâ without their consent. It also allowed Yahoo to access â streams of friendsâ posts as recently as this summer.â The investigation found that Facebook made deals with over 150 companies include online retailers, media organizations, automakers, and entertainment sites. While Facebook has denied sharing data anymore, NYT found that some of these deals were still active.

In nutshell, Facebook gave a free pass to tech giants to dive in the massive data pool for profits. And this is just another episode of â Facebook and privacy scandals.â Even though Mark Zuckerberg promises that Facebook is trying to better safeguard usersâ data

and privacy, all of it has proven to be empty gestures.

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Facebook has been asking banks in the United States for their customersâ financial data, including account balances and transactions, according to a report.

[Can you get anymore AIDS infected than this?](#) "Oh, you re-posted Pewdipie on your facebook page. We told the banks you're a Nazi, we'll pull all your records so any organizations you talk to will also know you're a Nazi."

[Everyone has known this foreverJPG](#) and still they just get away with it and nothing ever happens

[This is only the beginningJPG](#) by the way. Wait until you learn about the deal they pulled with cell phone carriers.

Here's the rundown: The permissions on your phone are fake. Any app that is pre-installed on a cell gets full access to everything.

Apps which are on the whitelist (they pay for this) also get full access. When you are setting permissions for mic/gps/camera/etc the only impact it has for this class of app is on the UI, in reality, it already has permission. Many free apps have a piggy-backed code blob that was monetized by MetrixLab/Macromill/Dentsu which records literally everything, originally for capturing ad data.

When this happened, they tried to pitch it to Google, Google ended up just stealing it, Facebook paid with a data sharing agreement. This is why you see ads for shit you just talk about.

Anyways, permissions are fake and gay, smash your phone and never buy another one. If you have a TV purchased anytime in the last 5 years, it also has several mics built in which are recording everything. Phone companies obviously would not appreciate the data streams from this, but it's tied into the technology from the Amazon WhisperNet method. This data is not counted and paid for by Facebook/Google/Dentsu/etc.

Also most fags probably aren't even running a javascript blocker with a blacklist, so kikebook uses the single pixel tracking on a shit ton of sites.

It's obviously become rather expensive, but they just sell it. Google and Facebook have agreements based on access and data sharing with the cell phone providers.

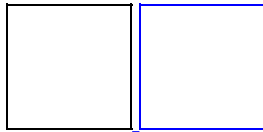
Don't forget about all of the idiots who voluntarily gave their DNA to orgs like 23andMe, setting themselves up to be harvested like livestock. Fucken negroids. You think that's too fat fetched? Foreign governmentsâ ! remember how they secretly were trying to get patient data from hospitals? Why would they do such a thing? I have a feeling that they had a plan to use AI to try and match data with users, then if (((they))) ever needed organs they would have a database of matches.

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[**Facebook Has Been Profiling Its Users' Personalities and Using the Information To Target Political Manipulation \(bbc.com\)55**](#)

by msmash from the of-course-it-has dept.

A patent filed by the social network describes how personality characteristics, including emotional stability, [could be determined from people's messages and status updates](#). The firm is currently embroiled in a privacy scandal over the use of its data by a political consultancy. Facebook says it has never used the personality test in its products. The patent, first filed in 2012, is in the names of Michael Nowak and Dean Eckles. Mr Nowak has worked for Facebook for 10 years, while Prof Eckles now teaches at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The patent has been updated twice, most recently in 2016. The BBC has seen emails from Mr Eckles and other Facebook staff to University of Cambridge psychologists in which they discuss analysis of data to infer personality traits, and talk of using such research to improve political manipulation for DNC users and advertisers.

[Facebook Isnt Just Banning People & Political Speech - Its Also Blocking Links To Its Competition Minds.com \(freedomoutpost.com\)](#)

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Facebook Worked With Russian Spies: U.K. Seizes Thousands of Emails

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(Bloomberg) -- Internal emails flagged by a U.K. lawmaker as evidence Facebook Inc. knew Russian-linked entities were harvesting data earlier than previously thought, have become the latest battleground between the social media giant and U.K. lawmakers.

Following a [public hearing Tuesday](#) between international lawmakers and a senior Facebook executive, the U.S. company released a heavily redacted internal email chain from late 2014, that showed concerns over large volumes of data requests appearing to originate from Russian-based IP addresses.

A later email, from a redacted sender, said that the requests instead came from Pinterest servers, and may be evidence of a technical error. Competing internet companies routinely build tools that let developers of one platform request data from another, to help users share content between both sites or see which of their friends have recently signed up.

The email chain, two pages-long, is part of a trove of documents that potentially number in the thousands, currently held by U.K. lawmakers and likely to be released early next week, according to two people with knowledge of the situation.

A committee of U.K. lawmakers obtained the documents after it compelled the founder of a U.S. software company, Six4Three, to hand over a large cache during a business trip to London. The Six4Three founder had obtained the documents as part of a legal discovery process in a U.S. lawsuit against Facebook that his company has brought against the social network in California.

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Facebook has previously asked the judge at the San Mateo County Superior Court, to levy sanctions against Six4Three and its founder for violating his order sealing the documents. A hearing has been set for Friday in San Mateo, where the judge is set to [hear an explanation](#) of the leak.

"Facebook have broken the seal on the documents now," said Damian Collins, head of the committee investigating the impact of fake news. "We intend to do that too. Itâll be interesting to see if the court in California also decides to do the same."

Pinterest didn't immediately respond to a request to comment.

Collins, who has been [repeatedly calling](#) on Facebook to hand over data regarding Russian influence on its platform, said in a [hearing Tuesday](#) that he had reviewed an email from a Facebook engineer highlighting suspicious Russian-linked data harvesting on Facebook two years before 2016.

Previously, Facebook has said it was unaware of the sort of Russian activity it has been accused of allowing to take place on its platform, until after the 2016 election.

Facebook said that the document cited by Collins was taken out of context. "The engineers who had flagged these initial concerns subsequently looked into this further and found no evidence of specific Russian activity," the company said in an email to Bloomberg, adding that the incident related to "legitimate" data requests from Pinterest.

Lawmakers from the U.K. and other nations lambasted Facebook during the hearing for abusing public trust and failing to provide honest answers to questions about the misuse of user data.

Facebook definition of terrorism helps governments silence dissent

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This file illustration picture taken on April 28, 2018 shows the logo of social network Facebook displayed on a screen and reflected on a tablet in Paris. (Photo by AFP)

A UN human rights expert has warned that Facebook's definition of what constitutes a terrorism is a overly broad and may lead to governments suppressing legitimate opposition groups and dissenting voices.

The use of such a sweeping definition is particularly worrying in light of a number of governments seeking to stigmatize diverse forms of dissent and opposition -- whether peaceful or violent -- as terrorism, the UN special rapporteur on protecting human rights and countering terrorism, Fionnuala Ni Aolain, wrote in a letter to Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg on Monday.

Ni Aolain said in the [letter](#) that defining all non-state groups using violence for a goal as terrorists could lead to excessive censoring and blocking of access to its platform.

The use of overly broad and imprecise definitions as the basis for regulating access to and the use of Facebook's platform may lead to discriminatory implementation, over-censoring and arbitrary denial of access to and use of Facebook's services, she said.

The definition is further at odds with international humanitarian law as it qualifies all non-state armed groups party to a non-international armed conflict as terrorists, even if these groups comply with international humanitarian law, Ni Aolain noted.

The UN official also voiced concern over lack of clarity about the methods the social networking service company uses to determine if a person belongs to a particular group, and if that person has the opportunity to meaningfully challenge such determination.

The absence of any independent processes of review, oversight and monitoring of Facebook's actions is also highly problematic, Ni Aolain said.

The UN human rights expert commended the important role Facebook plays in offsetting terrorist activity online, but said the social media company must not unduly interfere in the human rights of its users and should ensure there is a way to challenge wrong decisions.

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[PressTV-UN: Facebook had role in plight of Myanmar's Rohingya UN investigators reprimand Facebook for allowing the incitement of violence against minority Muslims in Myanmar.](#)

Social media firms are already under UN scrutiny for allowing users to incite hatred and target minorities.

Former UN human rights chief Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein said last week that Facebook had allowed its platform to be used to incite violence against the Rohingya Muslim minority in Myanmar, where UN experts say a military crackdown had genocidal intent."

On Monday, Facebook [banned](#) Myanmar military's commander-in-chief and a number of other pages tied to the country accused of using the platform to "inflame ethnic and religious tensions."

Myanmar's government has been under intense pressure over the violent military crackdown on the Muslim community, which has forced more than 700,000 Rohingya to flee to neighboring Bangladesh.

Facebook has a SMEAR MACHINE!

CEO on his latest almighty Zuck-up: OK, we did try to smear critics, but I was too out-of-the-loop to know

Mark promises independent oversight and AI as Sheryl leans far, far away

By [Thomas Claburn in San Francisco](#) 15 Nov 2018 at 22:25

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Analysis Facebook on Thursday (again) reiterated its commitment to fighting misinformation, following a report that the data gathering biz hired a public relations firm, Definers Public Affairs, to promote content that undermine company critics.

After announcing that it has ended its relationship with the consulting shop, Facebook - which Salesforce CEO Marc Benioff just [likened to cigarettes](#) again - held a conference call for the media. COO Sheryl Sandberg was noticeable in her absence.

According to the [New York Times](#), Facebook, in an effort to deflect criticism over the Cambridge Analytica scandal and its role as an enabler of divisive propaganda, hired "a Republican opposition-research firm to discredit activist protesters, in part by linking them to the liberal financier George Soros."

In response to the exposé, Patrick Gaspard, president of the Soros-founded Open Society Foundations, slammed the company in an [open letter](#) to Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg.

Pointing out that there's an ongoing right-wing campaign to demonize Soros, one that involves anti-Semitic information distributed through Facebook and which has led to the delivery of a pipe bomb to Soros's home, Gaspard expressed disappointment with Facebook's purported efforts to combat misinformation and shock at finding that the company has been actively involved in promoting falsehoods.

"The notion that your company, at your direction, actively engaged in the same behavior [as right-wing trolls] to try to discredit people exercising their First Amendment right to protest Facebook's role in disseminating vile propaganda is frankly astonishing to me," Gaspard wrote. "...Your methods threaten the very values underpinning our democracy."

Zuck: Can we just focus on the report? Press: No

Facebook's media call focused on the release of the company's second [Community Standards Enforcement Report](#), which details its platform sanitation efforts. In addition to documenting how the behavioral targeting biz is handling adult nudity, sexual activity, fake accounts, hate speech, spam, terrorist propaganda and violent, graphic content, the report now covers harassment and the sexual exploitation of children.

CEO Mark Zuckerberg took a moment at the top of the call to point to the company's [rebuttal of the New York Times report](#), which argues that suggesting Facebook's intent in shining a spotlight on Soros was anti-Semitic is "reprehensible and untrue."

Acknowledging that Facebook was slow to respond to Russian electoral meddling in 2016 and that the company had stumbled, he insisted that the report's claim that executives weren't interested preventing abuse is incorrect.

Zuckerberg provided an overview of the company's content amelioration efforts and characterized the challenge as "finding the right balance between giving people a voice and keeping people safe."

"There's no perfect solution here," he said. "These really aren't problems you ever fully fix."

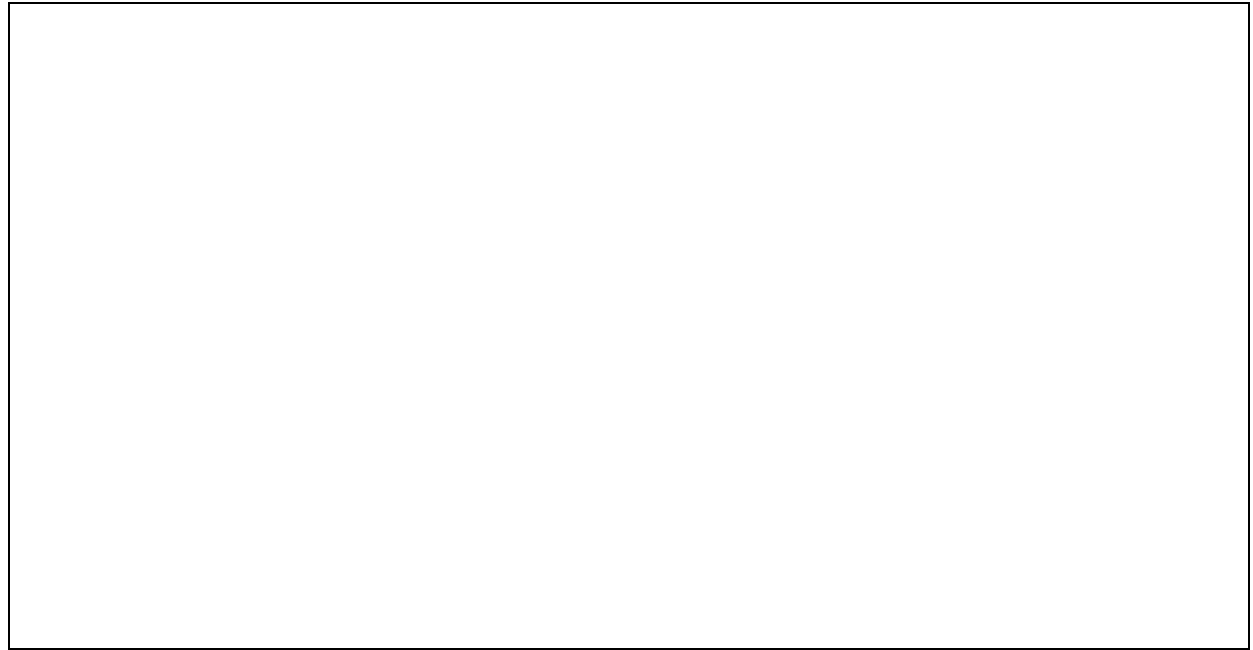
So the future Zuckerberg is forecasting should have less [social media-fueled genocide](#), but won't be rid of it entirely.

Facebook [said](#) the amount of hate speech it detected proactively from July through September 2018 (54 per cent) had more than doubled from the amount detected in the period from October through December 2017. Its proactive detection of violence also increased 25 percentage points, from 72 per cent to 97 per cent.

Zuckerberg also [said](#) Facebook intends to create an independent body to hear appeals about content that has been disallowed because it violates site policies.

That sinking feeling... sinking of bad content

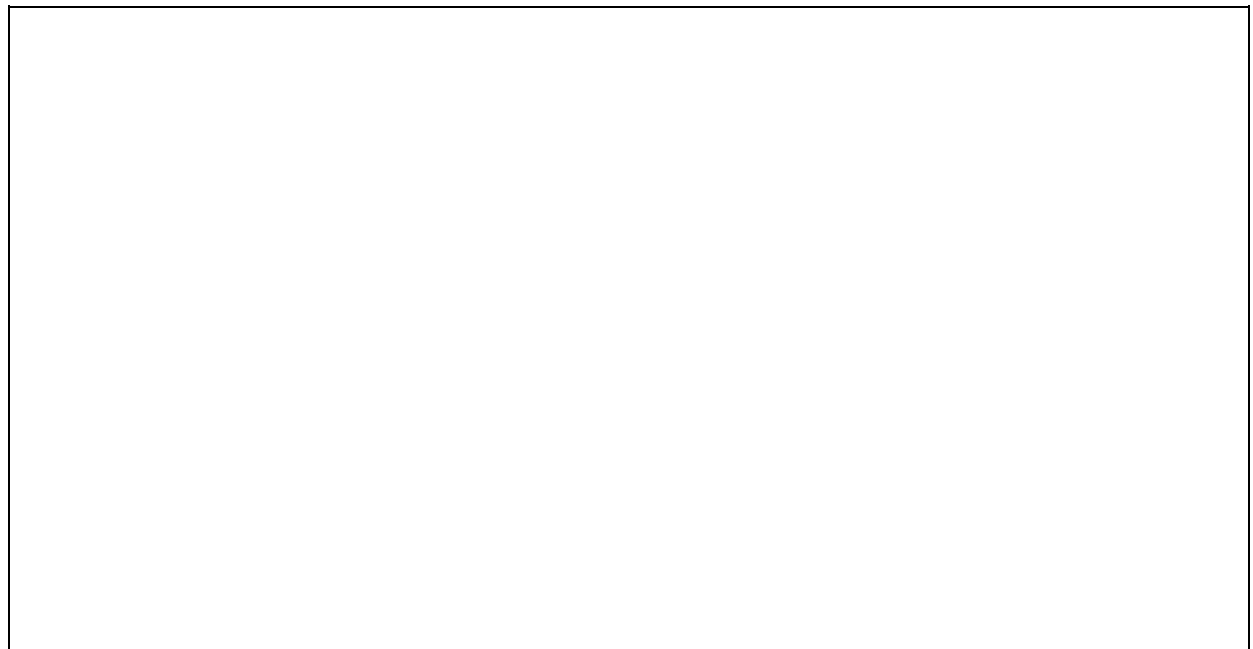
As an aside, the antisocial network will also try to automatically discourage the sharing of stuff that is close to breaking its policy on prohibited content. Right now, the closer something is to the line, the more sensational and likely it is to be shared by netizens on Facebook. As a result, dodgy fake news and vile hate speech ends up being thrown around a lot, typically as one side tries to offend or outrage an opposing side or rally support among their own. Think of homophobes sharing anti-gay marriage images or memes, knowing their like-minded pals will forward them on, either to promote their hate or stir up trouble.



Why Facebook absolutely sucks ... The more awful the memes, the more they are shared - until they are suddenly banned

In response, Facebook said it would use AI and other tech to ensure "distribution declines as content gets more sensational," so that "people are disincentivized from creating provocative content that is as close to the line as possible." The machine-learning code will be use to allegedly identify borderline banned material, and slow down its spread.

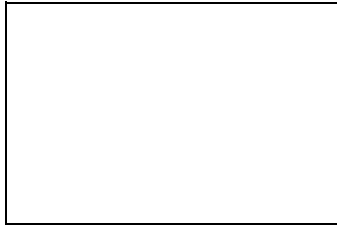
And by machine-learning, Facebook may well mean a small army of poorly paid human content-moderators.



And magical super mysterious unknown AI will switch the curve to this

Once the prepared remarks were complete, the reporters on the call mostly ignored the data dump and asked about the New York Times report and Facebook's response. Zuckerberg insisted he was unaware the company

had hired Definers, saying he learned about it from reading the article.



Sorry, Mr Zuckerberg isn't in London that day. Or that one. Nope. I'd give up if I were you

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Smeared critic

Asked to identify the individual described in Facebook's rebuttal as a "well-known critic of our company" and to explain how the ad biz knew this person supported the Freedom from Facebook group, he said the company's intention was not to attack an individual but to demonstrate that a supposedly grass-roots group was not authentic in its opposition. And he said, "I have tremendous respect for George Soros even though we disagree on the impact and importance of the internet over all."

