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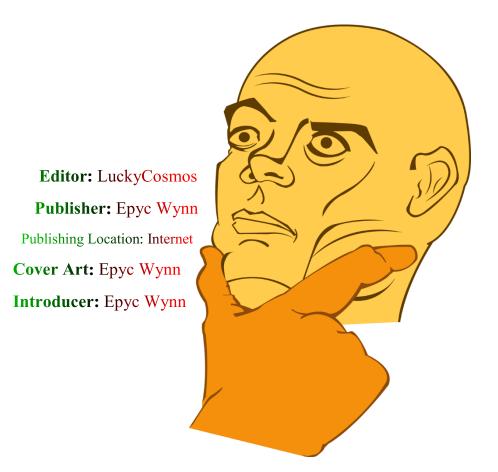
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# The Introview With Epyc Wynn

What is elitist? What is scholarly? What is quality? In the eyes of me, and in the philosophy and rhetoric of this digital news publication, magazine, and literary journal, such things are neither accepted nor rejected. The good shall be taken with the bad. The best will be shown evenly alongside the worst. Nothing is too pure to have a joke made about it. Nothing is too taboo to be mentioned. All religious views, philosophies, rhetoric, and stories which are deemed as prime examples of the Internet's memes and posts, will be shown

in the light the Internet's users choose to convey them in. If an idea is too high on a pedestal to be mocked or joked about, then the Internet will bring it down. If an idea is too lowly to be openly discussed, then the Internet will bring it up. If an idea exists, Userview has the obligation to not filter the unsavory bits. A little bit of everyone should be able to enjoy this digizine, from the best of society to the scum of society. That likewise means a little bit of everyone will be offended; if they cannot take jokes and criticism.



This magazine will use words and jokes which may be or outright are -ahem- racist, feminist, sexist, communist, nazi, serious, ridiculous, garbage, memetic, too deep for you, delicious, sexually explicit, have swears that are super XXX naughty, social justicey, spammy, elitist, plebic, smelly, spasmodic, pernicious, heuristic, ubiquitous, or in extreme cases, green. But remember: this journal borrows evenly from the corners of the Internet. To criticize this journal is to criticize the Internet

and its common users.

This is a collage of original reporting, documentation, memes, and Internet posts, in the form of a digital literary journal. But this is many things, so I leave it to the users to define what we are. As my teacher Dr. Phong Nguyen once said in different words, think of what we are doing with the Internet in literature as akin to what Andy Warhol did with pop culture in painting, only I would add, this is far worse.

We are Userview.
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We donut 4git.
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Get danked on.
It was memes all along.
It's snowing on Mt. Fuji.

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#### Welcome to our humble publication I formatted it as **MMMM**

# XOXOXO L3G1T (pro-level) GOOD SHIT as I possibly could.

(But it's okay because this bad design is actually an artistic display of the nature of seriousness versus ironicness in Internet culture.)

Normies: "I want high quality content."

Elites: "I want memes."

Gods: "I want tiny text and large amounts of whitespace."

Titans: "I want to defeat T-Series by subscribing to PewDiePie."

To the critics who may read this, the following is a personal message to each and every one of you: Quit rating works highly because they have meta commentary like this bullshit I'm doing right now -it is not automatically clever and has been done into the ground. Also, just because a work doesn't suit your personal ideology, doesn't mean you should rate it lower, and doing so only means you are terrible at your job. Don't rate things higher just because they blatantly pander to a style, ideology, or popular trend -such ratings obscure the truth of the work's quality. Postmodernism by itself is horseshit and I merely advise any postmodernist critics to strongly consider metamodernism as a compatibilist alternative. And finally, if you do not give an example of what you would do differently when supplying criticism, that is not constructive and is only useful for mindless entertainment purposes -prove through your examples that you could do better with the same resources, or admit to your ignorance.



