Freedom Of Speech Threatened

More and more these days we are seeing a great threat to our 1^{st} Amendment right of free speech. Now I must clarify that it is ONLY conservatives that are being threatened. For years we have seen massive protests at liberal left wing colleges and universities when a conservative speaker is scheduled to speak such as Berkley [1], [2], Yale [3], [4], California State University[5], Middlebury College[6] and Claremont McKenna College[7] just to name a few.

It appears that, as always, this opposition comes from Democrats. Surprise, surprise! We have Mad Maxine Waters telling people to confront conservatives in restaurants, stores or wherever they find them and intimidate them to the point where they would leave. This anti-conservative speech derangement is gaining momentum and is heading for a real dangerous conclusion.

The Founders demanded that every opinion should have the right to be heard, debated and decided on. Today's leftwing ding bats believe that their opinion and ONLY their opinion has the right to be heard. This movement to silence the conservative voice is growing to other media other than college campuses. We are seeing conservative commentators being banned from a lot of the social media. Since Obama 's reign of terror we have seen an exponential growth of opposition to the conservative voice. Dennis Prager, a conservative radio talk show host and founder of PragerU has been banned by Youtube[8] because they have videos that teach on the founding principles of America.

Project Veritas has exposed how Twitter is using algorithms to 'shadow ban a way of talking'. In the latest undercover Project Veritas video investigation, current and former Twitter employees are on camera explaining steps the social media giant is taking to censor political content that they don't like.

This video release follows the <u>first undercover Twitter exposé</u> Project Veritas released on January 10th which showed Twitter Senior Network Security Engineer Clay Haynes saying that Twitter is "more than happy to help the Department of Justice with their little [President Donald Trump] investigation." Twitter responded to the video with a <u>statement</u> shortly after that release, stating "the individual depicted in this video was speaking in a personal capacity and does not represent of speak for Twitter." The <u>video</u> released by Project Veritas today features eight employees, and a Project Veritas spokesman said there are more videos featuring additional employees coming.

On January 3rd 2018 at a San Francisco restaurant, Abhinov Vadrevu, a former Twitter Software Engineer explains a strategy, called "shadow banning," that to his knowledge, Twitter has employed:

"One strategy is to shadow ban so you have ultimate control. The idea of a shadow ban is that you ban someone but they don't know they've been banned, because they keep posting and no one sees their content. So they just think that no one is engaging with their content, when in reality, no one is seeing it."

Twitter is in the process of automating censorship and banning, says Twitter Software Engineer Steven Pierre on December 8th of 2017:

"Every single conversation is going to be rated by a machine and the machine is going to say whether or not it's a positive thing or a negative thing. And whether it's positive or negative doesn't (inaudible), it's more like if somebody's being aggressive or not. Right? Somebody's just cursing at somebody, whatever, whatever. They may have point, but it will

just vanish... It's not going to ban the mindset, it's going to ban, like, a way of talking." [9]

Townhalls are being targeted by left wing anarchists to the point where many politicians, Sen. Marco Rubio, Rep. Louie Gohmert, and Rep. Randy Hultgren, to name a few, won't hold a regular townhalls because they are regularly interrupted by left wing dirtbags that refuse to allow a different point of view spoken.

Just recently we have seen Alex Jones banned from Apple, Facebook and Youtube platforms because of his controversial leanings.[10] I will say the he is right more than wrong which makes him 100% better than anyone in the MSM crowd.

These fools don't care about skin color either. They hate white conservatives and black conservatives alike and all colors in between. Candace Owens was attacked in the "City of Brotherly Love" simply because she is a black conservative and refuses to 'stay on the plantation' like the rest of the blacks.[11] The left has an opinion that no one is allowed to confront. It makes no difference if the opposing opinion is actually right, it is simply not allowed. Where did this head up your butt mind set come from? Our liberal colleges. It is simply a communist ideology. We have seen students failed because they would not change their conservative, biblical position. The disgusting thing here is these failing grades have been held up in our courts completely ignoring our free speech and freedom of religion guarantees.

In the land of fruits and nuts, California, we see that advertising by a church is not allowed either. **Billboards** depicting evangelist Greg Laurie holding a Bible were removed from a popular outdoor mall in Southern California after numerous complaints and at least one "serious threat."

The management of Fashion Island declined to say why they took down the billboards, but the contract between Harvest Crusade

and the shopping mall includes a clause about the right not to display any materials that could be construed as "vulgar or offensive."

The billboards were promoting the upcoming SoCal Harvest gathering – expected to draw tens of thousands of people to Angel Stadium, <u>CBN News first reported</u>.

The promotional displays featured Laurie holding a Bible along with photographs of <u>MercyMe</u>, <u>Phil Wickham and other Christian</u> <u>musicians</u>.

"<u>There was nothing overtly religious about it</u>," Harvest executive director John Collins told CBN News.

After the initial complaint, the Christian organization revised the advertisements to include only the word "Harvest" with the dates of the event.

<u>"Then they came back and said they just wanted the ads</u> <u>completely removed and they refunded us,</u>" he said.

I reached out to management at Fashion Island but <u>they did not</u> <u>return my calls.</u>

"We're certainly not upset with The Irvine Company. Obviously they're catching heat for allowing us to run these ads. We feel it is just unfortunate that people are complaining," Collins told CBN News. <u>"It's sad that our culture is at this</u> <u>degree of intolerance...There's such intolerance against</u> <u>Christianity that we aren't allowed to state that or to</u> <u>publicly advertise this event</u>. That's amazing." [12]

If this trend continues we will have only one point of view. The left is being supported by MSM at every level, which does its best to allow only one point of view. You can listen to 50 different news casts about what they allow to be reported on and you will hear the report given verbatim. Exact wording for all 50 different reports. That is not a coincidence, that is indoctrination. With so many channels to surf through and so much great programming, why can't we find anything to watch? 90% of what we watch, listen to and read is owned by 6 companies. That's a large percentage to just be divided by a factor of six. 30 years ago 90% of media was held by 50 different companies, which is what most people would assume it would be now, but thanks to mergers and buyouts, it's down to 6 major companies (until someone else buys another). The reason we never find anything new on TV is that 70% of what is on cable is owned by the 'Big 6.' That's 1 out of every 5 hours of television. Comcast now owns 51% of NBC, while GE owns 49% (even though the infographic states that GE owns Comcast), further controlling the market with a top cable provider and a top cable channel. [13]

This is what happens when we are not paying attention. Will we wake up in time to reverse this? November is coming.

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Footnotes:

- 1. Milo Yiannopoulos Berkeley
- 2. Berkeley bans Ben's Shapiro speech
- 3. <u>Terence P Jeffrey Yale students protest disrupt pro free</u> <u>speech event</u>
- 4. Yale students protest forum on free speech
- 5. <u>Campus protesters try to silence conservative speaker</u> <u>demand college president's resignation</u>
- 6. <u>Protesters at Middlebury College shout down speaker</u> <u>attack him and a professor</u>
- 7. <u>Protesters disrupt talk by pro-police author, sparking</u> <u>free-speech debate at Claremont McKenna College</u>
- 8. Dennis Prager banned by YouTube
- 9. <u>Undercover video: Twitter engineers to ban a way of</u> <u>talking through shadow banning algorithms to censor</u>

opposing political opinions

- 10. Freedom of speech media bias leading
- 11. Freedom of speech media bias leading
- 12. <u>Mall removes billboards promoting Harvest Crusade</u>
- 13. <u>6 corporations control 90% of the media in America</u>