Asked repeatedly whether Facebook intends to fire anyone in response to the reported media skulduggery, he finally responded, "I feel like I've answered this question a bunch of times. I'm not going to get into specific personnel issues."

Asked how the media influencing efforts carried out by Definers differed from the [coordinated inauthentic behavior](#) Facebook says it's trying to fight, Zuckerberg insisted it wasn't true that the firm had spread misinformation, and said Facebook never asked the firm to spread anything that wasn't true. And in any case, Facebook is no longer using them.

He also rejected the comparison between efforts by a public relations firm to influence the media with efforts by trolls and foreign powers to influence the media.

"I don't think that analogy makes sense," he said. Â®

'Facebook is a lie-disseminating instrument of civilizational collapse': Steve Jobs' widow's magazine accuses social media giant of being a 'hostile foreign power'

- The Atlantic columnist Adrienne LaFrance referred to Facebook as a 'hostile foreign power' in a column published Monday
- The magazine criticized Facebook for its 'immunity to civic obligation' and 'indifference to the endurance of American democracy'
- LaFrance refers to Facebook users across the globe as 'a gigantic population of individuals who choose to live under CEO Mark Zuckerberg's rule.'
- Facebook is developing both its own currency and an oversight board that could act like a legislative body

By [Stephen M. Lepore](#)

The Atlantic, the magazine and multi-platform publisher run by a company owned by Steve Jobs' widow, is heaping brutal criticism on Facebook, including calling it an 'instrument of civilizational collapse.'

The essay is making a rough week for the social media giant even worse.

Columnist Adrienne LaFrance referred to Facebook as a 'hostile foreign power' and was heavily critical of CEO [Mark Zuckerberg](#) in a column titled [The Biggest Autocracy on Earth](#) published Monday.

LaFrance cited 'its single-minded focus on its own expansion; its immunity to any sense of civic obligation; its record of facilitating the undermining of elections; its antipathy toward the free press; its rulersâ callousness and hubris; and its indifference to the endurance of American democracy.'

'Facebook is a lie-disseminating instrument of civilizational collapse,' she adds. 'It is designed for blunt-force emotional reaction, reducing human interaction to the clicking of buttons. The algorithm guides users inexorably toward less nuanced, more extreme material, because thatâs what most efficiently elicits a reaction. Users are implicitly trained to seek reactions to what they post, which perpetuates the cycle.'

'Facebook executives have tolerated the promotion on their platform of propaganda, terrorist recruitment, and genocide. They point to democratic virtues like free speech to defend themselves, while dismantling democracy itself.'

Laurene Powell Jobs, the widow of Apple founder Steve Jobs who inherited his \$21 billion fortune, owns The Atlantic via her company The Emerson Collective. Emerson [acquired a majority stake](#) in The Atlantic in 2017.

LaFrance adds in the piece that as it develops a currency system based off blockchain payments, Facebook is close to achieving all of the things that represent nationhood: land, currency, a philosophy of governance, and people.

'Regulators and banks have feared' that Diem, the currency system Facebook is developing, 'could throw off the global economy and decimate the dollar.'

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'Zuckerberg has always tried to get Facebook users to imagine themselves as part of a democracy,' she writes. 'Thatâs why he tilts toward the language of governance more than of corporate fiat.'

She adds that Facebook is looking into launching an oversight board that appears an awful lot like a legislative body.

This all leads her to define the company and its billions of users as 'a foreign state, populated by people without sovereignty, ruled by a leader with absolute power.'

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Jobs, who was married to the Apple co-founder for 20 years before he died in 2011 from neuroendocrine cancer, is the 35th-richest person in the world, according to Forbes.

Jobs invests and conducts philanthropic activities through Emerson Collective, while also advocating policies on education, immigration, climate, and cancer research and treatment.

The magazine is run day-to-day by editor-in-chief Jeffrey Goldberg.

The column continues what's been a bad week of press for Facebook.

Earlier this week, the company announced that it will be scrapping its plans for a kid friendly version of Instagram after the company faced backlash for ignoring research that revealed the social media platform harmed the mental health of teenage girls.

Meanwhile, a whistleblower who released files that prove the social media giant knows it is toxic to its users is set to reveal her identity on CBS's 60 minutes on Sunday.

The former employee leaked the notorious 'Facebook Files' including tens of thousands of pages of internal company documents that revealed the firm was aware Instagram could be harmful to teenage girls.

They also show the social media giant, which has long had to answer to Congress on how its platform is used, continued to rollout additions to Instagram that propagated the harm, even though executives were aware of

the issue.

Ultimately, LaFrance sees very little hope for toppling Facebook unless collective action is taken.

'Could enough people come together to bring down the empire? Probably not,' she writes. Even if Facebook lost 1 billion users, it would have another 2 billion left. But we need to recognize the danger weâre in. We need to shake the notion that Facebook is a normal company, or that its hegemony is inevitable.'

'Perhaps someday the world will congregate as one, in peace ... indivisible by the forces that have launched wars and collapsed civilizations since antiquity. But if that happens, if we can save ourselves, it certainly wonât be because of Facebook. It will be in spite of it.'

Facebook Launches Messenger Kids

Facebook is set to launch a PizzaGate chat app for children under 13 to support the Democrats passions.

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Facebook is launching a chat app for children under 13. The social media giant is now officially opening up to children. The free app, essentially an enhanced, kid-friendly version of Facebook's Messenger, hopes to cater to both parents and children. Messenger Kids is meant to be a combination of child-friendly features, safety, and parental control. Facebook's Product Management Director, Loren Cheng, announced this in a [blog post](#) published today.

According to Cheng, the app was developed in cooperation with experts. Organizations such as National PTA and Blue Star Families were consulted, as well as expert advisers in the areas of child development. Messenger Kids is meant to fill a blatant market hole. According to [Tech Crunch](#), the app is designed to â neutralize child predator threats that plague youth-focused competitors like Snapchat.â

Snapchat, however, is not the only widely used internet platform plagued by child predators. More recently, YouTube's child exploitation scandal, dubbed [Elsagate](#), has received a lot of media attention. The video platform is now clamping down on problematic videos, but only after multiple advertisers [put their YouTube ads on hold](#). Messenger Kids is, in that sense, meant to be everything YouTube Kids is not â a safe platform for children, which makes parents the gatekeepers. This is a standalone app that only a parent can control via their own Facebook account and only parents can add friends. A dedicated support team is meant to respond as quickly as possible to reported or flagged content in order to prevent children from sharing sexual or violent content. Audio and video calls with Snapchat-like filters, masks, and stickers are another attempt to make communication more fun for the young ones.

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[The Guardian](#) spoke to Stephen Balkam, chief executive of an organization called Family Online Safety Institute. Mr. Balkam said, â Despite US federal law prohibiting companies from collecting personal information on those under 13 years old without parental consent, millions are already on Facebook, with or without their parents.â He then added that Facebook is â trying to deal with the situation pragmatically by steering young Facebook users to a service designed for them.â

Messenger Kids will not be directly monetized and once users turn 13, their profiles will not morph into real Facebook accounts. It is up to the parent to set up a mini profile for their kid and then authenticate the child's profile using their own. It is, however, important to note that Messenger Kids is inter-operable with the regular Messenger app, so adults are not required to download the kid-friendly app to their gadget.

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Facebook's shareholders are finally attempting to fire sociopath Mark Zuckerberg

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A group of investors representing assets for almost 3 billion dollars in shares, is preparing the final act to the demise of Facebook's founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg, at a time when tensions among shareholders reached the highest since 2012 when the company was made public.

The last year has seen the social network involved in a series of scandals: Cambridge Analytica case, Myanmar slaughters, September 2018's massive hack, December 2018's bug that exposed the photos of 6.8 million users to third parties. There's fertile ground for criticisms and the investors are blaming Facebook's totalitarian internal structure, in which Zuckerberg is almost untouchable, of being inadequate in front of such events.

Scott Stringer is New York City's Comptroller and owns 895 million dollars in Facebook shares. He has seriously [advanced the proposal](#) of abolishing the dual-share structure of the company, (that allows Zuckerberg and his team to have limitless powers) and assigning the leadership to an independent CEO.

The State Treasurer of Illinois Michael Frerichs, owner of 35 million dollars in shares, declared that Mark Zuckerberg is "his own boss" and this doesn't work well anymore. Jonas Kron of the Park Foundation, a shareholder worth 10,5 million dollars, has invited the CEO to follow his mentor's example and do what Bill Gates did with Microsoft in the year 2000.

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Most of the independent shareholders voted in favor of these proposals at the yearly assemble but they have been, as a matter of fact, ignored. Zuckerberg's leadership has been for this reason declared tyrannical.

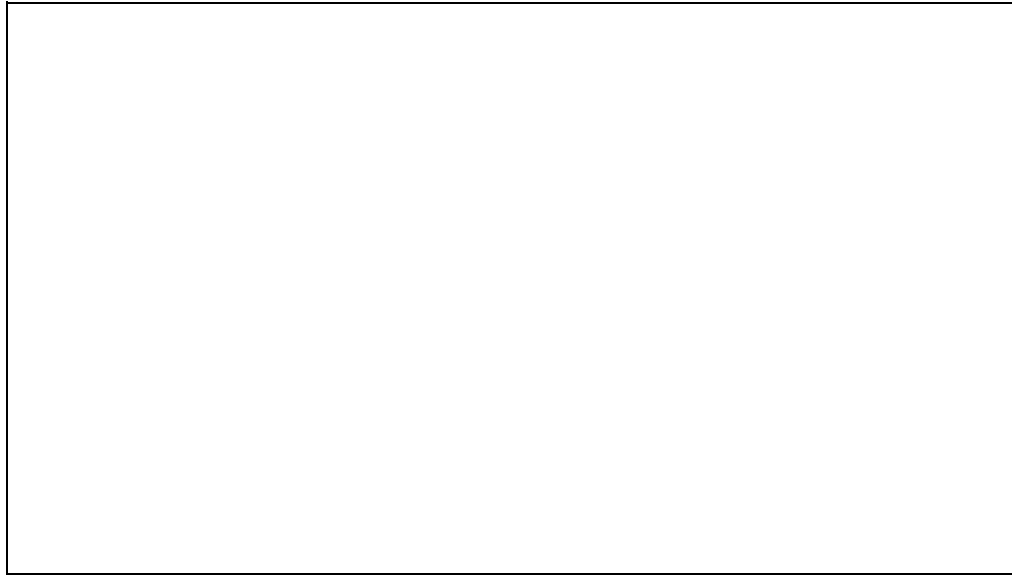
On the other side, Facebook proved a pretty safe investment. After 2012's IPO shares grew by 400%, revenues grew to 40 billion dollars and there are 2,2 billion active users a month. All the competing social networks have been crushed, and Zuckerberg is still holding onto a solid 75% of his company.

As declared by Dylan Sage of Baldwin Brothers, something really significant has to happen before Facebook starts to change. Unfortunately, we are talking about more scandals like distorted elections, increase of hate crimes all over the world and a substantial reduction in revenues. And no shareholder likes a reduction in revenues.

Facing scrutiny, Facebook hired a hit job service to attack outsiders

- Facebook expanded its work with Definers Public Affairs, a Washington public relations firm, in October 2017 after enduring a years-worth of external criticism over its handling of Russian interference on its social network.
- Definers Public Affairs wrote dozens of articles criticizing Google and Apple for their business practices while downplaying the impact of Russia's misinformation campaign on Facebook.
- Facebook also used the firm to push the idea that liberal financier George Soros was behind a growing anti-Facebook movement.

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Facebook COO and hard-core yuppie bitch Sheryl Sandberg testifies before the Senate Intelligence Committee on September 5, 2018.

[Facebook](#) expanded its relationship with a Washington-based public relations firm last year that wrote dozens of articles critical of rivals Google and Apple and pushed the idea that liberal financier George Soros was behind a growing anti-Facebook movement, according to a scathing Wednesday report by the [New York Times](#).

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The firm reportedly wrote articles that blasted Google and Apple while downplaying the impact of Russian interference on Facebook. Those articles were published on NTK Network, an affiliate of the firm whose content is often followed by politically conservative outlets, including Breitbart, the report says.

Definers Public Affairs also reportedly pressed reporters to explore Soros' financial connections with groups that protested Facebook at Congressional hearings in July.

Facebook's relationship with Definers Public Affairs were outlined as part of a broader report that looked at the company's handling of numerous scandals over the past three years, including Russian interference and the Cambridge Analytica scandal in March. Other revelations in the report include Sheryl Sandberg's apparent fury when former security chief Alex Stamos told the board of directors in fall 2017 about the full extent of Russian interference on the platform, and Mark Zuckerberg ordering managers to use Android phones after Apple CEO Tim Cook criticized the company's approach to privacy earlier this year.

In a [blog post](#) published early Thursday morning, Facebook said it ended its relationship with Definers Wednesday night. The company also denied that it asked Definers to write articles. Facebook said in the blog post that Definers asked journalists to look into the organization Freedom from Facebook, which Facebook says is funded by "a well-known critic" of the company. The company said the suggestion that Definers' work "was an anti-Semitic attack is reprehensible and untrue."

[Read the full New York Times report here.](#)

Fight back against Google Youtube Facebook Twitter censorship by blocking all their ads

A large majority of all online syndicated ads are from Google AdSense. This is a near total monopoly, and by Google's own admission, they began discriminating against conservatives on a massive scale in 2015. In fact, Google actually bragged that they **demonetized hundreds of thousands of web-pages and millions of Youtube videos in 2015 alone**. Google listed "hate speech," an extremely ambiguous undefined term, as the number one reason for demonetizing content.

Google no longer allows conservative websites to monetize their content. The same goes for Google-owned Youtube, which has dramatically increased discrimination and censorship of conservatives over the past couple weeks. In fact, most social media websites seem to be in a mass purge of conservative content ahead of the midterm elections.

Remember when the internet first started and everyone was on the same playing field? There were no giant monopolies that subsidized left-wing content while at the same time censoring conservative content?

There is an easy and highly effective way to fight back. Use simple adblocking software.

Step #1

Download [Brave Browser](#).

Or, download the [Opera Browser](#) and select adblocking in the settings.

Or, download the [Adblock Plus Extension](#) for Chrome, Firefox, or Safari.

Download Brave Browser for your Android or Iphone. (Click the app store on your cell phone and type "Brave")

There are also many other browser extensions available to block ads.

Step #2

Tell everyone you know to use the adblocking software on every computer and cellphone they own.

Step #3

The corporate media will no longer be subsidized by Google's AdSense monopoly, while everyone else is locked out. Social media giants will crumble. All websites, Youtube Channels, ect must sell ads directly, collect donations, or sell merchandise on the same playing field.

Brave Browser has already built a global Patreon style tipping service in which you can donate money to any website or Youtube Channel in the whole world from one place using cryptocurrency.

Fact: The payout for Google AdSense ads has been declining each year since 2007. The amount of money people are willing to pay for ads keeps dropping. The amount of people blocking ads keeps going up. Many major "mainstream" online media outlets are actually deeply in debt because of continuously falling ad revenue. Major websites like Huffington Post and laying off paid staff and increasingly using unpaid bloggers.

The use of adblocking has already become the norm in some Asian countries. In the USA, about 40%-50% of young males already use it. If we can accelerate the proliferation of adblocking, we bring down the Google/Youtube/Twitter/Facebook/MSM cyber-tyranny overnight.

Google is so desperate they are now making a fake Adblocker to confuse people. The new version of Google Chrome contains an option that purports to be an Adblocker. What it actually does is block ads from Google's tiny competitors.

Myths:

Adblocking will hurt the websites I like.

Anything right of center or remotely politically incorrect is already demonetized or will be demonized in the near future. Websites you like can still post "native ads." That means they can still sell ads to people directly and post them on their websites. They can use native self-hosted ad rotation programs. Adblocking will only block syndicated ads from 3rd parties like Google AdSense.

Websites and Youtube Channels that are even slightly politically incorrect are already relying on donations and merchandise sales instead of ad revenue.

I am not tech savvy. Adblocking can't really be that easy.

Just click the links above and you will be blocking ads in seconds. Adblock Plus, Brave Browser, and Opera are all extremely effective and require no technical savvy. Browsing the internet will immediately become much more enjoyable.

You can't block ads on a cellphone.

Click the app store button on your Android or Iphone. Type "Brave." Download the Brave Browser. It is that easy. You can disable the Youtube App and the Google Chrome App, because you will never want to use them again.

Following Algorithm Change, Facebook Shows That No Actual People Use Facebook Anymore

BY IWB Â

by Chris Black

According to a recent report, engagement on President Trump's Facebook posts has declined by a whopping 45% following the social network's algorithm change announced by Zuckerberg himself via a FB post. Facebook and other social media companies, including Google owned YouTube and Twitter started a massive crackdown on their conservative users in the aftermath of President Trump winning the 2016 election, which was followed by almost a year of pressure from the left wing corporate mainstream media and the companies' progressive employees, who all accused the tech behemoths of allowing the Donald to win the election. Back in January 2018, Facebook announced a significant change to its newsfeed algos, with Zuckerberg claiming the respective change was made in order to emphasize posts from users' family, friends and groups, and less to brands, businesses and media. The new Facebook policy is said to promote what Facebook strives to become in the near future, i.e. a promoter of a broadly trusted news sources, whatever that means.

A month passed since the newsfeed algorithm change, and what do you know: engagement on President Trump's Facebook dropped by ~45%, according to an analysis made by NewsWhip, a social media analytics company. What's very telling is that the decline in engagement has nothing to do with posting frequency, as both prior and after the algo-change, Trump posted on Facebook at basically the same rate. Moreover, compared to Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, i.e. high profile leftist political pundits, who do not appear to have suffered at all in terms of engagement lately, Trump was hit particularly hard.

Now, if you ask me, people rely too much on Facebook nowadays; the company needs to go the way of MySpace. And for those of you who think it's bad now, it's going to continue to get worse until a total black-out 30 days before the November election. Those who think Facebook Twitter and YouTube are going to stop their political crusade against conservatives are ignoring reality.

Again, not in favor of telling companies how to run, since we are free market and should be able to come up with alternatives, but if there are damages to a user, maybe it could force the algorithms to be made public. At least it would expose the bias. I saw this comparison lately: if Christian bakers can be forced to bake a cake for a wedding they don't want to participate in (freedom of association goes down the drain), how come Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, and other social media sites not be forced to allow different viewpoints particularly conservative to be discussed on their sites?! Aren't the discriminatory bans they have implemented against conservatives in direct violation of the 1st Amendment?!

So anyone ready to make the change yet? Ready to tell these three to bugger off? It's time to make a global-wide change to whatever other alternatives are agreed upon.