## YouTube Bans Proud Boys

By Epyc Wynn & Internet

#### The Overview

Users on the Internet from the 1990s had a different experience than users of the 2010s; but what does that have to do with Alphabet Inc. kicking the Proud Boys founder off their videouploading platform YouTube? -Well, if you want to have a well-informed ethical judgement on this matter, then that requires understanding the difference. First, let's go over what actually happened before we dive into the observations of users from the 1990s compared to now.

#### The News

The Daily Beast's columnist
Will Sommer reports in an
article titled *Proud Boys*Founder Gavin McInnes
Claims He's Quitting FarRight Group, that Gavin
McInnes quit the far-right
group Proud Boys, as of
November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The
report then continues with a
quote of McInnes, "In all
capacities, forever, I quit." The
report additionally points out
he quit a day after police
documents revealed the Proud

Boys are classified as an extremist group by the FBI.

In an article titled *YouTube* bans Proud Boys founder Gavin McInnes for copyright Infringement, The Verge's reporter Shannon Liao reports that YouTube said McInnes was banned for "multiple thirdparty claims of copyright infringement," and also points out the trivia that McInnes had also "... co-founded Vice Media in 1994 prior to his involvement with numerous nationalist causes ..." and that he "... had over 200,000 subscribers." This report also clarifies that the extremist group label on the Proud Boys "... was the result of a misunderstanding," based on intel from an FBI agent.

This YouTube ban is on the coattails of major bans on Gavin McInnes from Facebook, Twitter, PayPal, and Instagram. Liao further reports that McInnes told various media outlets on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, that "... people make up lies or take jokes out of context," and that he can no longer respond to these due to lack of platforms.

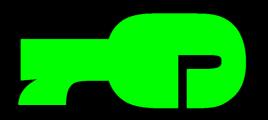
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Reddit, a platform notorious for moderators censoring users without warning across numerous main subreddits, had a few enlightening top comments on the r/news subreddit regarding how this ties into the Internet of the 1990s. In a comment with 3.3k points on the subreddit r/news post Youtube Kicks off Proud Boys Founder Gavin McInnes, one commentator gave a tell-all reply that explained the difference between the Internet of now and the late 1990s.

"I'd be genuinely fascinated to see whether there is a substantial difference of opinion on deplatforming like this between people who grew up with the early internet (1980s-2010), when everyone and their mother had their own website or forum and totalitarian enforcement was the norm rather than the exception, and people who came of their own on the internet after the rise of Facebook and Twitter and Youtube's giant reach.

When I started using the internet around 1996-1997, people got kicked off of

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websites for pissing off the owner all the damn time. Every forum I ever was part of had moderation and some people were just considered toxic and removed (unless they were friends with the moderators). And people who got kicked off just went and joined another site to peddle their opinions there. Can't host your videos on your GeoCities? Well, there was always Angelfire! Got kicked off of LiveJournal? Well, there was always Xanga!

So, if you grew up after this era of basically anarchy, the idea that someone's rights are being violated by being kicked off a website is laughable. It's this completely confusing idea which makes no sense. But I imagine if you grew up with Youtube and Facebook and content aggregators already dictating the majority of your content, maybe you don't see it that way. Anyway, curious if there is any sort of generational divide on this sort of thing."

A reply to that comment with 846 points added onto this retrospective, stating "Well, one of the big differences with the way some people perceive it is that the Internet and its social media platforms are

becoming much more consolidated and monopolistic. Facebook literally has billions of accounts. A substantial chunk of the entire human population uses it. Twitter, YouTube, etc. have very large user bases as well.

Many people believe that when a platform has such an omnipresence in society and the corresponding power, that removing or censoring people or ideas because they are unpopular (though legal) shouldn't be allowed.

If you believe that the Internet and the massive companies wield excessive power like that, you might see it as being a drastic step to take. I mean, the guy's a shitbag, but what would you say if the electric company refused to sell him electricity? The water company cut off his water? Telephone companies refuse him service?"