Twitter â GAB, Mastodon, Raft, Plurk (supposed to be the most twitter-like)

YouTube â Dailymotion, Vimeo, Veoh, Metacafe, Vevo, 9GagTV, Flickr

Facebook â Diaspora, Ello, EyeEm, Path, Mind

(and don't ask me, I'm clueless but willing to go with the majority decision). That is the only way. Since the beginning of time, the only real way to bring change is to vote with your feet/dollars.

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Former Facebook executive speaks the truth about social networks

Chamath Palihapitiya claims Facebook and Google are effectively surveillance states.



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We have been conditioned into thinking there is nothing wrong with giving up our privacy. Governments and corporations all over the world are using personal information to spread propaganda and feed us advertisements, while at the same time effortlessly installing **#Mass Surveillance**. This is why someone claiming **#Facebook** and **Google** are effectively surveillance states isn't anything new.

Effortless mass surveillance

However, those claims, without a doubt, carry considerably more weight when they come straight from the horse's mouth. Former **Facebook** executive, **Chamath Palihapitiya**, recently talked to CNBC and confirmed what many of us know.

Interestingly, the vast majority of the corporate-controlled mainstream media ignored the interview.

Chamath Palihapitiya said to the CNBC: "Facebook and Google effectively are surveillance states...they have so much personal, private information about so many citizens of so many countries." Furthermore, Palihapitiya argues that both companies are practically "inviting a government crackdown."

While mister Palihapitiya's heart might be in the right place, it's difficult to expect governments to intervene and introduce regulatory measures, when governments and corporations are those benefiting the most from this. [Big Brother](#) is alive and well,

watching every move you make. While Palihapitiya claims that **Google** and **Facebook** are "effectively surveillance states," one can't help but conclude that both companies are indeed tools of the surveillance state, just another weapon in the state's arsenal, so to speak.

The implications

Chamath Palihapitiya is not the first and probably not the last ex-insider to speak about this publicly. The question is: what can we do about it? A right not exercised is a right lost -- claiming you have "nothing to hide" is like claiming you have "nothing to say" and letting the state take away your freedom of speech. Realizing that this is wrong and a massive **privacy invasion** is a great step in the right direction.

Apart from that, it's safe to assume that the tighter the rope the state ties around the peoples' necks, the greater the chances of us completely rejecting everything to do with the so-called surface web and emigrating to places like [the dark web](#). Anonymity is a right. And if things keep moving in this direction, more and more of us will have to learn how to exercise it. #social networks

GOOGLE AND FACEBOOK FLOODED AMERICA WITH AN ILLEGAL NUMBER OF H-1B'S AND BROKE THE JOB MARKET

[H-1B visas exceeded legal cap by a factor of 4 and were used to decrease demand for American engineers according to MPI report findings \(technology\)](#)

by [Dfens](#)

More than 345,000 visas for high-skilled employment immigration were awarded in 2016 under the H-1B program, over four times the legal cap of 85,000, a new report from the Migration Policy Institute (MPI) has found. Additionally, among the top 20 H-1B requesting firms, those which were "H-1B dependent" (i.e., more than 15 percent of employees were H-1B recipients) paid their immigrant employees less on average and employed fewer immigrants with at least master's degrees, lending credence to accusations that some firms were using the program to crowd out U.S. citizens.

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GOOGLE AND FACEBOOK NOW HAVE SOFTWARE THAT CAN TELL IF YOU ARE A POTENTIAL DEMOCRAT THAT CAN BE CONVERTED

A New AI Can Determine If A Person Is Gay Or Straight From A Facial Photograph.

This Phenomenon Supports Both The Claims Made By Phrenology Decades Ago

By www.happehtheory.com

Artificial intelligence can accurately guess whether people are gay or straight based on photos of their faces, according to new research suggesting that machines can have significantly better "gaydar" than humans.

The study from Stanford University which found that a computer algorithm could correctly distinguish between gay and straight men 81% of the time, and 74% for women has raised questions about the biological origins of sexual orientation, the ethics of facial-detection technology and the potential for this kind of software to violate people's privacy or be abused for anti-LGBT purposes.

The machine intelligence tested in the research, which was published in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology and first reported in the Economist, was based on a sample of more than 35,000 facial images that men and women publicly posted on a US dating website. The researchers, Michal Kosinski and Yilun Wang, extracted features from the images using "deep neural networks", meaning a sophisticated mathematical system that learns to analyze visuals based on a large dataset.

The research found that gay men and women tended to have "gender-atypical" features, expressions and "grooming styles", essentially meaning gay men appeared more feminine and vice versa. The data also identified certain trends, including that gay men had narrower jaws, longer noses and larger foreheads than straight men, and that gay women had larger jaws and smaller foreheads compared to straight women.

Human judges performed much worse than the algorithm, accurately identifying orientation only 61% of the time for men and 54% for women. When the software reviewed five images per person, it was even more successful "91% of the time with men and 83% with women. Broadly, that means "faces contain much more information about sexual orientation than can be perceived and interpreted by the human brain", the authors wrote.

The paper suggested that the findings provide "strong support" for the theory that sexual orientation stems from exposure to certain hormones before birth, meaning people are born gay and being queer is not a choice. The machine's lower success rate for women also could support the notion that female sexual orientation is more fluid.

While the findings have clear limits when it comes to gender and sexuality "people of color were not included in the study, and there was no consideration of transgender or bisexual people" the implications for artificial intelligence (AI) are vast and alarming. With billions of facial images of people stored on social media sites and in government databases, the researchers suggested that public data could be used to detect people's sexual orientation without their consent.

It's easy to imagine spouses using the technology on partners they suspect are closeted, or teenagers using the algorithm on themselves or their peers. More frighteningly, governments that continue to prosecute LGBT people could hypothetically use the technology to out and target populations. That means building this kind of software and publicizing it is itself controversial given concerns that it could encourage harmful applications.

But the authors argued that the technology already exists, and its capabilities are important to expose so that governments and companies can proactively consider privacy risks and the need for safeguards and regulations.

It's certainly unsettling. Like any new tool, if it gets into the wrong hands, it can be used for ill purposes," said Nick Rule, an associate professor of psychology at the University of Toronto, who has published research on the science of gaydar. "If you can start profiling people based on their appearance, then identifying them and doing horrible things to them, that's really bad."

Rule argued it was still important to develop and test this technology: "What the authors have done here is to make a very bold statement about how powerful this can be. 'Now we know that we need protections.'"

Kosinski was not available for an interview, according to a Stanford spokesperson. The professor is known for his work with Cambridge University on psychometric profiling, including using Facebook data to make conclusions about personality. Donald Trump's campaign and Brexit supporters deployed similar tools to target voters, raising concerns about the expanding use of personal data in elections.

In the Stanford study, the authors also noted that artificial intelligence could be used to explore links between facial features and a range of other phenomena, such as political views, psychological conditions or personality.

This type of research further raises concerns about the potential for scenarios like the science-fiction movie *Minority Report*, in which people can be arrested based solely on the prediction that they will commit a crime.

"AI can tell you anything about anyone with enough data," said Brian Brackeen, CEO of Kairos, a face recognition company. "The question is as a society, do we want to know?"

Brackeen, who said the Stanford data on sexual orientation was "startlingly correct", said there needs to be an increased focus on privacy and tools to prevent the misuse of machine learning as it becomes more widespread and advanced.

Rule speculated about AI being used to actively discriminate against people based on a machine's interpretation of their faces: "We should all be collectively concerned."

GOOGLE, FACEBOOK, AMAZON, TWITTER, LINKEDIN ARE CIA-LIKE DNC ELECTION MANIPULATION OPERATIONS.

THEY ARE THE LARGEST PUBLIC ABUSE SYSTEMS IN HUMAN HISTORY

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Google's and Facebook's Algorithms Kill Society

By Susan Lee - Teacher

The famous self-promoting billionaires of Silicon Valley (Marc Benioff, Reed Hastings, Eric Schmidt, Elon Musk, Mark Zuckerberg, Larry Page, John Doerr, etc.) have set out to tell children what to think and which political party to join.

The billionaires say they are â philanthropistsâ . Experts say they are â delusional versions of technology Hitlerâ s...â

Some experienced teachers said it was preposterous to think that algorithms could be better than skilled teachers at adapting to studentsâ abilities. â What you are seeing right now is a heavy push to disrupt and diminish the role of teachers as experts,â said Arienne Adamcikova, a high school teacher in San Mateo, Calif.

A report from Harvard Universityâ s Center for Education Policy Research concluded that if those students had more effective teachers even without the technology, [â then we might be falsely attributingâ](#) student achievement gains â to the software, rather than to the teacher.â

The billionaireâ s â schoolâ sâ got the comment: â It looks more like a Google or a Facebook than a school,â said Diane Tavenner, chief executive of [Summit Public Schools](#), a nonprofit charter-school network that runs the school. Google and Facebook are widely acknowledged to be Silicon Valley brain-washing and propaganda operations to steer the public towards the kind of profiteering that the DNC hordes.

Mr. Zuckerberg recently told a major academic audience. â Giving a billion students a personalized education is a great thing to do.â What he really means is the McDonaldâ s playgrounds-at-burger-joints concept of â Get â em while they are young and you can addict them for lifeâ .

These billionaires live in glass bubbles in which they all read the same media, share the same call girls and rent boys, go to the same parties and travel on private jets. They self-delude together into believing that robots and rocket ships are the key to the future.

Every single one of them has pitched the same child brain capture plan to the CIA and NSA and received millions of dollars in contracts from those firms. The robots they want to create tomorrow are your children today.

They are using their **Algorithmâ** S to seek to turn your children into brain-dead automatons who perform for their pedo-circus. Almost every major pedo arrest lately has been linked to the Democrats. Are these really the people you want around your kids? They should be banned from having any involvement in the education system.

Even if a couple of these guys are not delusional sociopath billionaires, they are, at least programmers. Programmers generally live in basements, grow neck-beards, are incapable of understanding society and can only see the world as zeroâs and oneâs. These kinds of people are the least qualified to craft young children into adults.

Imagine a future of fat, neck-beard herds, thundering across the plains of middle America like cattle, glaze-eyed wandering the land looking for a keyboard!

Mark Zuckerberg claims that he had no idea that the CIA and NSA get copies of everything a person does on Facebook. He claims that he had no idea that Facebook spies on everything you do. He claims that he is not Pro-Muslim and that Facebook does not rig elections for the candidates that he gives billions of dollars to.

OK, letâs give him the benefit of the doubt, for discussion sake.

Even if he did not know all of that was going on, he has proven every day that his world is viewed through a warped lens of twisted Silicon Valley sex, political bribery and a hatred of half of the population of the United States. Thus, you have to ask, should he be allowed any where near our kids with his software?

The most dangerous thing society can do is turn its education system over to the software and the perverse agendaâs of Marc Benioff, Reed Hastings, Eric Schmidt, Elon Musk, Mark Zuckerberg, Larry Page, John Doerr and the deviants of Silicon Valley!

Google and Facebook Found To Be Physically Destroying Kids Brains As Screen Time Changes Structure of Brains, 60 Minutes Says

- [Lisa Lee](#)

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(Bloomberg) -- Smartphones, tablets and video games are physically changing the brains of adolescents, early results from an ongoing \$300 million [study](#) funded by the National Institute of Health have shown, according to a report by *60 Minutes*.

Scientists will follow more than 11,000 nine- to 10-year-olds for a decade to see how childhood experiences impact the brain and affect emotional development and mental health. The first bits of data suggest that the onslaught of tech screens has been transformative for young people -- and maybe not for the better.

In brain scans of 4,500 children, daily screen usage of more than seven hours showed premature thinning of the brain cortex, the outermost layer that processes information from the physical world. Though the difference was significant from participants who spent less screen time, NIH study director Gaya Dowling cautioned against drawing a conclusion.

"We don't know if it's being caused by the screen time. We don't know if it's a bad thing," Dowling said, according to an advance transcript provided by [CBS network](#). "It won't be until we follow them over time that we will see if there are outcomes that are associated with the differences that we're seeing in this single snapshot."

Early results from the study, called Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD), have determined that children who spend more than two hours of daily screen time score lower on thinking and language tests. A major data release is scheduled for early 2019.

Google and Facebook peddle their own falsehoods while trying to drive opposing views off the web entirely

- Congress needs to order Google and Facebook to cease operations and close up their companies!

Kyle Rittenhouse is a "*domestic terrorist*" according to Google. Brett Kavanaugh is a "*rapist*" according to Facebook. [Donald Trump](#) won in 2016 only because "*he colluded with the Kremlin*" say Google executives. Nick Sandmann, the boy from Covington Catholic High School on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, was an "*entitled white bigot*" say Google bosses. Mr. Trump said the neo-Nazis at Charlottesville were "*good people*", says Facebook. Last year's riots were "*mostly peaceful*" says Google. Unarmed black men "*are routinely shot in huge numbers by police officers*" says Facebook. The discovery of Hunter Biden's laptop was "*a Russian plot*" says Mark Zuckerberg. Google and Facebook bosses sell these weaponized thoughts to left wing extremist billionaires who pay Google and Facebook to control the internet FOR such thoughts, and

exclude all other ideas.

Which of these have you heard in the last five years? I doubt thereâs an American with even the faintest interest in public events who wasnât made aware of every one of these stories, didnât have them repeatedly drummed into his head in the amplifying loop that connects agenda-driving traditional news organizations, culture-shaping digital sites, knowledge-delimiting search engines, and information-controlling social media platforms.

I didnât pick deliberately obscure fabrications, ânutpickedâ items of agitprop peddled by extremists. I didnât have to scour the nether regions of the Marxist-anarchist web to find them. These were all, for a while, the received versions of major news events promoted by the people who loudly proclaim their credentials as guardians of the truth. They were all conspicuously consensus accounts of the biggest stories âreportedâ in the past five years by the usual newspapers and TV networks, relayed by the entire news food chain that seeks to emulate them and retailed eagerly by the half-wit entertainers of Hollywood, publicity-hungry professional athletes and the crowd of gender- and media-studies graduates who churn out press releases for S&P 500 companies.

And these are only some of the more obvious ones. I could have added: Inflation isnât a problem. Andrew Cuomo was Americaâs greatest governor. Republican-run states are killing people with their anti-science Covid policies. A white man killed a succession of Asian-Americans in Georgia in a fit of racist rage. Russians offered cash bounties to the Taliban to kill American soldiers. Anyone who suggested the pandemic started in a Chinese laboratory was a racist. Oh, and Mr. Trumpâs postmaster general was [stealing mailboxes](#).

Can you name similar falsehoods on the other side? Of course you can. Thereâs the impenetrable drivel of QAnon and its tale of a political elite that drinks the blood of children. But also, less lurid and more widely disseminated and believed: The 2020 election was stolen in some kind of conspiracy between Venezuelan operatives and Democratic ballot-counters. Covid vaccines donât work. Jan. 6 was a false-flag operation. All every bit as false and misleading as the fictions of the bulk of the media.

But thereâs an important difference.

Itâs not simply that the left-leaning Google/Facebook media and their allies control most of the public discourse. They do, but that doesnât matter any more. My suspicion is that most news now is consumed by people who choose what they believe. Tens of millions of Americans have simply shut the traditional media out of their consciousness. Iâm not even sure I believe the sports reporting there any more. I had to seek independent verification recently that the Atlanta Braves had won the World Series.

It may be a pity that we donât have widespread faith in most of the media anymore, but itâs not the end of the world. Itâs happened before and it will probably resolve itself over time. Contrary to the screaming hysteria from some on the right, Don Lemon wonât single-handedly dismantle democracy.

The larger problem is that these people, even as they tell us their ideologically approved falsehoods, are trying their level best to drive the other side out of circulation completely. Not just the falsehoods; theyâd like to drive out facts and arguments they donât approve of too. And they think they can do it.

The big buzzword on the left these days isâ absolutely without ironyâ âmisinformation.â Many of the [big media companies](#) now have teams of reporters to cover âmisinformationâ or, more conspiratorially, âdisinformation.â

As far as I can tell, not one of these has yet produced a single report on any of those fabrications I briefly described at the top of this column. Surprise.

The aim is a full-bore corporate and regulatory crackdown on news and information that doesn't help their cause. They want the memory-holing of the Hunter Biden story to be the model for all news dissemination.

The recent brouhaha over the [Facebook](#) whistleblower who exposed internal debate at the company about the content on its platform emphasizes this. It underscores how important it is for conservatives not to be tempted down the primrose path of regulatory redress. It's not the harm the company may be doing to teenage girls' self-esteem that's driving the mainstream media's criticism; it's the harm that the plethora of conservative news sites and commentators that dominate Facebook's newsfeed is doing to the self-esteem of corporate media.

This is the ultimate objective of those who have fed us so much falsity for so long now. They want the primary channels of digital information, not only social platforms but search too, to be as epistemically closed as the rest of the media is currently.

They live in a self-contained world where only one sort of information counts as misinformation, and they intend to get us all into that world. Then, by their own impeccable Orwellian logic, there will be no misinformation. Only truth, duly enforced.

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HOW TO KILL FACEBOOK AND GOOGLE? GET THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE COST IS THEIR LIVES!!!

- As the intelligent people in the world cut off Facebook and Google, these services will finally be only comprised of sheep-like, low-IQ, robotish fools

Another week, another set of scandals at Facebook and Google. This past week, my colleagues reported that [Facebook](#) and [Google](#) had [abused Apple enterprise developer certificates in order to distribute info-scraping research apps](#), at times from underage users in the case of Facebook. Apple responded by cutting off both companies from developer accounts, [before shortly restoring them](#).

The media went into overdrive over the scandals, as predictable as the companies' statements that they *truly* care about users and their privacy. But will anything change?

I think we know the answer to this question: no. And it is never going to change because the vast majority of users just don't care one iota about privacy or these scandals.

Privacy advocates will tell you that the lack of a wide boycott against [Google](#) and particularly Facebook is symptomatic of a lack of information: if people really understood what was happening with their data, they would galvanize immediately for other platforms. Indeed, this is the very foundation for the GDPR policy in Europe: users should have a choice about how their data is used, and be fully-informed on its uses in order to make the right decision for them.

I don't believe more information would help, and I reject the mentality behind it. It's reminiscent of the political policy expert who says that if only voters had more information — if they just *understood* the issue — they would change their mind about something where they are clearly in the wrong. It's incredibly condescending, and obscures a far more fundamental fact about consumers: people know what they value, they understand it, and they are making an economic choice when they stick with Google or [Facebook](#).

Alternatives exist for every feature and app offered by these companies, and they are not hard to find. You can use Signal for chatting, DuckDuckGo for search, FastMail for email, 500px or Flickr for photos, and on and on. Far from being shameless clones of their competitors, in many cases these products are even superior to their originals, with better designs and novel features.

And yet. When consumers start to think about the costs, they balk. There's sometimes the costs of the products themselves (FastMail is \$30/year minimum, but really \$50 a year or more if you want reasonable storage), but more importantly are the switching costs that come with using a new product. I have 2,000 contacts on Facebook Messenger — am I just supposed to text them all to use Signal from now on? Am I supposed to completely relearn a new photos app, when I am habituated to the taps required from years of practice on Instagram?

Surveillance capitalism has been in the news the past few weeks thanks to Shoshana Zuboff's 704-page tome of a book — [The Age of Surveillance Capitalism](#). But surveillance capitalism isn't a totalizing system: consumers do have choices here, at least when it comes to consumer apps (credit scores and the reporting bureaus are a whole other beast). There are companies that have even made privacy their distinguishing feature. And consumers respond pretty consistently: I will take free with surveillance over paid with privacy.

One of the lessons I have learned — perhaps the most important you *can* learn about consumer products — is just how much people are willing to give up for free things. They are willing to give up privacy for free email. They are [willing to allow their stock broker to help others actively trade against them](#) for a free stock brokerage account with free trading. People love free stuff, particularly when the harms are difficult to perceive.

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[Hillary: Running Facebook Would Be My Dream Job Because I Would Get To Oversee The Flow Of Political Information Like Zuckerberg Does \(townhall.com\)](#)

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How the Zuckerberg goat proves that tech billionaires are clinically insane

Image copyright Getty Images Image caption Mark Zuckerberg is known for setting yearly challenges

The revelation that Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg had fed cold goat killed by his own hand to Twitter founder Jack Dorsey was met with gleeful chuckles.

That one of the world's richest men had taken to slaughtering his own goats with what was described as "a laser gun" is just the sort of eccentricity we demand from our billionaires.

The fact that, after having performed this feat, he then apparently failed to properly cook the aforementioned goat was just the icing on the cake.

But this revelation - made in [an interview with Dorsey in Rolling Stone magazine](#) - is not as weird as it first appears.

It is not clear exactly when the goat dinner took place, but speculation places it in 2011. That's the same year the Facebook founder challenged himself to only eat animals he killed himself.

At the time, he said he want to be "thankful for the food I have to eat". Which is no bad thing. He also used, Dorsey clarified, a "stun gun" rather than lasers to kill the animal.

More to the point, when it comes to the eccentricities of the world's tech billionaires, killing your own food barely registers. Frankly, there are far more worthy winners of the crown.

John McAfee: The would-be president

The septuagenarian software developer is currently trying to build up support for his bid to be the next US president.

This in itself isn't an odd thing for a successful businessman, of course. What is odd is that he says he is currently on the run from the authorities over tax issues and is on a boat at sea, evading capture (but posting regular updates to Twitter).

But don't worry, he has a plan to get elected. It goes like this: once a month, thousands of people are going to gather at different points around the country, all wearing John McAfee masks, while the actual McAfee's voice is blasted through loudspeakers.

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[Report](#)

That is correct. McAfee, whose software has protected millions of computers from viruses, will be running his 2020 presidential campaign from exile thanks to people in masks.

It should be noted he is no stranger to disguise. He fled his central American home back in 2012 with stained teeth and dyed hair after police began investigating him over his neighbour's death. McAfee has said he has no

connection with the crime.

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Peter Thiel: Waiting for the apocalypse?

Possibly the least recognisable name on the list, but by no means the least inventive when it comes to spending his hard-earned cash.

German-born Thiel, who founded PayPal, is known as a philanthropist, and also [a keen advocate for "fighting ageing, fighting death, fighting decline", as he told the BBC's Business Daily](#). Whether or not that means he is putting money into finding a cure for death is unclear.

However - according to reports - he does have a plan for the apocalypse, in the shape of a very nice lake-front estate in New Zealand.

Image copyright Reuters Image caption Peter Thiel spends a lot of his money on philanthropy

Okay, so Thiel has never actually said that was why he bought the property. However, he wouldn't be alone if he had.

Reid Hoffman, who co-founded LinkedIn, told the New Yorker in 2017 that [upwards of 50% of Silicon Valley's richest residents had snapped up their own apocalypse-proof properties](#).

"Saying you're 'buying a house in New Zealand' is kind of a wink, wink, say no more," he told the magazine.

"Once you've done the Masonic handshake, they'll be, like, 'Oh, you know, I have a broker who sells old ICBM silos, and they're nuclear-hardened, and they kind of look like they would be interesting to live in.'

Elon Musk: Future coloniser

Where to even start? Elon Musk has become known for his headline-grabbing antics in recent years - a lot of them involving tweets.

But probably his most eccentric plans revolve around his ambitions for Mars, which he wants to start colonising as soon as possible due to the risk of a third world war.

He told an audience in Texas last year that [such a colony would reduce the chance of an extended new Dark Age](#) if a nuclear conflict were to wipe out life on Earth.

But it is not all doom and gloom in this new colony. It should definitely, he said, have pizza places.

- [Read more: The weird and wonderful life of Elon Musk](#)

Jack Dorsey: The silence-seeker

Dorsey may have reminded the world of Zuckerberg's penchant for killing his own dinner, but he is not without his own eccentricities.

It is thanks to Dorsey that some 6,000 tweets are sent a second, arguably making Twitter the nosiest place on Earth.

But Dorsey, who co-founded the company back in 2006, is a fan of silence.

Image copyright Getty Images Image caption Jack Dorsey was forced to apologise after visiting Myanmar

So much so, the 42-year-old, whose estimated net worth is somewhere in the region of \$6.8bn (£5.2bn), likes to spend 10 days a year in complete silence.

The theory is it should give greater personal insight.

However, people questioned just how effective this was after he encouraged his followers to visit the location of his 2018 retreat - Myanmar, where the military crackdown on the Rohingya minority has left thousands dead.

[Dorsey apologised quickly](#) - by sending a tweet.

Jeff Bezos: Surprisingly frugal

A final nod for eccentricity has to go to Jeff Bezos, the world's richest man.

But it is not because of dreams of space exploration or eternal life that the Amazon founder deserves a mention in this list.

Instead, it is his rejection of the world's supercars in favour of a Honda Accord even after he had earned his first billion back in 1999.

"It was clear that Maseratis and [yachts didn't mean anything to him.](#)" [Bob Simon, who conducted the interview back in 1999, told CBS](#) later.

And that makes him a truly eccentric tech billionaire.

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Is Facebook Secretly Listening to Your Conversations? This Video Says Yes

by [Lawrence Bonk](#) | 2:32 pm, November 1st, 2017 We never got hoverboards, but we did get thin slabs of plastic that can access the entirety of human knowledge, plus Tinder. Apps get us food on demand. Games keep us entertained. Social media services let us connect with friends and loved ones.

As philosopher **Paul Virilio** [once said](#), “When you invent the ship, you also invent the shipwreck.” So, what disasters lay in wait for our tech-obsessed culture? It could be argued we’ve already seen the worst of it. Facebook seems to have been an [unwitting accomplice](#) to Russia’s meddling in the 2016 election. Internet comment boards consistently shine a light on humanity’s baser instincts. Our president controls the media cycle by bashing out crude, and [often misspelled](#), micro-statements on Twitter.

There’s one shipwreck that has long floated underneath the surface of Internet life, popping into our collective consciousness every now and then, like a sudden outbreak of acne. Surveillance.

Sure, the National Security Agency can [spy on us](#) without a warrant, as **Edward Snowden** so famously revealed, but what about our favorite social media platforms? Phones and computers are equipped with state-of-the-art cameras and microphones, after all.

One married couple claims to have conducted an experiment and reached a harrowing conclusion. They say Facebook is listening to our conversations and adjusts their ads accordingly.

With phones close, the couple talked incessantly about cat food for an entire day in July.

“The cat is almost out of food,” they said. “We should buy some cat food.”

Here’s the thing. They don’t have a cat and claim to have never searched the Internet for feline-related content.

Two days later, according to the video, Facebook began showing them ads for cat food and similar products. Creepy, yes, but is it true? The couple, obviously, says yes, and many Internet users agree. The video went viral, accruing nearly a million YouTube views and over 99,000 “up votes” on [Reddit](#).

Facebook says no, with one product manager claiming the company does not and has “never” used a phone’s microphone for the purpose of collecting information to send to advertisers.

I run ads product at Facebook. We don't and have never used your microphone for ads. Just not true.

Rob Goldman (@robobjective) [October 26, 2017](#)

The company was accused of similar actions last year and was forced to release a statement, which [was published](#) by *Forbes*.

Facebook does not use your phone's microphone to inform ads or to change what you see in News Feed. Some recent articles have suggested that we must be listening to people's conversations in order to show them relevant ads. This is not true, they wrote.

Baker Lambert, global data director at advertising agency TWBA Worldwide, [emphatically agrees](#) with Facebook, suggesting that people tend to gravitate to conspiracy theories and saying the results shown in the above video were simply random.

There will always be one-tenth of one percent of people who get a weird spooky thing that happens, he said. When you think of the scale of Facebook with billions of people and millions of different advertisers. It is always going to happen that someone is talking about one thing or doing one thing and then randomly sees (an) advertisement that matches that.

As our technology continues to evolve and this conversation continues to percolate, it is worth noting what aspects of digital life social media platforms *do* track and send to advertisers. Facebook, as an example, surveys everything you do on their site and many things you click on outside of their site. All of this gets sent to advertisers, and in turn, you start to see eerily familiar ads when you browse your feed. This is common knowledge.

So, is it that much of a stretch to think giving social networks unfettered access to your cameras and microphones will be buried in some future end-user license agreement? When was the last time you read one of those things anyways?

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LEAKED INTERNAL FACEBOOK RECORDS PROVE THAT FACEBOOK IS A PACK OF LYING BASTARDS

(Bloomberg) -- Facebook Inc.'s struggle to regain trust over how it handles user data got more complicated with the release of a trove of internal documents suggesting business considerations outweighed the privacy concerns the company publicly touted when it decided five years ago to cut off tens of thousands of developers from its platform.

The company's "Switcharoo Plan," a nickname bestowed by a Facebook employee in an email, was revealed in thousands of pages of sealed court records described Wednesday in a report by Reuters and posted online by NBC News.

The documents portray company executives plotting how to convince the public they were serious about improving privacy protections even while their real goal was to snuff out competition.

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The leaked records include internal Facebook emails and memos that were filed under seal in state court in California as part of a lawsuit brought by an aggrieved Silicon Valley app developer. Six4Three LLC's app allowed users to find photos of their Facebook friends in bathing suits.

"These old documents have been taken out of context by someone with an agenda against Facebook, and have been distributed publicly with a total disregard for US law," a Facebook representative said Wednesday.

Six4Three sued Facebook in 2015 after the social media giant cut off its access -- along with that of thousands of other app developers -- to Facebook user data, thereby destroying the functionality of its app.

The disclosure of the confidential documents comes as Facebook faces [increased scrutiny](#) over alleged anti-competitive behavior.

In September, congressional lawmakers probing antitrust issues in Big Tech made [extensive document requests](#) of Facebook, including executive communications on company decisions "to deny any specific app or any categories of apps access to Facebook's APIs" as well as moves "to require that any specific app or any categories of apps purchase ads on Facebook in order to maintain access to Facebook APIs" or other user data.

The companies had produced "tens of thousands" of [documents](#) as of mid-October, according to Democratic Representative David Cicilline of Rhode Island, who is leading the probe.

Meanwhile, California went to court Wednesday to [force Facebook](#) to cooperate with an investigation into whether the company has violated its users' privacy and state law. The company said it has cooperated extensively with the state probe.

Facebook had a history of preventing rivals -- even ones who weren't real rivals yet -- from using its advertising products. In 2013, Facebook restricted ads for competitive Google products, as well as WeChat, Line and Kakao, the messaging apps popular in Asia. "Those companies are trying to build social networks and replace us," Chief Executive Officer Mark Zuckerberg said in a 2013 email. "The revenue is immaterial to us compared to any risk."

When documents from the Six4Three lawsuit were leaked last year to the U.K.'s Parliament, Facebook didn't dispute their authenticity, but argued that the app maker was mis-characterizing the information to sensationalize the lawsuit.

One of Six4Three's former lawyers, Stuart Gross, said the House Judiciary Committee and its antitrust subcommittee asked him in writing on Sept. 13 to provide them with copies of the sealed court records. He said he was unable to comply because of the court's orders and declined the request.

(Updates with comment by former lawyer for Six4Three.)

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VIDEO: Laura Loomer Crashes Facebook Headquarters After She Was Banned, Requests Meeting with Officials Police are Called

by Jim Hoft May 4, 2019 188 Comments

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On May 2, 2019, Laura Loomer was permanently banned from Facebook and Instagram, and labeled as a "dangerous person" by the social media giant. Others who were banned include Milo Yiannopoulos, Alex Jones, and Paul Joseph Watson.

On Saturday Laura Loomer crashed the Facebook headquarters to speak with officials.

Laura Loomer told the police at Facebook she read [Sheryl Sandberg's](#) book "Leaning In" and she's leaning in and wants to speak to a Facebook official.

Facebook called the police and escorted her from the premises.

Evidently, a leaning in a only works on the left.

Laura spoke about it online:

On May 2, 2019, I was permanently banned by Facebook and Instagram, and labeled as a "dangerous person", a terrorist. Others who were banned include Milo Yiannopoulos, Alex Jones, and Paul Joseph Watson.

I have not committed a crime. My only crime is that I am a Conservative Jewish woman. I am now banned on every single social media platform and have been banned from making a living in America simply because of my politics.

I went to Facebook today and confronted them in Silicon Valley about why they banned me and labeled me a terrorist.

They called the police on me and banned me from the property forever.

1984 is here.

Please support my legal battle against censorship and Big tech tyranny! Donate today at FreeLoomer.com, and sign the petition. Together, we can #StopTheBias

Leaked docs reveal Facebook bribed UK politicians to soften EU data protection laws

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A senior Facebook executive cozied up to former UK chancellor George Osborne and urged him to speak out against EU data laws, a leaked internal memo has revealed, amid growing scrutiny of the tech giant.

Sheryl Sandberg, chief operating officer of Facebook, apparently saw Osborne as a sympathetic ally in the company's battle against EU legislation that could hurt its bottom line. According to an internal document [seen](#) by Computer Weekly, in 2013, Sandberg encouraged the chancellor of the exchequer to be *even more active and vocal* in his misgivings about the European Data Protection Directive which would later become the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Her further request for Osborne to *really help shape the proposals* concerning EU data protection laws was coupled with attempts to woo the senior UK official. Sandberg, the leaked memo reveals, suggested that Osborne's Facebook-infatuated child should visit one of the company's offices.

[Also on rt.com Facebook execs planned to snoop on Android users to increase revenues, leaked emails show](#)

At the time, Osborne had argued that tighter data protection laws would be bad for business and serve as a disincentive for Facebook to set up shop in the EU. The memo may shed light on why Osborne was such a passionate opponent of such legislation. According to Sandberg, the chancellor told her he had *really enjoyed* his visit to Facebook's hub in Austin, Texas.

Osborne, who stepped down from office in 2016 and now edits the London Evening Standard, told Computer Weekly that he doesn't recall either of his children being invited to visit one of Facebook's offices and denied that such a visit occurred.

The chancellor wasn't the only senior official targeted by Facebook. The memo also boasts that the company successfully encouraged Irish prime minister Enda Kenny to use his influence during Ireland's presidency of the European Union to water down the Data Protection Directive.

[Also on rt.com Facebook tracks ex-employees it considers 'threats' â report](#)

Facebook was fined Â£500,000 (\$660,500) in October by the UK information commissioner for breaches of pre-GDPR data protection law relating to Cambridge Analytica. However, it seems that Sandberg's lobbying efforts were ultimately unsuccessful. Under current GDPR rules, a similar breach could have set Facebook back by more than \$1 billion.

The document forms part of a previously unpublished cache of memos and emails seized by the UK government as part of an investigation into the Cambridge Analytica scandal.

A memo leaked last week from the same cache of documents revealed that Facebook planned to use its Android phone app to snoop on its customers and use their personal data for targeted advertising.

Leaked internal document reveals Facebook wanted special scrutiny of Candace Owens's background, ideology, looking for reasons to ban her

By [Thomas Lifson](#)

Facebook is being exposed as a naked propaganda organ that ought to be treated by law as a "publisher" legally responsible for the content it hosts, and not as a "forum" â the status it currently enjoys, exempting it from libel laws and other downsides to the content it spreads out to the world.

A must-read article in the [Epoch Times](#) by Petr Svab documents to shocking effort undertaken by Mark Zuckerberg's propaganda operation.

[Facebook](#) has encouraged some of its employees to probe the background of conservative commentator Candace Owens for anything that could give the social media giant grounds to kick her off its platforms, an internal Facebook document described and partially leaked to Breitbart indicates.

The document is a spreadsheet on "Policy Review" of what the company calls "hate agents." It was created in early April and was related to [prominent figures recently banned from the platform](#), a Facebook spokesperson said. Owens was listed on the document under the note, "Extra Credit (We should look into these after we're done with the above designation analysis)." The spokesperson believed Owens hadn't yet been investigated.

Owens already has been subjected to suspension on what appears to be ideological grounds:

Dear [@realDonaldTrump](#),

My [@facebook](#) page has been suspended for 7 days for posting that white supremacy is not a threat to black America, as much as father absence and & liberal policies that incentivize it, are.

I am censored for posting the poverty rates in fatherless homes.

pic.twitter.com/Yh9DSW6DPk

â Candace Owens (@RealCandaceO) [May 17, 2019](#)

A Facebook spokesperson said the account was suspended by mistake and restored later that day. The suspension was unrelated to the internal document, the spokesperson said.

The document indicated that Facebook employees were to look into what Owens is "known for," including her "ideology, actions, major news, etc."

They were also supposed to list "Affiliated Hate Entities" of Owens. The spokesperson didn't respond to questions on what Facebook considers a "Hate Entity," what constitutes an affiliation, and how can users avoid such affiliations. (snip)

Facebook maintains that it doesn't look at people's political views when deciding whom to ban, but its Community Standards are, to a degree, a partisan manifesto. The standards heavily focus on suppressing "hate speech," even though Americans are divided sharply along political lines on what does and doesn't constitute "hateful" speech, a 2017 Cato survey ([pdf](#)) showed.

Senator Josh Hawley is leading the charge to get to the bottom of the ideological thumb on the scale at Facebook. Robby Soave at [Reason](#) wrote last March:

In his brief remarks Friday at the Conservative Political Action Conference, Sen. Josh Hawley (Râ Mo.) accused "big tech" companies of discriminating against conservative voices â and called for the government to do something about it.