A reply with 595 points, to that reply to the original comment, further stated "It's funny that you and others replying to this comment point the finger at 'deplatforming' being the problem and not the fact that there are 4 gigantic tech companies that own basically

everything now. If there was real competition in tech we wouldn't be talking about this made-up problem of 'deplatforming' (which is a fucking bullshit word for Banning).

Break up the tech giants."

An additional reply with 208 points, to the reply to the original comment, states "Its not even that they are monopolies.

Its the fact that they are treated, legally speaking, as platforms, not producers or anything else.

So if someone posts libelous content on facebook, that isn't viewed as facebook's material, and so they cant be held accountable for libel.

But these corporations want to have their cake and eat it too. They want to be able to restrict entire viewpoints and social movements, both mundane and repulsive alike, if those viewpoints fail to toe the line. They are arbitrarily deciding what is acceptable content and what is not based on the political leaning of their companies. In effect, they are acting not as platforms but as publishers. And if you want to

act as a publisher, you should be legally liable like a publisher.

So if facebook wants to censor content based on political differences, thats fine. But if someone posts libelous content of facebook? then Facebook should be held legally accountable. If someone makes a death threat? Accountable. etc etc etc.

But if they want to start acting like platforms again, letting anyone post so long as it is not explicitly illegal, and removing whatever explicitly illegal content they are able to track down, thats fine.

But if they want to keep acting like publishers, they should be treated like publishers in the eye of the law."

However, perhaps the most insightful comment was a reply to the original comment on the original post, which reads "I've been on the Internet since 91 or 92, and on BBSs before that. I was active for many years on many forums with moderation policies like what you describe. A forums owner banning someone for being racist or otherwise disruptive didn't bother me at all; quite the

contrary. But the modern deplatforming trend bothers me a lot, and it should bother everyone.

There are a few key differences between being banned from a forums in the 90s and what's happening now:

Back then, there was no dominant forum or set of dominant forums.

Today, a handful of companies can act together to effectively wipe you off the Internet. If Alphabet, Apple, Twitter, Facebook, and Amazon decide the deplatform you, you're effectively silenced. You can build your own website, but how will anyone find it? How will you compete when you can't use cloud services? How will you make money when the ads networks and payment processors have banned you too?

And in fact, this is what we're seeing. We're seeing them act together, nearly in unison, when they deplatform someone.

Back then, the forums weren't massive corporations buying

and wielding political influence.

# Congratulations to who took some rethe street today!



Today, the power to limit speech is vastly more centralized than it was then. It's not just that we've massively

concentrated the power, but it's where we've concentrated it.

### these heroes, al nasty stuff off



Alphabet and Facebook are driven by profit. They exercise enormous political influence towards that end, and now are also in the business of deciding which political speech is and isn't acceptable. Why the fuck is anyone OK with this? Especially people who remember the anarchistic Internet of the 90s.

Back then, the Internet wasn't the primary medium for political speech.

Being kicked off of somethingawful.com didn't mean that I was significantly less able to reach an audience with my political speech than other people. Being kicked off of Twitter, YouTube, and the App Store does mean that.

Back then, what was banned was an account, not your identity.

There was no great way to stop someone who was banned from registering a new account with a new username, either by using a VPN or waiting until their ISP changed their IP. Now, we use our real identities on social media, and being banned means your identity is banned (forever), not a replaceable account."

#### **Some Final Thoughts**

I want you the reader to know I am a Social Democrat: one who loves free speech, promotes user rights, and believes in the importance of the user's views. It's important you know these are my leanings and strongly influence why I'd even make an article or publication like this. But look at what you just read -an article brimming with user insight that at least helps you understand where users are coming from and how things have changed. They aren't traditional experts, nor are they hired writers for a digital publication, but their views are still valuable and worth reporting.

Now what do I think? Why should you care? -Form your own thoughts. If you are mooching off my opinions then you need to reevaluate your ability to think for yourself. I will tell you the wrong opinion -thinking nothing should change. It is, however, up to you to conclude what that change should be. If you need me to figure that out, I can promise you my opinions will not help.