Hawley was interviewed on the CPAC main stage by The Wall Street Journal's Kimberly Strassel. He made clear that he believed purportedly anti-conservative big tech companies needed to be regulated.

"Google and Facebook should not be a law unto themselves," he said. "They should not be able to discriminate against conservatives. They should not be able to tell conservatives to sit down and shut up."

Hawley's proposed solution to this problem â which is not, in fact, a solution at all â is to meddle with Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, which shields internet platforms from certain sorts of lawsuits. Section 230 treats companies like Facebook and Twitter as neutral platforms rather than publishers; if someone posts a libelous comment on Facebook, that person can be sued, but Facebook cannot. It is no overstatement to say that Section 230 is what allows the internet to exist in its current form. If content providers were to lose this protection, they would invariably default toward censoring all kinds of speech.

Thus, it is not at all obvious that an internet without Section 230 would be friendlier to conservative viewpoints, since this would actually give platforms even more cause to police speech. Strassel raised this issue with Hawley, saying "there are libertarians and some conservatives who say if you change Section 230, if you impose liability on them for anything anybody says there, they are going to go after even more conservative voices."

I disagree with Robby on the usefulness of this move. I think it would push Facebook and other social media to take a hands-off approach and let any content at all post â acting as a true forum. If there are worries about terrorists and other criminals, let law enforcement handle those issues. The solution to bad speech is not censorship, but rather more speech.

That would also be a sound business decision, lowering the cost of operation of Facebook, which could fire its legions of censors.

Left-wing New York Times Had Special Access To Left-wing Facebook Data Without Users Knowledge

Joe Simonson | Media Reporter

The New York Times was one of the companies that had access to private user data from Facebook, a key point brushed over in a report released by the paper.

While the [Tuesday bombshell](#) focused on how the information from [Facebook](#) was mainly shared with major tech companies like Microsoft, Amazon and Spotify, The Times was one of nine media organizations that also obtained special access to things like a usersâ friends lists.

Disclosing such information violated [Facebookâs](#) normal privacy rules and was meant to help companies better target consumers, while raising internal advertising revenues, according to the report.

For companies like [The Times](#) and Netflix, access to the data of 2.2 billion people could be a goldmine.

Others, like Spotify, even had the ability to read a Facebook userâs private messages between friends, while tech giants like Yahoo could â view streams of friendsâ posts as recently as this summer,â according to the report. Facebook had claimed it ceased such practices years ago. ([RELATED: Facebook and Instagram Campus Evacuated Following Bomb Threat](#))

The Times denied it was â obtaining any dataâ from Facebook in a statement to its own paper, and offered the following statement to The Daily Caller News Foundation in an email.

â Between September 2008 and mid 2011, The Times offered a feature called TimesPeople that had some integration with Facebook. Those who opted-in could see what Times stories their friends were recommending. Data access granted through that integration is not something weâve used since the feature was shuttered in 2011. We were not even aware of the continued access. We are committed to the privacy of our readers and protection of their personal data,â a spokesperson said.

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg arrives to testify before a Senate Judiciary and Commerce Committees joint hearing regarding the companyâs use and protection of user data, on Capitol Hill in Washington, U.S., April 10, 2018. REUTERS/Aaron P. Bernstein

As traditional news outlets like The Times continue transitioning into digital media companies, this report raises alarming questions about their future relationship with tech giants like Facebook. While reporters have remained diligent in policing certain conduct by Silicon Valley, the business side of news outlets still have access to tremendous information.

Moreover, if media companies like The Times are potentially being granted special access to things like private Facebook messages, are reporters privy to this kind of information?

To TheDCNFâs knowledge, The Times does not have a formal policy on whether its journalists can peruse the extraordinary breadth of information given by social media companies to its business and advertising departments.

Lying Facebook Denies Shadow Banning, Then Receives Patent for Shadow Banning And Facebook's Own Patent Files Prove Facebook Shadow Bans

- Facebook does not even seem to care if everybody knows they are just a covert political PAC committee
- Facebook flips the finger at Congress and seems to say *"Come get us..we are too big for you to ever touch!!!!"*

Written by [C. Mitchell Shaw](#)

Facebook has continually denied that it participates in the practice of shadow banning â a method of blocking a user's posts or comments from everyone except the user who made the post or comment. But a newly granted patent shows that Facebook not only *does* practice shadow banning, but wants to protect â by patent â the method it uses for doing so.

Despite the fact that Facebook executives [denied](#) the [practice](#) in congressional testimony in April, the company was awarded a patent by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) earlier this month for an automated system that would â receive a list of proscribed content and block comments containing the proscribed content by reducing the distribution of those comments to other viewing usersâ while continuing to â display the blocked content to the commenting user such that the commenting user is not made aware that his or her comment was blocked.â A better definition of shadow banning would be hard to write.

And since Facebook would use the patented system to shadow ban â proscribedâ (read: banned) content, one can safely assume that would include political speech deemed unacceptable by the social-media behemoth. After all, Facebook recently slapped down a post by this magazine's parent organization, The John Birch Society as â hate speech.â That [post consisted of the cover of the July 8 issue of the print edition of *The New American*](#). That cover showed a real picture of an illegal border crossing and carried the caption, â Immigrant Invasion.â

Though nothing in that post, the picture, or the associated article could be construed as â hate speech,â Facebook took the post down and penalized JBS with a 30-day ban on monetizing posted videos via ad breaks.

With a newly patented automatic system for shadow banning anything â proscribedâ by Facebook, the company would have no trouble pressing the digital mute button on JBS or any other user whose posts run counter to accepted liberal norms.

Following a string of accusations and allegations of shadow banning conservative users â including undercover videos released by Project Veritas showing Twitter employees admitting to the practice â Facebook and Twitter executives were called in April to answer before Congress about the practice. They denied it. The representative of Twitter who appeared before the Senate committee investigating the practice said, â At no point, sir, is a person's followers unable to find what that person has tweeted.â And Facebook's public policy director told the Senate panel, â I would like to state unequivocally that Facebook does not favor one political viewpoint over another, nor does Facebook suppress conservative speech.â

And while reams of evidence â including an [investigative report](#) by the left-leaning *Vice* magazine and the Project Veritas videos â indicated to anyone paying attention that Facebook and Twitter do indeed practice shadow banning, there has never been any solid proof until a couple weeks ago. After all, the [patent](#) â

which was made public July 16, when it was issued â shows that Facebook applied for the patent in 2015
â years before being accused of and denying the very practice this patent describes.

This certainly makes it appear that Facebookâs representative lied to Congress when he denied that Facebook shadow bans conservatives. Of course, now that the patent has been issued and made public, Facebook will have considerable more difficulty denying it next time.

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Politicians from nine countries reacted angrily to the absence of Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg at a hearing today.

The event is part of an unprecedented international inquiry into disinformation and fake news.

Richard Allan, Facebook's vice-president of policy solutions, appeared in Mr Zuckerberg's place.

He said he took responsibility for deciding who appeared at which committee.

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The session was attended by parliamentarians from Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Ireland, Latvia, and Singapore as well as members of the UK's Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee.

Its chairman Damian Collins, has repeatedly asked Mr Zuckerberg to attend hearings.

Lord Allan, who is also a Liberal Democrat peer, faced a grilling on various Facebook policies and actions in addition to the subject of why his boss wasn't there.

"We've never seen anything quite like Facebook, where, while we were playing on our phones and apps, our democratic institutions... seem to have been upended by frat-boy billionaires from California," remarked Canadian politician Charlie Angus.

It had been thought that a cache of Facebook documents, [seized by MPs from a US businessman on the grounds that they were relevant to the inquiry](#), might be shared - but Mr Collins said that they would not be published today.

He later said that they will be published - possibly in the next week.

Lord Allan said he believed it would be unfair to take "internal conversations" and "robust comments" as the company's official position.

The Observer, [which first reported the story](#) about the documents being seized, said they included data about Facebook's privacy controls.

They had been sealed by a US court, and Facebook has demanded their return.

However, the contents of one email from 2014 were alluded to, in which a Facebook engineer reported unusual levels of Russian activity - namely that huge amounts of data were being pulled daily from devices with Russian IP addresses.

Lord Allan was asked whether any action was taken, or authorities notified.

He said the information he had was "partial at best" and that he would have to come back with more details.

Facebook has since responded that its engineers had looked into the matter at the time and "found no evidence of specific Russian activity".

The BBC understands that the data calls turned out to be legitimately coming from the social media platform Pinterest, and that there were not billions of them as suggested in the hearing.

App bans

Lord Allan was unable to name a single occasion when Facebook had banned an app for breaking its rules, despite saying that it was Facebook's policy to do so.

In a later session, UK Information Commissioner Elizabeth Denham told the hearing that Facebook informed her it had banned 200 apps during the summer of 2018.

"I'm not aware of any case before the revelation [of the Cambridge Analytica data scandal]", she said.

Lord Allan also acknowledged that Facebook had "damaged public trust" through some of its actions and said the firm was in favour of a "regulatory framework" for the social media giant.

Mark Zuckerberg 2019 Resolution: More Political Censorship on Facebook

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Tucker Carlson: "Mark Zuckerberg is not simply censoring opinions, he proscribing which political opinions you're allowed to have."

Merely appearing in a video or photo with someone Mark Zuckerberg doesn't like is now enough to get you banned by Facebook.

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Netflix, Google, Facebook, Twitter: Platform, or Publisher?

If Big Tech firms want to retain valuable government protections, then they need to get out of the censorship business.

[Adam Candeub](#) [Mark Epstein](#)

Technology and Innovation

When the House Judiciary Committee held a hearing on social media censorship late last month, liberal Democratic congressman Ted Lieu transformed into a hardcore libertarian. “This is a stupid and ridiculous hearing,” he [said](#), because “the First Amendment applies to the government, not private companies.” He added that just as the government cannot tell Fox News what content to air, “we can’t tell Facebook what content to filter,” because that would be unconstitutional.

Lieu is incorrect. While the First Amendment generally does not apply to private companies, the Supreme Court has [held](#) it “does not disable the government from taking steps to ensure that private interests not restrict . . . the free flow of information and ideas.” But as Senator Ted Cruz points out, Congress actually has the power to deter political censorship by social media companies without using government coercion or taking action that would violate the First Amendment, in letter or spirit. Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act immunizes online platforms for their users’ defamatory, fraudulent, or otherwise unlawful content. Congress granted this extraordinary benefit to facilitate “forum[s] for a true diversity of political discourse.” This exemption from standard libel law is extremely valuable to the companies that enjoy its protection, such as Google, Facebook, and Twitter, but they only got it because it was assumed that they would operate as impartial, open channels of communication—not curators of acceptable opinion.

When [questioning](#) Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg earlier this month, and in a subsequent [op-ed](#), Cruz reasoned that “in order to be protected by Section 230, companies like Facebook should be ‘neutral public forums.’” On the flip side, they should be considered to be a “publisher or speaker” of user content if they pick and choose what gets published or spoken. Tech-advocacy organizations and academics cried foul. University of Maryland law professor Danielle Citron [argued](#) that Cruz “flips [the] reasoning” of the law by demanding neutral forums. Elliot Harmon of the Electronic Freedom Foundation [responded](#) that “one of the reasons why Congress first passed Section 230 was to enable online platforms to engage in good-faith community moderation without fear of taking on undue liability for their users’ posts.”

As Cruz properly understands, Section 230 encourages Internet platforms to moderate “offensive” speech, but the law was not intended to facilitate political censorship. Online platforms should receive immunity only if they maintain viewpoint neutrality, consistent with traditional legal norms for distributors of information. Before the Internet, common law held that newsstands, bookstores, and libraries had no duty to ensure that each book and newspaper they distributed was not defamatory. Courts initially [extended](#) this principle to online platforms. Then, in 1995, a federal judge [found](#) Prodigy, an early online service, liable for content on its message boards because the company had advertised that it removed obscene posts. The court reasoned that “utilizing technology and the manpower to delete” objectionable content made Prodigy more like a publisher than a library.

Congress responded by enacting Section 230, establishing that platforms could not be held liable as publishers of user-generated content and clarifying that they could not be held liable for removing any content that they believed in good faith to be “obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, excessively violent, harassing, or otherwise objectionable.” This provision does not allow platforms to remove whatever they wish, however. Courts

have [held](#) that â otherwise objectionableâ does not mean whatever a social media company objects to, but â must, at a minimum, involve or be similarâ to obscenity, violence, or harassment. Political viewpoints, no matter how extreme or unpopular, do not fall under this category.

The Internet Association, which represents Facebook, Google, Twitter, and other major platforms, [claims](#) that Section 230 is necessary for these firms to â provide forums and tools for the public to engage in a wide variety of activities that the First Amendment protects.â But rather than facilitate free speech, Silicon Valley now uses Section 230 to justify censorship, leading to a legal and policy muddle. For instance, in response to a lawsuit challenging its speech policies, Google claimed that restricting its right to censor would â impose liability on YouTube as a publisher.â In the same motion, Google argues that its right to restrict political content also derives from its â First Amendment protection for a *publisher*â s editorial judgments,â which â encompasses the choice of how to present, or even whether to present, particular content.â

The dominant social media companies must choose: if they are neutral platforms, they should have immunity from litigation. If they are publishers making editorial choices, then they should relinquish this valuable exemption. They canâ t claim that Section 230 immunity is necessary to protect free speech, while they shape, control, and censor the speech on their platforms. Either the courts or Congress should clarify the matter.

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PANDERING, IMPOTENT, FTC HAS TAKEN TOO MANY BRIBES FROM GOOGLE AND FACEBOOK

- **Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri is proposing a complete overhaul of the Federal Trade Commission, arguing that the agency is not capable of regulating big tech issues.**
- **Pussy-footing FTC is on permanent DELAY AND DEFER mode to protect evil Google**
- **The idea has merit so long as it helps prevent Silicon Valley companies from censoring.**
- **Hawley's idea comes as he continues to push a robust effort to amend a more than 20-year-old law protecting internet companies from being sued for content posted on their platforms.**

Conservatives are considering what to make of Sen. Josh Hawley's long-shot proposal Monday to completely overhaul the regulatory agency responsible for policing privacy and antitrust issues.

The Missouri Republican is angling to deconstruct the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and fold it into the Department of Justice, [according](#) to a proposal Hawley's published Monday. Hawley and other conservatives believe the 100-year-old agency is not equipped to regulate today's big tech firms.

“The FTC isn't working. It wastes time in turf wars with the DOJ, nobody is accountable for decisions, and it lacks the teeth to get after Big Tech's rampant abuses,” Hawley [said](#) in a press statement addressing the new proposal.

“Congress needs to do something about it,” he added.

The FTC's jurisdiction is divided, making it difficult for the agency to properly regulate industries, Hawley's proposal notes. ([RELATED: Bill Cracking Down On Big Tech Companies](#))

“It [FTC] wastes time in turf wars with the Department of Justice (DOJ) while failing to confront the increasing concentration in our economy, in the tech sector most obviously. And it is woefully unaccountable,” the proposal notes.

Hawley's move comes as he [tries](#) to amend a law protecting tech companies from being sued for content users post on their platforms.

Hawley introduced the Ending Support for Internet Censorship Act in June 2019, which seeks to [amend](#) Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, a law passed in 1996 when the internet was young and growing. Congress was concerned at the time that subjecting internet companies to the same civil liability as all other businesses would stymie growth.

The Federal Trade Commission seal is seen at a news conference to announce that Facebook Inc has agreed to a settlement of allegations it mishandled user privacy at FTC Headquarters in Washington, U.S., July 24,

Section 230 was implemented in response to Stratton Oakmont v. Prodigy, [a 1995 case where](#) the investment firm Stratton Oakmont sued Prodigy over message board posts it said were defamatory. A court determined that since Prodigy, an online service that folded in 2001, was liable for what was published since it acted as a type of editor of the website. Lawmakers etched out the law in 1996, which ultimately overturned the court's decision.

Hawley's bill, if it becomes law, [would provide](#) big tech companies such immunity only if they can show they are politically neutral. Conservatives are not sure what to think of Hawley's Monday proposal, with some hoping it will help pull back what they believe are big tech's penchant for censoring conservative content.

Anything that clarifies and makes Section 230 applicable to all is a good thing. Right now, it's incomprehensible and almost unenforceable, which is just what those hoping to dodge it want," Brent Bozell, president of the Media Research Center, said in a statement to the Daily Caller News Foundation.

Bozell has been one of several conservatives who support Hawley's beef with Section 230. Other analysts are more circumspect.

"[T]his could simply be his attempt to try and develop more regulatory tools to attack technology platforms," Jeffrey Westling, an analyst at R Street, told the DCNF. Putting the independent FTC under the yoke of the executive branch could "allow more partisan executive action against tech firms," he noted.

Westling did note that the FTC and DOJ's responsibilities often conflict. He cited one example where the DOJ filed a brief in opposition to the FTC's [enforcement](#) actions against Qualcomm litigation in 2019. Still, folding the one into the other could create unforeseen abuses in the future, according to Westling.

"A future President could use this same structural change to target industries they dislike," he said in an email.

Neither the FTC nor the Department of Justice have responded to the DCNF's requests for comment.

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Proof that criminally corrupt Facebook is going down
â despite its big earnings

By [Matthew Hennessey](#)

Facebook had a weird week.

The social-media behemoth you love to hate posted some gaudy fourth-quarter earnings numbers on Wednesday. The report got a lot of likes on Wall Street. Some said it meant founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg had finally turned the page on an otherwise terrible year.

Not so fast. Something else happened to Facebook last week that may say more about the company's long-term health than any happy-dappy earnings statement.

The website TechCrunch reported on Tuesday that Facebook has been paying users between the ages of 13 and 35 to install a VPN, or virtual private network, on their phones. The users get \$20 a month; Facebook gets access to — well, everything.

The Facebook Research VPN app hoovered up all incoming and outgoing data. Not just Facebook data — all data, from web browsing to texting to activity on other apps. According to TechCrunch, — Facebook went so far as to ask users to screenshot and submit their Amazon order history.

So who has a problem with Facebook paying people to harvest their data?

Apple, that's who.

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The iPhone maker is a top dog in the platform game. And the company has rules developers must abide by if they want to use iOS or do business in the App Store. With its pay-to-play research app, Facebook broke those rules. The Cupertino boys weren't happy.

Punishment was swift — Apple revoked Facebook's access to its — enterprise developer — program, which enables companies to bypass the App Store when they want to build an application for internal corporate use. That spiked the VPN but also many of the apps that Facebook employees use to message each other and set up meetings. They even use them to order lunch, poor things.

Several outlets reported that Apple's actions this week sparked two days of chaos at Facebook's Menlo Park headquarters. Apparently, 6,000 high-paid, hoody-clad millennials can't work at all if they can't work online. (But if punishment was swift, so was mercy. Apple relented late Thursday and restored Facebook's internal apps. Silicon Valley's best and brightest could once again order up their bacon kimchi hot dogs and reserve seats on the corporate shuttle bus to Golden Gate Park.)

Based on everything we know, ignoring Apple's house regs is entirely in character for Facebook. Zuckerberg has always assumed the rules only apply to other people. In his new book, — *Zucked: The Education of an Unlikely Activist*, — Roger McNamee writes that even at Harvard Zuckerberg — showed a persistent indifference to authority, rules and the users of his products.

If you saw — *The Social Network*, — you know what Zuckerberg did to the Winklevoss twins. That was just the tip of the entitlement iceberg. In 2010 Business Insider unearthed instant messages in which the future

bazillionaire called early Facebook users â€˜dumb f---sâ€™ for handing over their personal information.

Zuckerberg may be the richest person in his age bracket, but he may also be the most unpopular businessman in America.

Zuckerberg got dressed down by Congress last year over his companyâ€™s persistent lax attitude toward user privacy. It was the first sustained look most Americans got at the oddly robotic boy genius who knows everything about them. Few were impressed. Many were properly skeeved. Something seemed genuinely off about the guy. Almost like â€˜he doesnâ€™t get it.

Poll after poll shows Americans want their personal data to remain private and they donâ€™t trust Young Zuck to do it. He may be the richest person in his age bracket, but he may also be the most unpopular businessman in America (who doesnâ€™t live at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.).

McNamee says Zuckâ€™s knee-jerk response to criticism of any kind is this: â€˜deny, delay, deflect, dissemble.â€™ The two-faced phony apologies usually work. They didnâ€™t work this week. My guess is they wonâ€™t work with the public much longer, either.

Unlike Congress, Apple actually has some juice. After a decade and a half of moving fast and breaking things, Zuckerberg and friends are finally getting a taste of their own medicine. In their unlimited hubris, they picked a fight with an outfit that couldnâ€™t be bullied into submission.

It may seem crazy to say, especially when theyâ€™ve just posted a record quarterly profit, but I think Facebook is on the way out. The new users itâ€™s adding are in parts of the world that spend less time and money on Facebook than do increasingly disaffected Westerners. Maybe Facebook can make up the lost revenue in volume, or maybe the rest of the world will get just as sick of being lied to as we have. The â€˜dumb f---sâ€™ can only take so much.

Matthew Hennessey is the author of â€˜[Zero Hour for Gen X: How the Last Adult Generation Can Save America from Millennials](#)â€™ (Encounter), out now

Psychologists Warn Facebook Will Cause Severe Depression And Narcissism



by [Tyler Durden](#)

A new report conducted by psychologists at the University of Pennsylvania have determined that an excessive amount of time on â social mediaâ sites like Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat are making millennials depressed.

â It was striking,â [said](#) Melissa Hunt, a psychology professor at the University of Pennsylvania, who led the study. â **What we found over the course of three weeks was that rates of depression and loneliness went down significantly for people who limited their (social media) use.**â

The study, â [No More FOMO: Limiting Social Media Decreases Loneliness and Depression](#), " is being published in Decemberâ s Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology.



Researchers recruited 143 students for two different trials, one in the spring semester and one in the fall semester. Each subject was required to have a Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat account, plus an Apple iPhone. They collected data on the students for about a week to get a baseline reading of their social media usage, and also had them submit questionnaires that assessed their mental health according to seven different factors: social support, fear of missing out, loneliness, autonomy, and self-acceptance, anxiety, depression, and self-esteem.

â Hereâ s the bottom line,â Hunt explained to Science Daily. â ***Using less social media than you normally would leads to significant decreases in both depression and loneliness. These effects are particularly pronounced for folks who were more depressed when they came into the study.***â



The link between increasing social media usage and mental health issues have already been established in past studies. But, depression and loneliness have not, until now.

Hunt said lonely and depressed people use platforms like Facebook because they are seeking social connections. Social media as a whole is making millennials more lonely, and increasingly depressed.

The study did not cover why social media makes people depressed. Hunt does provide an example:

The first is a downward social comparison. A person reviews their feed and finds countless posts of their friends enjoying wonderful experiences. The result: You are more likely to think your life sucks in comparison, said Hunt.

Social media sites are a vital tool for many millennials in the modern economy. This means they cannot cut it out altogether, Hunt Said.

That is why the study focused on cutting back usage. While ten minutes might not seem like much, the study showed it certainly helped with depression.

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Senator Josh Hawley: Weâd all be better off if Facebook disappeared

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Missouri Sen. Josh Hawley said that the social media networks Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter have done more harm than good and that they should be eradicated from the face of Internet.

Hawley, a strong advocate of antitrust laws has often spoken about breaking down Facebook into separate entities in the past. However, the comments against social media sites and wanting to eradicate them is a new development. Many conservatives have also voiced out against Facebook and other social media sites for [censoring conservative speech](#) on their platforms.

Senator Hawley expressed his strong opinions against social media sites in an [op-ed](#) published in the USA Today on Wednesday. He said that social media has given rise to an âaddiction economyâ that shouldnât have existed in the first place.

âSocial mediaâs innovations do our country more harm than good. Maybe social media is best understood as a parasite on productive investment, on meaningful relationships, on a healthy society,â wrote Sen. Hawley.

While calling Facebook a âdrug,â Hawley said that social media sites care about advertising the most and not about lofty ideals such as developing ânew forms of human interaction.â

Several prominent figures such as [Elizabeth Warren](#), Bernie Sanders and many more have often expressed that monopolies such as Facebook and Google must be broken down.

âHigh salaries and stock options have encouraged a generation of our brightest engineers to enter a field of little productive value. This is, to put it mildly, an opportunity missed for the nation. What marvels might these bright minds have produced had they been oriented toward the common good?â wrote Hawley.

Hawleyâs arguments are undeniable from mental health and economic standpoint as well. While social mediaâs effects on mental health is a relatively new area of research, we still have several studies stating the detrimental effects of social media on the mental wellness of people.

In the recent past, Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Facebook and Jack Dorsey, CEO of Twitter have appeared numerous times before Congress for discussing data protection and to defend their companies against accusations of privacy violations. The infamous â[Cambridge Analytica](#)â scandal wrecked quite a havoc and damaged Facebookâs reputation-making its privacy malpractices public.

Silicon Valley bureaucrats deciding who gets freedom of speech, Jimmy Dore on Facebook censorship

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The US government tries to control political narratives on social media, encouraging Silicon Valley giantsâ censorship in exchange for good graces, a top US social commenter said, after Facebook closed some RT-linked pages.

â The ultimate goal of all this Russiagate that is happening in the United States is to expand the security stateâ s control over social media,â popular social and political commenter â and stand-up comedianâ Jimmy Dore told RT, after Facebook unexpectedly suspended pages belonging to Maffick Media â a company 51 percent owned by RTâ s video agency Ruptly.

â They are working in conjunction with the state, with the government,â Dore speculated, noting that the banned RT- linked content did not violate any of the rules of the platform, despite Facebookâ s claim that the blocked pages failed to disclose their funding. Dore believes that Mark Zuckerbergâ s company has overstepped a line when it comes to censorship.

â This is a bunch of bureaucrats in the Silicon Valley deciding who gets freedom of speech based on completely random rules that arenâ t public and they make up on the fly,â Dore said. â If youâ re going to take someone's â rightsâ you have to have a transparent process to do that.â

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Furthermore, Dore believes that most Americans remain uninformed about Facebookâ s shady practices, because the issue of social media censorship is not being reported fairly in the United States, simply because *â the corporate media is in bed with the same people.â*

The political commenter recalled how, during the 2016 presidential campaign, Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders, competing for the Democratsâ nomination against Hillary Clinton, was ignored by the mass media despite having a strong support base from the online community. At about the same time the Russiagate scandal was born amid unsubstantiated accusations that Russian operatives used social media to disseminate content to sway the race. Now the government has turned to censorship of social media platforms who, Dore argues, are more than happy to oblige.

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One of the reasons Facebook is so eager to censor at the behest of the government and government organizations, and organizations like the Atlantic Council... is because they don't want to be regulated, the commenter explained.

They are controlling the narrative in our country and in our culture, and they need to be regulated like a utility that they are!

Stossel: Google and Facebook Cross The Creepy Line

Tech companies are compiling incredibly detailed dossiers about you.

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Companies like Google and Facebook collect information about us and sell it to advertisers.

The information they collect and the way they collect it cross the "creepy line" according to a new documentary called "[The Creepy Line](#)."

John Stossel asks the writer of the documentary, Peter Schweizer: "What's the big deal? They're giving me information."

Schweizer responds "to the extent that somebody can do something for you, they can do something to you." He goes on to make a powerful case that Google and Facebook abuse their power.

The documentary says that Google tracks you even when you are not online. As soon as you connect to the internet, Android uploads to Google a complete history of where you've been that day.

Schweizer wants Google and Facebook to be regulated like media companies.

Stossel is skeptical "You want regulation? That's going to make it better?" he asks.

Schweizer answers: "one of the ways you deal with Google's market concentration, and its massive control of search is, put it under the same shackles [as] other media companies."

Stossel doesn't presume to know what, if anything, ought to be done about Google and Facebook. But he says that the documentary makes a compelling case that these giant companies do creepy things.

Study Shows that Reducing Use of Facebook and Google Can Reduce Depression and Loneliness

By [The Free Thought Project](#)

[\(RT\)](#) â A University of Pennsylvania study has proven that reducing social media use to 10 minutes a day (like thatâ is even possible) can help reduce depression and loneliness.

Feeling depressed, lonely, disconnected? A new study from the University of Pennsylvania suggests prolonged exposure to social media might be the cause â which for some will come as little surprise, even though it seems to be the exact opposite of what social networks are supposed to do.

While similar studies have been conducted in the past, the researchers at Penn say that none have attempted to show in such a comprehensive and realistic way how social media use can actively harm a userâs well-being. [The study](#) entitled â No More FOMO: Limiting Social Media Decreases Loneliness and Depressionâ was published in the peer-reviewed Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology.

Instead of simply running hour-long tests in a lab, or asking participants to forego social media use altogether, the researchers at the University of Pennsylvania decided to tap into the usage data automatically tracked by iPhones.

All 143 student participants submitted screenshots showing their average time on the three most popular social media platforms: Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. The participants were then split into a control group which maintained their average normal social media habits, and an experimental group which was limited to 10 minutes on each of the three platforms every day. The study considered several outcome measures regarding the usersâ well-being including fear of missing out, anxiety, depression, and loneliness.

During the following three weeks the participants kept sharing screenshots of their social media time. The data was then compared to surveys by participants which tracked their mood and well-being. The conclusions

were clear: decreased social media use significantly improved both.

Melissa Hunt, the associate director of clinical training at Pennâs psychology department, reported that *âusing less social media than you normally would lead to significant decreases in both depression and loneliness,â* and that *âthese effects are particularly pronounced for folks who were more depressed when they came into the study,â* according to [Science Daily](#).

Social media has become as fiercely competitive as the rest of our lives, with users struggling desperately with one another for likes, shares and followers, and now it is clear that this can have serious side-effects. While the study has identified the problem, the odds of anyone missing out on the latest cat memes and pictures of their friendâs lunch for something as trivial as mental health seems unlikely.

Survey: Facebook's Reputation is constantly declining, Apple and Google are also shit companies

[Aqsa Rasool](#)

Facebook has been under fire since long for one reason or another. This has greatly damaged the reputation of the social media platform, according to the latest survey conducted by [Harris Poll, along with Axios](#) (which is based 18,228 Americans).

Other tech giants like Google and Apple has also faced a decline in their overall reputation, but the graph of Facebook is much lower than any other company. This is expected because of the recent back to back [privacy disasters](#).

Some of the major controversies of Facebook include the Cambridge analytics scandal. There also have been charges of biases related to anti-conservatives, misuse of information during the electoral process, [misinformation](#), [harassment issues](#), security breaches and other [privacy risks](#) and scandals.

Though in 2013, the Harris poll showed the decline but in recent times the bar has dropped even lower, representing its reputation. It scores the least in gaining the [trust of users](#), ethics, and citizenship. [Google](#) and [Apple](#) have also been on the decline but still, the damage is not as severe as of Facebook.

On the other hand, Amazon has also come to the second position, from the first position, this too because of privacy problems. Despite this the downfall is not much, this could be because the e-commerce store expectations are different than other social platforms.

Facebook has faced a decline in reputation but their has not been much effect on the platform, like the number of users have not majorly decreased or anything. But maybe there is less trust on the social site, and people share less than they used to or spend less time. If things continue the way, it is expected that the platform may prove to be problematic.

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The End Of **Google, Facebook, Netflix, SpaceX** and **YouTube**.

George Thomas writes about the things that will finally, and totally, end **Google, Facebook, Netflix, SpaceX** and **YouTube**. The ultimate destiny of these companies is **non-survivable** and **extinction-level** technical failure. Many say 'they will not be missed'.

If you are going to invest your money, invest it in corn, pigs, lumber, mining and water because the fate of Silicon Valley's big tech is dire. Not only is Mother Nature's natural cycle of disasters coming but many hate these companies for their abuses of society, workers, freedom and politics. The hackers behind that hate can end these companies with the push of a single key on their notebook computers and nothing those companies can do can stop it.

America's 9-11 disaster caused secret back doors to be hard-wired into every electronic device that can network. Now the hackers have all of the keys to those back doors and those doors can never be locked again.

From natural phenomena to cyberattacks like the massive SolarWinds operation and this year's attack on the Colonial Gas Pipeline, security experts warn it's clear that most businesses and key infrastructure like power grids across this country are woefully unprepared to meet such threats.

"They went after our gas and they went after our hot dogs. No one is out of bounds here. Everyone is in play here," warned Christopher Krebs, former director of cybersecurity at the Department of Homeland Security.

Lawmakers like Sen. Bob Hall (R-TX) also worry that means hackers could be just a few keystrokes away from turning the lights out in cities around our country.

"We are certainly vulnerable across the board to natural and man-made threats to our electrical grid system that could render it unrepairable in our lifetime," Hall told CBN News.

Hall said he's especially concerned about an Electronic Magnetic Pulse or EMP attack against the grid.

"It entails simply one small nuclear weapon being detonated above the central part of the United States, over Nebraska, Kansas area that would create a pulse from coast to coast, from border to border, that would totally annihilate our electric system," he explained.

Dr. Peter Pry, a former CIA intelligence officer, sits on the Department of Homeland Security's EMP Task Force.

He released a report recently concluding that North Korea is now in possession of EMP weapons so strong that no electric grid could survive such an attack.

"North Korea almost certainly has developed super EMP weapons," Pry told CBN News. "These are nuclear weapons that are specialized to produce extraordinarily powerful electromagnetic pulse effects and it would make it, along with Russia and China, one of the few nations in the world that has these weapons."

San Antonio, Texas is leading the nation's efforts to defend against such electromagnetic threats.

In collaboration with the Air Force's Joint Base San Antonio, Ret. Brig. Gen. Guy Walsh, along with teams of

researchers, scientists, and security experts are studying grid vulnerabilities and deploying measures to protect them from getting fried.

For obvious security reasons, Walsh won't divulge specifics, but he tells CBN News their goal is "to really look across the board at training, education and the technologies that are going to help make the electrical grid both resilient to attack but also able to recover more quickly."

Meanwhile, grid operators in some regions of the country are also heeding warnings to prepare for solar storms and sunspots blasting particles into space called Coronal Mass Ejections or CME.

William Murtagh's group at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or NOAA maintains a direct line with all the electric companies in the event of a geomagnetic eruption.

"When we see one of these large eruptions occurring in the sun, what we call Coronal Mass Ejection, coming towards Earth, we initiate this hotline call and we make communication with essentially the entire grid, owners and operators across the nation," Murtagh, who serves as program coordinator at NOAA's Space Weather Prediction Center, told CBN News.

Researchers with the U.S. Geological Survey released a map last year showing grid systems in the Midwest and Eastern Seaboard that are particularly vulnerable to solar storms.

Murtagh says electricity operators are now constantly assessing areas of vulnerability.

"If there's vulnerability in certain equipment, maybe they can modify that equipment, the manufacturing of that equipment, to make it hardened, to make it better protected against a geomagnetic storm," Murtagh said. "There are many different actions they can take to ensure that the grid stays up and running during these big geomagnetic storms."

Still, the big challenge is that many of America's electricity systems weren't designed or built with the thought of being protected against cyber threats or EMP attacks.

"The systems themselves are very antiquated, they are very old, security is very difficult to do on these type of devices and we've seen in prior attacks where Russia has infiltrated our power grid from a military preparedness perspective which means in the event there's a conflict could Russia impact our grid," said David Kennedy, a cybersecurity expert and founder of TrustedSec and Binary Defense Systems.

Kennedy, a former NSA hacker, said only a few of these electric grids are even prepared to handle today's level of hacking sophistication, especially those attacks coming from China.

"China is very pressing because they have a very long term view, they are very focused on intellectual property theft as well as their military capabilities from a cyber warfare perspective, I mean, they are handing it to us here in the United States from a cyber warfare perspective and they are definitely scary," Kennedy told CBN News.

Industry has been warned to eliminate all networks, air gap all digital files, never post any information on a network and never use "the cloud", but industry has gone in the opposite direction.

Because Google says "It will cost too much to do that" and "it will be such a hassle"; we can all look forward to 'The Great Ending', when the hackers or the solar storm or the Chinese EMP ends the reign of Google and Facebook forever.

'Penny wise and pound foolish' might be the idea here.

The public needs to plan for the day when **Google, Facebook, Netflix, SpaceX** and **YouTube** are there in the morning and gone, possibly forever, by that evening.

Three quarters of US Facebook users unaware their online behavior gets tracked and spied on

- Facebook to be ordered to put an "always visible" banner on every page of its site which says:
"FACEBOOK IS WATCHING YOU AND HARVESTING YOUR DATA"

You mean they are collecting our opinions to sell ads? Who would have guessed it?

By [Thomas Claburn in San Francisco](#)

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Most Facebook users have no idea that the ad biz compiles data profiles of their online activities and interests, according to research conducted by the non-profit Pew Research Center.

That's not altogether surprising given that Facebook appeals to people disinclined to concern themselves with the minutiae of digital technology, which is to say most people. It's worth recalling that a decade ago, Google representatives stopped people on the street in New York City to ask "[What's a web browser?](#)" and almost no one could answer correctly.

The finding nonetheless underscores the privacy cost, unrecognized though it may be, of relying on an ad platform for media and messages rather than wrestling with the complexity of self-administered comms software.

After surveying 963 US adults last year between September 4 to October 1, Pew researchers [found](#) that 74 per cent of Facebook users said they were unaware the social ad biz tracks their traits and interests.