# A bunch of poorly

#### Shitposts by Internet

I think it's only autists and lurkers here anymore idk where all of the quality content went, but it's sure not here::

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>outside

HOLY SHIT, WHAT IS THIS MAGICAL WEBSITE? I ALREADY **JIZZED FIVE TIMES** JUST THINKING ABOUT IT! CAN I NEVER LEAVE MY CHAIR? I NEVER WANT TO LEAVE MY CHAIR.

>LOW POST RATE

>ALL POSTS ARE SHIT ANYWAY >PEOPLE KEEP POSTING SHIT INSTEAD OF STOPPING WHEN THEY HAVE NO GOOD IDEAS

>THINKING

>AND THEN MAKING ONE GOOD THREAD

Fuck off looser! No one wants to come to your shitty board, go shill elsewhere.

That wasn't even me: '\DDDdd

I wouldn't want to waste my breath on you fags. my farts smell like shit someone please send help Sure are a lot of upset metafags on this site, probably upset that they spent 10 bux and shitpost here for free lel, fuck off, no one is falling for it. Fuck off moralfag.

**Woah** *woah* woah. Why is it called MENopause if it doesn't happen to men?

# #GENDERNEUTRAL MENOPAUSESMATT

#### ER

Y TU, EWOK?

I dunno, is Europe boring now that WW2 is over? I'm vegetarian, so pie.

NO UR AN ALT

NO UR AN ALT

UR ALL MY FUKKEN ALTS

Or maybe I don't have any alts?

The world may never know.

#### AAAAAAAAAAAHH

#### FUCK I TRULY HATE BEING ALIVE

this is some crazy stuff here Fake news.

huehuehuehuehuehue

Awoo does not approve of your insinuation. Everything is terrible and I hate everything.

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# formatted shitposts

All futanari porn of Widowmaker is objectively bad because her blood flows too slowly for her to be able to get an erection.

ASSD

Overwatch is a objectively bad game, stop

playing it now or else.

this site sucks monkey butts

IT AIN'T GONNA SUCC ITSELF

Отпусти меня Release me Vabasta mind

Vapauttakaa minut

#BringBackTheDildos

I dont give a <u>fuck</u> if it's right ethically

Fek of kc

Dubs for civil war

wew

Marine Take My Energy

/\_(+o+)\_/

Why the hell do you keep posting this cancer Mr. SJW?.

i fuckign love SCIENCE SCINCE IS

#### EPICC!!!!!!

### lmao NOTHING MATTERS 101!!!! Nihilism FTW!!!!!!

bluepilled normie reddit tier shit kek agrees, blessed be his name

what the fuck is a citation

KeK work your Magic!

>you are adorable!

Thanks. And you are poor. So you do not matter.

>we could lose another 6 gorillian jews

#### **FUCKING KEK**

When will the jewery stop? are you feeling the bern yet, cuck?

No, I just enjoy fucking with self-important

assholes, you namefagging namefag.

MESSI MESSI

#### I AM GOD

ewww hentai get that vietnamese shit away from me

>secret jewlluminati door opens

>"identification required. finish the following

sentence: anime is for"

>"FUCKIN WEEBS"

>"access granted"

>door opens to reveal round table of jewish ayyliens and mods

>mfw i kekkel my shekkels

[Poorly-conceived ironic shitpost]

And he looks angwy

[op is a fag .jpg]

>sage /thread

It's a *cock*spiracy.

just figured id present to you your inaugural op is a faggot rating

check your ego at the door, faggot

Is it customary to eat the boipussy

before fucking it or is that only for

girlpussy?

# Give Me Memes or Give Me Bans:

#### By Epyc Wynn

#### Free Speech and Social Media

Is censorship always oppression? Is free speech a strictly partisan issue? Who decides what is hate speech, harassment, or free speech? How does this translate into the Internet? Should mods and admins have as much unchecked power as they do online? Will we ever return to the classic humor-oriented memes of the 2000s that aren't forced political garbage from the hacks on /pol/ and /leftypol/?