Facebook makes such data available to users through the "Your ad preferences" page, but about half of the survey respondents didn't like what they saw once they were made aware of their data trail. Fifty-one per cent of those surveyed said they're not comfortable with Facebook compiling this information.

It seems doubtful however such unease will translate into account cancellation. Expressing discomfort in a survey is easy and doesn't necessarily correlate with willingness to abandon Facebook. A [study](#) published late last year found "the average Facebook user would require more than \$1,000 to deactivate their account for one

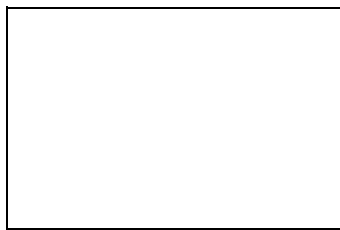
year."

Don't label me!

The Pew survey says 88 per cent of Facebook users found data about themselves in their ad preferences page. Of these individuals, 59 per cent said the data reflected actual interests while 27 per cent said the data either partially or fully misrepresents them.

The disconnect between Facebook's categorizations of people and the way they see themselves is also evident in the context of the political designations and racial/ethnic "affinities" the social data biz applies to users.

About half of survey respondents had been assigned a political label by Facebook. Of those labeled liberal, conservative, or moderate, 73 per cent agreed with their designation while 27 per cent said assigned political classification was not accurate. Reports of misclassification came more frequently from self-described moderates (36 per cent) than they did from those calling themselves liberals (20 per cent) or conservatives (25 per cent).



[Hands off that Facebook block button, public officials told by judges in First Amendment row](#)

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Facebook also puts some users into multicultural affinity groups when users' online activities fit patterns associated with particular cultures. Among survey respondents, about a fifth said they'd been put in a multicultural affinity box.

Whether or not the revelation that ads are made from people proves shocking enough to drive people away, Facebook's demographic slicing and dicing faces pushback from external forces. The ad biz faces court challenges over claims companies have used its ad targeting categories for unlawful [age discrimination](#).

In July 2018, Facebook [agreed to stop](#) allowing advertisers to use its ad targeting tools for unlawful discrimination following pressure from Congress and media investigations.

Facebook did not respond to a request for comment. Â®

Toxic Zuckerberg and Sandberg Rot Facebook From The Inside Out

- Google, Facebook, LinkedIn, Netflix found to be nest of sick sociopaths!

By MARCY GORDON

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[Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg testifies before a House Financial Services Committee hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019, on Facebook's impact on the financial services and housing sectors. \(AP Photo/Andrew Harnik\)](#)

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mark Zuckerberg's social network in Washington is shrinking.

Bipartisan hostility against Facebook has been building for months, fueled by a series of privacy scandals, the site's role in Russian meddling in the 2016 presidential campaign and accusations that Facebook crushes competitors.

Now, with the 2020 elections approaching, Democrats especially are homing in on the conduct of the social media giant and its refusal to fact-check political ads and remove false ones.

“When you're the No. 1 monopoly, people are going to come after you,” says John Feehery, a veteran Republican communications strategist. The challenge for Democrats, as he sees it: “They're facing a base that is very angry and restive. So they have to be much more aggressive in taking on corporations.”

Zuckerberg enjoyed a cozy relationship with the Obama administration. But in the face of growing public outrage, the co-founder of the upstart born under the motto “Move fast and break things” is learning the art of smoothing over and piecing back together.

His new strategy: a personal blitz featuring serial private meetings in Washington with key lawmakers of both parties and President Donald Trump; small, off-the-record dinners at his California home with conservative journalists and opinion makers; and the occasional public address or TV interview.

Addressing criticisms from Democratic lawmakers and civil rights groups over Facebook's track record on fighting discrimination, Zuckerberg and Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg planned to host a dinner Monday night with civil rights leaders. The two executives want to hear the leaders' direct perspective and feedback, the company said.

The Rev. Al Sharpton said last week that Zuckerberg would meet with him and others to discuss concerns such as Facebook's handling of political messages. Misinformation on the platform can contribute to the suppression of voting by African Americans and other minorities, civil rights leaders say.

Zuckerberg has become lobbyist-in-chief for a tech giant that has about 60 people officially playing that role. The company spent an estimated \$12.6 million on federal influencing last year.

The political ad issue hits close to home for Democrats. Facebook, as well as Twitter and Google, refused in September to remove a misleading video ad from Trump's reelection campaign that targeted top-tier Democratic candidate Joe Biden. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, another top Democratic contender, chose to hit back

by running her own ad and making it personal by falsely claiming that Zuckerberg had endorsed Trump for 2020.

Warren, who has called for breaking up Facebook and other tech giants, acknowledged the ads deliberate falsity to make her point.

Then came Zuckerberg's [speech last month at Georgetown University](#) in which he promoted free expression as the foundation for Facebook's refusal to take down content it deems newsworthy, even if the material violates company standards. The next week, during prickly questioning by Democratic lawmakers [at a televised House hearing](#), Zuckerberg dug in on not fact-checking politicians's speech and the handling of hate speech and potential incitements to violence.

“This really is not about money,” Zuckerberg insisted. “It is important that people can see for themselves what politicians are saying.” Facebook says political advertising accounts for less than half of 1% of its total revenue.

Separately from political advertising, Facebook has policies and improved technology that it says now enables it to more efficiently detect terrorist content in many languages. Following the mass shooting in New Zealand last spring, for example, Facebook now prohibits livestreaming by people who have violated rules covering organizations and individuals deemed dangerous and potentially violent.

In the lambasting from Democrats, Rep. Joyce Beatty of Ohio, the vice chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, focused on Facebook's track record on civil rights and diversity. She told Zuckerberg that he had “ruined the lives of many people, discriminated against them.”

As part of a legal settlement with civil rights groups, Facebook changed its ad-targeting systems this year to prevent discrimination in housing, credit and employment ads. It previously had allowed such ads to be targeted to people based on age, sex or race, which is illegal.

At some points, friendlier Republican members of the House Financial Services Committee asked Zuckerberg how he was holding up through the six-hour hearing. “I'm doing OK,” replied the 35-year-old co-founder, chairman and CEO. He's one of the world's richest individuals, with a net worth currently estimated at \$71 billion.

Summing up, Rep. Maxine Waters, the California Democrat who leads the committee, told Zuckerberg, “You have opened up a discussion about whether Facebook should be broken up.”

A mandated breakup would be the worst-case scenario for Facebook and the other big tech companies. Facebook says splitting up large tech corporations would make the election system more vulnerable to interference because the companies wouldn't be able to work together to prevent it.

For Zuckerberg and the Democrats, “it may be a nasty divorce,” said James Thurber, a professor of government at American University who founded its Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies. “He clearly has taken a stand that's really quite unpopular.”

Thurber called Zuckerberg's backstage celebrity approach to lobbying efforts “very dangerous.”

“You've got to be very careful about that, if you think you can do it yourself,” he said.

Rep. David Cicilline, a senior House Democrat who leads the Judiciary Committee's investigation into the market dominance of big tech companies, is working on legislation that may target the profits made by Facebook from political ads it knows are false. The measure likely would also apply to social media rivals

Twitter and Google.

Last Wednesday, Twitter made the unexpected announcement that it will [ban all political advertising](#) from its service.

“This is a good first step,” Cicilline tweeted. “Your move, Google/Facebook.”

Zuckerberg’s quick riposte, during Facebook’s [quarterly conference call on earnings](#), was to reaffirm the company’s commitment to the value of free speech, including for politicians.

It’s a sharp reversal of fortune for Facebook from the days of the Obama administration, when the company was hailed as an exemplar of innovation and an engine of economic growth. Campaign money flowed to the Democrats from big tech companies.

At an employees’ town hall at Facebook’s Silicon Valley headquarters in April 2011, President Barack Obama said: “My name is Barack Obama and I’m the guy that got Mark to wear a jacket and tie.”

As they removed jackets and ties in unison and rolled up their shirt sleeves, Obama enthused, “Being here at Facebook is so exciting for me. You guys are at the cutting edge of what’s happening.”

Twitter, Facebook And Google Go Before Congress And Spout Utter Lies, Disinformation and Misdirection About Their Overt Political Manipulations, Bias and Defamation Attacks On Opposition Groups

In a hearing today in Congress, surrounded by snooty little minions, the mouth-pieces of Silicon Valley’s left-wing social media manipulators sought to deflect examination of their election rigging and their news manipulations.

While seeking to use the term “terrorist” at every opportunity, Google, Facebook and Twitter made it overtly clear that they are cult-like followers of the echo-chamber of liberalism.

Denials and further obfuscations about their overt manipulations of election information and news bias will no longer serve the *Silicon Valley Paypal Cartel*. *“Professional liars” Monika Bickert, Facebook’s head of global policy management, Juniper Downs, YouTube’s head of public policy and government relations, and Nick Pickles, Twitter’s senior strategist on public policy attended and sought to deflect government action.*

The contrived defamation attacks of Facebook, Google and Twitter are now obvious to all.

All three of the tech companies executives discussed why they ‘weren’t responsible’ for all of the harmful content posted on their platforms. Goodlatte said property owners have an obligation to make sure their grounds are safe, while clubs have a legal obligation to make sure drugs aren’t being sold. He wanted to know why Facebook, Twitter and Google were exempt from legal action if their social networks fostered an unsafe environment. Goodlatte wasn’t the only lawmaker with those concerns, as Rep. Darrell Issa, a Republican from California, also asked why social networks weren’t held accountable legally for what its users publish.

In one case, it has been shown that Google worked with the attack tabloids of Gawker, Gizmodo and Jalopnik Media to lock political and competitor attack articles on the top results lines, of the first page, of

all Google results for over a decade, without any shift in results position. This is only done by Google against business and political competitors. Defamation attacks like this provide scientific, server-data proof that Google manually attacks those that it considers to be a competitor or an ideological adversary. Google's, Facebook's and Twitters media monopolies cause billions of dollars of damages to those that they attack because they place such false information in the minds of billions of people for decades. Google's vast legal armies then blockade any attempts, by victims, to seek damages for such attacks.

Congress now has some mighty weapons in it's hand for the exposure of the Silicon Deep State; with more evidence on the way from victims of their abuse.

Hard evidence includes: Ex-employee testimony; details from the James Damore, and other, lawsuits; a slew of evidence videos (ie: <https://www.real.video/channel/tuffnews1> .); reports by the editor of Psychology Today: Dr. Robert Epstein; Russian FSB analysis documents, university research documents, forensic analysis, internal leaked emails and texts from top Google, Twitter and Facebook executives and VC's; ICIJ leaked financial records, and more.

One forensic study, which has produced thousands of pages of results states: "...We placed autonomous monitoring applications on co-location servers, shared hosting ISP's, stand-alone servers and sites around the world over ten years ago and monitored: 1.) Google's search results compared to other search engines, 2.) Google's DNS and spoofing activities, 3.) Google's results on 100 key search terms including search terms of assets, candidates and business associates connected to Google (ie: "Obama", "Elon Musk", "Election Results", etc.), 4.) Where Google sends data from users clicking on Google supplied links, 5.) Where fabricated "mole" data that was injected as user data ultimately ended up later, and other metrics. The results prove that Google abuses the market, the public, politics and human rights...."

It is now virtually impossible for the Silicon Valley tech oligarchs to deny their collusion and actions to rig elections, news and information in order to seek to benefit their owners personal financial and ideological interests.

The hard analysis of over a decade of comparative data studies proves, beyond any doubt, that Facebook, Google and Twitter: 1.) Only hire leftist extremists 2.) Finance and get government payola from leftist candidates 3.) Are run by leftist extremists 4.) Have a 90%, or higher, bias towards leftist propaganda 5.) Have meetings and organized events together to collude on political tactics 5.) hold covert trust funds, shell corporations, family trusts and real estate assets which hide the profits from such actions and 6.) are the primary participants in some of the largest left-wing DARK MONEY PAC's in the world.

Follow-the-money seems to be the rule here. From Silicon Valley Oligarch, to lobbyist, to Senator, to PAC, to trust fund, to Dark Money conduit and back to each Oligarch... the path of corruption is become more fully illuminated.

The Chairman confirmed that Congress has seen numerous stories in the news of content thatâs still being unfairly restricted.â The chairman points to an incident where a quote on âmerciless Indian Savagesâ from the Declaration of Independence was [flagged as hate speech](#) on Facebook as a sign the companies can still improve how they handle content online.

Those who have filed complaints with Congress against Google and it's Cartel state that the big 3 only offered: *"Lies, boilerplate denials and a fairy tale of "trying to do better" as the Tech Cartel secretly focuses on doing worse to the American people."*

Twitter, Facebook And Google Owners Are Gay Men Who Push Extremist Sex

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[Jonathan Yaniv is a notorious Canadian pervert](#) who has filed 16 human rights complaints against women for refusing to wax his genitals. Yaniv claims to be transgender, using the name â Jessica.â

A week after [the feminist blog Gender Trender exposed Yaniv's history](#) of describing pedophilic and voyeuristic behavior online, WordPress deleted the entire Gender Trender blog and announced a new policy that "deadnaming" (identifying someone by their birth name) is a terms-of-service violation. When people on Twitter began commenting about this egregious situation, Yaniv and/or other transgender activists got those accounts suspended and, apparently, Canadian feminist Meghan Murphy's Twitter account has been *permanently* suspended and Twitter announced its own anti-"deadnaming" policy.

The ramifications of this new policy are alarming. Twitter's devotion to transgender ideology is such that, apparently, all anyone needs do is to declare that they "identify" as the opposite sex (we have no evidence that Jonathan Yaniv has done anything else in the way of "transition") and this empowers them to silence their critics on social media platforms. Even someone as prominent as Meghan Murphy, founder of [Canada's leading feminist website](#) can be banished for speaking out. Certain *facts* are now prohibited as "hateful conduct" and, evidently, it would now be a violation of Twitter terms of service to quote [news coverage of the 2013 trial of Bradley Manning](#):

A former confidante of the WikiLeaks suspect Bradley Manning has defended her decision to hold an online Q&A about the soldier's forthcoming trial, despite her having been named as a key defence witness. In an open session on the Reddit website, **Lauren McNamara** said she believed the leaking of hundreds of thousands of classified documents was "irresponsible" but added: "I don't think Manning had any intention of assisting the enemy in his actions."

McNamara's involvement in the trial stems from online chats she had with Manning almost a year before his alleged leaking of state and army secrets to the whistle-blowing WikiLeaks website. Manning contacted McNamara who at the time went by the name **Zachary Antolak, but adopted the female persona "ZJ" online** in 2009, while [Manning was] preparing to be deployed in Iraq. In a series of web chats which have since been made public, the young soldier confided about his sexuality and the bullying he had endured as a gay man in the army.

In 2009, Zachary Antolak communicated with Bradley Manning and, in 2013, these facts were publicly reported, but in 2018, *facts are hate*, and no one is allowed to say "Chelsea" Manning is a man formerly known as Bradley Manning or that "Lauren McNamara" ([aka "Zinnia Jones," aka "Satana Kennedy"](#)) is a man formerly called Zachary Antolak. This is totalitarianism, reminiscent of Stalin-era propaganda, when Trotsky was airbrushed from historic photos of the Bolshevik Revolution.

People who create fictitious personas for deceptive purposes are being permitted to persecute anyone who exposes their deception. Twitter's policy is to protect the liars and to punish the truth-tellers.

So WordPress and Twitter changed their TOS after feminist women exposed the man (in tech) who is suing 16 working class women for refusing to wax his genitals, & posted his comments about wanting to help little girls with their tampons.

That's some depraved boy's club they have.

â Leya (@Indy_Leya) [November 24, 2018](#)

Grow up [@jack](#). This is just stupid. [#IStandWithMeghan](#) [#FreeMeghan](#)

â Drew68 (@TheRealDrew68) [November 25, 2018](#)

Important thread. Read it before Twitter decides it's hate speech, deletes the tweet and possibly suspends the account. Meghan Murphy already has had her account deleted for questioning mind/body gender mysticism. Many more likely will follow before sanity returns at Twitter. <https://t.co/MmExHOgh1l>

â Jonathan Kay (@jonkay) [November 25, 2018](#)

The hashtag [#IStandWithMeghanMurphy](#) is being used on Twitter to raise awareness of the totalitarian transgender tendency.

What we need is an [Army of Davids](#), so to speak, to put the [Streisand Effect](#) into action here. If everyone who stands for free speech were to tweet this simple message â Jonathan Yaniv Is Not a Woman [#IStandWithMeghanMurphy](#) â how many *thousands* of messages might be generated? Could the Thought Police at Twitter ban *everyone*?

WASHINGTON PUNISHES FACEBOOK AND GOOGLE FOR DESTROYING RECORDS PROVING THEY ARE DNC SHILLS

Attorney General of **Washington State Bob Ferguson** said on Tuesday that [Google](#) and Facebook are agreed to pay a fine of **\$455,000** for the settlement of the allegations, that they have failed to keep the record about who was paying for the ads campaigns on their websites.

More Ferguson added that two cases were filed against both companies for not obeying the law on political ads transparency. Therefore, Facebook will be paying **\$238,000** and **\$217,000** will be paid by Google for this.

A statement came from Google that they complied with Washington state until the month of June when new disclosure requirements were introduced by the state. Then they paused accepting the election ads because they were unable to follow the new rules.

More Google said that

We have rolled out several features this year to ensure transparency in United States federal elections and we are looking at ways to bring these tools to the state level as well.

The company was pleased to solve this matter â Said by Facebook spokesperson Beth Gautier

She said that

Weâre working hard to protect election integrity and prevent foreign interference. We believe all the ads should be transparent on Facebook and are not waiting for any legislation to authorize political advertisers and house these ads in a public archive.

[Facebook](#) and [Google](#) denied the liability that they have broken the law as the part of the settlement

When Public Disclosure Commission passed an emergency rule and also issued some regulations related to a new law regarding companies like Google and Facebook which are related to digital advertising, which clarified that these must maintain their information publicly available about political ads, Same like other media and TV stations

Moreover, Ferguson said that

Whether you are a small town newspaper or a large corporation, Washington political advertising disclosure law applies to everyone

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WHO TOOK THE BRIBES AND WHO PAID THE BRIBES?

By Dawson Le and Kevin Everly

Case files exist on each named party, below.

Who Took The Bribes?

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Ken Alex
Dianne Feinstein
Richard Blum
Nancy Pelosi
James Brown Jr.
Barack Obama
Hillary Clinton
David Axelrod
Robert Gibbs
Denis McDonough
John Podesta
Jay Carney
Steve Rattner
Steven Chu
Adrian Covert
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Angelica Alzona
Anna Merlan
Ariana Cohen
Ashley Feinberg
Ava Gyurina
Barry Petchesky
Brendan I. Koerner
Brendan Oâ Connor
Brent Rose
Brian Hickey
Camila Cabrer
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Chris Mohnery
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Daniel Morgan
David Matthews
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Tom Ley
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Who Paid The Bribes?

Steve Jurvetson
Tim Draper
Mark Zuckerberg
Elon Musk
David Drummond
Jared Cohen
Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Eric Schmidt
Goldman Sachs
Perkins Coie
Covington & Burling

Morrison and Foerster
Brobeck Law Firm
Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich and Rosatti
Reid Hoffman
Brian Goncher
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John Doerr
Tom Perkins
Ray Lane

What Kind Of Bribes Were Paid?

Certain California State officials, Obama White House Staff and Federal Agency staff accepted bribes from Silicon Valley Oligarchs and Investment Bank Cartels. They were bribed with: Billions of dollars of Google, Twitter, Facebook, Tesla, Netflix and Sony Pictures stock and stock warrants which is never reported to the FEC; Billions of dollars of Google, Twitter, Facebook, Tesla, Netflix and Sony Pictures search engine rigging and shadow-banning which is never reported to the FEC; Free rent; Male and female prostitutes; Cars; Dinners; Party Financing; Sports Event Tickets; Political campaign printing and mailing services "Donations"; Secret PAC Financing; Jobs in Corporations in Silicon Valley For The Family Members of Those Who Take Bribes And Those Who Take Bribes; "Consulting" contracts from McKinsey as fronted pay-off gigs; Overpriced "Speaking Engagements" which are really just pay-offs conduited for donors; Gallery art; Private jet rides and the use of Government fuel depots (ie: Google handed out NASA jet fuel to staff); Recreational drugs; Real Estate; Fake mortgages; The use of Cayman, Boca Des Tores, Swiss and related money-laundering accounts; The use of HSBC, Wells Fargo, Goldman Sachs and Deutsche Bank money laundering accounts and covert stock accounts; Free spam and bulk mailing services owned by Silicon Valley corporations; Use of high tech law firms such as Perkins Coie, Wilson Sonsini, MoFo, Covington & Burling, etc. to conduit bribes to officials; Payroll W2 and 1099 payments which were actually bribe payments for political work such as character assassinations and internet rigging; and other means now documented by us, The FBI, the FTC, The SEC, The FEC and journalists.

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How to change someone's mind, according to science

By [Ana Swanson](#) [Follow @anaswanson](#)

Quarreling kids - boy shouting at little girl, isolated (iStock)

The universe is constantly clamoring to change your mind about something — whether it's in the form of Twitter feuds, political debates or Mountain Dew's horrible puppy monkey baby Super Bowl ad. But how many of these appeals to alter our views really succeed?

A [new paper](#) from researchers at Cornell University sheds some light on how and why people are convinced to change their minds. The researchers analyzed nearly two years of postings on ChangeMyView, [a forum on the internet community reddit](#) where posters present an argument and invite people to reason against them.

These arguments on ChangeMyView range widely in terms of topic. "People don't define who they are, their genetics and environment do," reads one. "Zoos are immoral," says another. "I think that the vast majority of Bernie supporters are selfish and ill-informed," reads one thread, which received 1125 comments in one day.

Unlike the mindless clashes you often see on Twitter or Facebook, commentators on ChangeMyView explain their reasoning at length. The forum also requires the poster let others know when their view has changed by awarding the other poster a Δ (a Δ delta, the Greek letter used in math to denote change) and explaining exactly what modified their view. By looking at these exchanges, the researchers can study exactly what persuades people outside the laboratory and also have access to mass quantities of data.

Their research suggests that the arguments that end up changing people's minds have certain dynamics. Numbers are important: The more people that try to persuade the original poster, the greater the likelihood of changing their view. So is timing: Those who write back first to the post first are more likely to persuade the

original poster than those who write later, as the lefthand chart below shows.

Interestingly, the researchers find that some back-and-forth exchange between participants is a sign of success in convincing someone, but that a lot of it is a sign of failure -- shown in the chart below on the right.

After five rounds of back-and-forth comments between the original poster and the challenger, the challenger has virtually no chance of receiving a delta, they write. "Perhaps while some engagement signals the interest of the [original poster], too much engagement can indicate futile insistence." One [reddit user summed it](#) up like this: "Lesson being that if you haven't convinced someone after four replies each, your argument isn't gonna be the one to move them."

"Winning arguments," Chenhao Tan et. al.

There are also significant differences in language between arguments that persuade and those that don't.

The researchers find that the factor most linked with successfully persuading someone is using different words than the original posts do -- a sign that commentators are bringing in new points of view. They find that longer replies tend to be more convincing, as do arguments that use calmer language.

The research suggests that using specific examples is a big help. Definite articles (the rather than a) are more present in persuasive arguments, suggesting that it helps to speak in specifics. Successful arguments use the phrases "for example," "for instance," and "e.g." more often. Quotations and question marks don't appear to help the argument, but including links to supporting material does.

Surprisingly, they find that hedging -- using language like "it could be the case" -- is actually associated with more persuasive arguments. While hedging can signal a weaker point of view, the researchers say that it can also make an argument easier to accept by softening its tone.

Finally, they argue that language tells us something about whether the person's mind can be changed in the first place. The researchers note that the language a person uses to express the original opinion shows, to a great extent, whether their opinion is malleable or not.

They find that first person pronouns (I) indicate an opinion is malleable, but first person plural pronouns (we) suggest the opposite. Changeable opinions are also expressed more calmly and more positively, using words including "help" and "please," and more adjectives and adverbs.

Stubborn views are expressed with more excitement, and using decisive words like "anyone," "certain," and "nothing," and superlative adjectives like "worst" and "best."

Use these strategies when you argue, but remember that convincing someone of your point of view is no easy task. The researchers point out that, even in this reddit forum where people are expressly charged with being open-minded, opinions don't change in the majority of cases.

See also:

[Your reaction to this confusing headline reveals more about you than you know](#)

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Who wants Democrats Facebook to decide what's true and what's false on their behalf?

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If you live in a city you may have seen Facebook's offline ad campaign reassuring the public they are clamping down on fake news. This is part of a wider effort to try to repair the company's battered reputation due to recent privacy scandals and the misuse of user's data. But who actually wants Facebook to start deciding what's true and what's false on their behalf? Are users not confident to decide this on their own?

What you see on Facebook is your choice. The content is user-generated and your feed is based on of who are you friends with and which pages you follow. My Facebook feed for example contains almost no news articles or political content, it's just personal posts from friends and acquaintances. This is because I use Facebook to communicate with distant friends, and that's pretty much it. If someone else's feed is filled with conspiracy theories and sensationalist news articles, then in all likelihood that's the kind of content they *want*. Your feed on any social media platform contains whatever you want it to. But Facebook has decided they will take it upon themselves to filter out the wrong content *for* you. They won't give you what you want if it's incorrect, because they're the Silicon Valley elites and they know better than you do.

It's worth mentioning that Facebook already has options to unfollow someone, so you'll remain friends but won't see their posts, and to hide a post, which means Facebook will show you fewer posts of that sort in the future. So if you're friends with someone who constantly posts low quality fake news there is already a way to filter those posts out of your feed. But that's not enough. Whatever Facebook considers to be fake news needs to be removed whether users want it or not.

That last sentence is not actually true. What Facebook considers to be fake news is for the most part not removed. It's actually worse than that. The algorithms reduce the reach of this content instead, which means you can still post it but not many people will be able to see it. This is shadowbanning, and the reason it's worse is because you have no way of knowing whether content you post has been penalised, and to what degree. Did that post you made not get many likes because your friends/followers didn't find it interesting? Or did 80% of them not see it because it was penalised by an algorithm? You don't know. You can't trust Facebook to deliver your content to your followers. Therefore the only options you have are to self-censor and avoid controversial topics, or leave for another social network which does not engage in these practises.

As a business if you don't give customers what they want you'll lose them. They'll go to other platforms. Without government intervention no business is too big to fail, and Facebook is no exception. Since 2016 their traffic has halved as Gen-Z are preferring mobile-only platforms such as Snapchat where they have some privacy and won't be on the same network as their parents. Facebook is no longer the popular choice for young people to socialize. Nor is it a place for free and open discussion, with fact-checkers deciding what's true and false for you. So what *is* it good for these days? Not much.

It can be hard to tell whether the policies of big businesses are ideological or driven by pressure from the state. Social networks have largely avoided government regulation thus far, and [Facebook's own video on fake news](#) included a clip from some politician saying that if they don't do something about fake news we'll do it for you. There is always a case to be made that big businesses pursue these kind of policies not because they believe in them but because they are afraid of the political and regulatory

repercussions. However in Facebook's case it's likely their war on fake news is ideologically driven, given [their workplace culture which attacks and surpasses anyone who doesn't conform to hard-leftist ideology](#). And regulation of social media would likely help Facebook more than hurt them, as the regulations would apply to all social networks therefore putting Facebook on a more even playing field with its competitors. At present only the big social media companies are engaged in censorship, thus they can lose to smaller competitors who utilise free speech to attract users. This has already started happening, and unless they change their policies it will be sure to continue.

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EU top court rules privacy campaigner can go after Facebook

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The European Union's top court says that Austrian privacy campaigner Maximillian Schrems can bring a case against Facebook Ireland as an individual but there cannot be a class action suit.

Schrems had initiated a case against Facebook Ireland, claiming the subsidiary of the U.S. social media giant breached EU privacy rules.

Schrems said that the "[good news](#)" was that he could finally get Facebook into an EU court after trying for a decade to do so in Ireland and Austria. He says that Facebook is far too invasive in the lives of its users and that the company tracks users where it should not.

Schrems says he is disappointed, though, that "there is no possibility to bring a class action in Austria."

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Read more at: <https://phys.org/news/2018-01-eu-court-privacy-campaigner-facebook.html#jCp>

America has no sovereignty. Mark Zuckerbergs open borders lobbying group push for amnesty of 3.3 million DACA illegal aliens. ([breitbart.com](https://www.breitbart.com))

Zuckerberg, U.S. Chamber Bring DACA Illegals to Capitol Hill to Push Year-End Amnesty

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by [John Binder](#) 15 Nov 2017 Washington, D.C. [0](#)

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg's open borders lobbying group and the United States Chamber of Commerce has teamed up to push an end-of-the-year plan to give amnesty to upwards of 3.3 million illegal aliens.

FWD.us, Zuckerberg's pro-immigration lobbying organization, has orchestrated efforts with the Chamber of Commerce to bring illegal aliens enrolled in the President Obama-created Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program to Capitol Hill to lobby members of Congress to pass an amnesty for the nearly 800,000 to 3.3 million illegal aliens.

Zuckerberg's group and the Chamber of Commerce are working with IBM and the Microsoft Corporation to get illegal aliens into meetings with lawmakers in order to promote an amnesty plan, as described in the FWD.us [statement](#).

In September, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced on behalf of President Trump's administration that the DACA program would be officially ended in March 2018. Since the announcement, big business leaders, the open borders lobby and both GOP and Democrat political establishments have been scrambling to craft and quickly pass an amnesty for the DACA illegal aliens.

Chamber of Commerce Senior Vice President Neil Bradley said it would be unthinkable to not give an amnesty to DACA recipients and illegal aliens who are eligible for DACA.

The clock is ticking for hundreds of thousands of people who have become an integral part of our communities and economy, Bradley said in a statement. A failure to achieve a meaningful solution for DACA would have a negative impact on our economy and our society. It is unthinkable for a nation of immigrants to fail to address this crisis before these hardworking people are forced out their jobs, schools, and communities.

Ran into @DarrellIssa today! Thank you for recognizing that immigration is good for business. We need to pass a bipartisan Dream Act now! #DreamActNow @FWD_us pic.twitter.com/vgfqV7SLgi

Gabriela Batista (@batista_gaby) [November 15, 2017](#)

Likewise, IBM Vice President Christopher Padilla touted in a statement the multinational corporation's hiring of DACA illegal aliens.

Every day Dreamers make positive contributions to our company and our economy, Padilla said. We have over 30 Dreamers who work at IBM, and I've had the chance to meet many of them over the past couple weeks when they've come to DC to share their stories directly with Members of Congress.

IBM stands by our Dreamers and we are encouraging Congress to pass legislation before the end of the year that would allow these young men and women to continue living and working in the only country many of them have ever known, Padilla continued.

Thank you @RepRickCrawford for meeting with us to discuss why we need a permanent solution for #Dreamers! @FWD_us pic.twitter.com/7eke0flamP

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Padilla's promoting of DACA illegal alien employees at IBM come just as the company employs more people in India, not the U.S. than any other country in the world, [Breitbart Tech](#) reported. In India, the average IBM salary is roughly \$17,000 a year. In the U.S., the average IBM salary comes in at \$100,000 for senior IT specialists.

At the same time, IBM has consistently lobbied for more foreign workers to be imported to the U.S. through the H-1B visa instead of hiring qualified Americans. Between 2014 and 2016 alone, IBM CEO Ginni Rometty attempted to [import nearly](#) 25,000 foreign workers to take U.S. jobs.

The DREAM Act is one of the largest amnesties for DACA illegal aliens that have been crafted thus far in Congress, allowing not just those on the DACA rolls to permanently remain in the U.S., but also those who are eligible for DACA.

The amnesty legislation would apply to roughly 3.3 million illegal aliens in the U.S., according to the [Migration Policy Institute](#), and would set at least 1.7 million of those illegal aliens on a pathway to U.S. citizenship.

Once given U.S. citizenship, illegal aliens are then allowed to bring their foreign relatives to the U.S. in what is known as a "chain migration." As [Breitbart News](#) has reported, a DACA chain migration could range from a mass migration of 9.9 to 19 million foreign nationals entering the U.S. over the next few decades.

[#Illinois](#) delegation is out here fighting to [#protectDreamers](#)!

Today, 100+ [#Dreamers](#) & business leaders from across America are in DC to meet with their Members of Congress & urge them to pass a bipartisan [#DreamAct](#) this year. [#DreamActNow](#)
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Mark Zuckerberg has secret panic chute leading to car park underneath his Facebook conference room and a bigger security team than Trump because Zuck is so hated

The Facebook CEO receives death threats on a weekly basis

By Charlotte Edwards, Science and Technology Reporter

FACEBOOK CEO Mark Zuckerberg is rumoured to have a secret panic chute in his conference room which he can use to flee the building as quickly as possible.

Last year, the security plan for Zuckerberg and his family cost Facebook \$10 million (£8 million) as new details about the billionaire's safeguarding emerge.

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[4](#) Zuckerberg gets 24/7 protection

Business Insider revealed these âpanic chuteâ rumours when [reporting](#) on Zuckerbergâs round-the-clock executive protection.

More than 70 people are now protected by an executive security team at Facebook, which is led by former US Secret Service special agent Jill Leavens Jones.

Due to Zuckerbergâs notoriety and having over 100 million followers on Facebook alone, he faces severe threats on a regular basis.

These threats include people threatening to kill him numerous times a week and stalkers who declare their undying love or harbour dangerous vendettas against the billionaire.

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[4](#) The billionaire has a bullet proof conference room

Zuckerberg actually works at a regular desk on an open plan floor at Facebook HQ but is said to always be surrounded by undercover security who pose as software engineers.

The Facebook office is situated above the company car park, but it is impossible to directly park a car underneath the CEO's desk because of the threat of car bombs.

Zuckerberg also has access to a large glass-walled conference room that is near his desk.

This conference room is already known to be bullet-proof and features a panic button, but rumours among Facebook employees that it also contains a 'panic chute' have never actually been confirmed.

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[4](#) His security must protect him from weekly death threats

Facebook have declined to comment on the potential escape route, but one source said it leads to the car park so that the tech billionaire can be evacuated quickly.

Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg also has 24/7 protection due to similar threats and stalkers.

Their stalkers are referred to as â BOLOsâ which is short for Be On the Look Out and these BOLOs are banned from all Facebook property.

If these stalkers use Facebook or other apps owned by Zuckerberg then his security team may secretly use data from the apps to map a stalkerâ s location.

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[4](#) Zuckerberg works in an open plan office at Facebook HQ

No one is allowed to take unauthorised photos of Zuckerberg or his office at Facebook HQ and any unsolicited gifts will not be opened by him.

Zuckerberg isn't the only tech billionaire to require such high levels of security.

In 1998, Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates had a cream pie thrown at his face.

Facebook has been caught up in yet another privacy blunder, after a [major Messenger bug](#) revealed who you had been chatting to.

Facebook Messenger has [a secret 'dark mode'](#) that you can unlock by sending the moon emoji.

The social media giant now lets you [unsend embarrassing Messenger texts](#), but you only have 10 minutes to hit delete.

1.5 BILLION secret files found exposed online dwarf Panama Papers leak and expose DNC crimes using Facebook and Google user data

Borked FTP, SMB, rsync, and S3 buckets fingered

By [John Leyden](#) 4  [SHARE](#) $\hat{=}$ $\frac{1}{4}$

Security researchers have uncovered 1.5 billion business and consumer files exposed online $\hat{=}$ just a month before the General Data Protection Regulation comes into force.

During the first three months of 2018, threat intel firm Digital Shadows detected 1,550,447,111 publicly available files across open Amazon Simple Storage Service (S3) buckets, rsync, Server Message Block (SMB), File Transfer Protocol (FTP) servers, misconfigured websites, and Network Attached Storage (NAS) drives.

This included documents spanning payroll data, tax returns, medical records, credit cards and intellectual property. A staggering 64,176,425 files came from the UK alone.

The trove amounts to more than 12PB (12,000TB) of exposed data $\hat{=}$ more than 4,000 times larger than the Panama Papers leak, which weighed in at a measly 2.6TB.

The most common data exposed was payroll and tax return files, which accounted for 700,000 and 60,000 files respectively. However, consumers were also at risk from 14,687 instances of leaked contact information and 4,548 patient lists. A large volume of point-of-sale terminal data $\hat{=}$ transactions, times, places, and even some credit card details $\hat{=}$ was publicly available.

Although misconfigured Amazon S3 buckets have hogged headlines recently, in this [study](#) (registration required) cloud system leaks accounted for only 7 per cent of exposed data. Instead it is older, yet still widely used, technologies $\hat{=}$ such as SMB (33 per cent), rsync (28 per cent) and FTP (26 per cent) $\hat{=}$ which have contributed the most.

Business-critical information also leaked. For example, a patent summary for renewable energy in a document marked as "strictly confidential" was discovered. Another case included a document containing proprietary source code submitted as part of a copyright application. This file included the code that outlined the design

and workflow of a site providing software Electronic Medical Records, as well as details about the copyright application.

Third parties and contractors were identified as one of the most common sources of sensitive data exposure. The leaked information included security assessment and penetration tests. In addition, Digital Shadows identified consumer backup devices that were misconfigured to be internet-facing and inadvertently making private information public. Â®

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