That last question may need another article entirely, but let us revisit some links in my Internet's browsing decade-old history for answers. If we want to understand the state of our memetic expression in 2019 and how free speech and social media have affected our memes, we must first understand how memeing in 2019 got to where it is now. The following is an overview of digital memetic history based on my observations and experiences, and how it ties into free speech on the Internet.

#### Free Speech in the Classical Era of Alemes

Free speech is an intricate comprehensive issue the Internet has struggled to handle even during the 2000s when Donald Trump was just known as a businessman and social justice warriors were not pillaging university campuses. Sites such as 4chan and Encyclopedia Dramatica, as well as the online movement Anonymous, were and to a somewhat lesser extent still are huge names which propagated their own sense of free speech in the memetic community and the online community at large. Encyclopedia Dramatica promoted a brutal form of free speech via pages

and forums known for extensive cyberbullying, harassment, mockery, and disgusting pornography; and yet throughout it all provided unique wiki pages with incredibly dark satirical perspectives you will not find anywhere else. Anonymous struck fear and awe into the hearts of millions and governments as a movement which had adopted its own brutal yet politically-oriented twist on free speech. Anonymous utilized the speech of codes and memes to target people or groups they deemed a threat to the Internet, or simply deemed evil. And unsurprisingly Anonymous has its origins rooted in 4chan: a site notorious for its allowance of messages mainstream sites would mercilessly censor. 4chan is also known for enabling acts of hacktivism (activism via the use of computers), sharing myriads of porn fetishes on imageboards, and spawning early memes such as 60's Spiderman and Rage Comics containing classics such as Trollface and Forever Alone. But the history of the Internet is not all free speech warriors and hacktivists.

I don't know about all of you, but I hate how many mods and admins abuse their powers across the Internet; and that was the way of the Classical Era of Memes too. Sites such as YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and frankly most websites, servers, or chats you have ever visited with mods and admins, have suffered from power abuse. Sometimes this involves underuse of powers, but for mainstream sites this has usually meant overuse of powers to censor, auto-censor, warn, ban, kick, shadowban, remove posts, hide posts, suspend, mute, and in rare cases posting public messages shaming a user's behavior before banning them. Now it is difficult to prove how big an

issue this is, as it isn't an issue normally covered by outlets except in rare cases; this issue only started getting barely covered around the 2010s. I first-hand observed and even felt this censorship and routinely heard users complain of this happening on these platforms. Users familiar with forums and chats of this time can attest to this, but there was not nearly enough news coverage of this issue during the time. This was due to a mix of users lacking the power to constructively fight the issue of censorship and media outlets not caring and likely not even being aware of how widespread the issue was. There was some socially enforced censorship during this time by users through harassment and shaming, but nothing compared to the amount we saw in >2018.

#### Free Speech in the Political Era of Memes

The Political Era of Memes, from 2010 to 2019, will forever be known as an era in which memes were political forced garbage with some nice exceptions in between. Occupy Wall Street, GamerGate, Alt-Right, Donald Trump -there were a lot of huge gears turning in the Internet's box of political tricks. However, this era was equally plagued by mobs, mods and admins censoring, demonetizing and banning users for having different beliefs than them. I remember that time I was banned those times, I was banned -those 20+ give-or-take times, I was banned. Those bans I received were in the recent decade, ranging across the Internet including subreddits, Discord servers, meme sites, game sites, and political boards. A good few articles can be made on this systematic widespread censorship and the reasons

# Freedom of Memetic Expression

why these bans occurred such as being a Social Democrat, arguing Louis CK was punished too severely, saying a subreddit does not support free speech, being disliked by users with influence, and so-on. The 2010s saw Tumblr become the planet of feminists, Reddit the moon base of democrats and socialists, chanboards the asteroid belts of Nazis and commies, Facebook the... comets of general political extremism shooting in all directions, and Twitter about the same as Facebook. It seems every digital community I've been in or visited since the 2000s has gained a distinct political atmosphere permeating everything with Democratic Republican Nazi Commie propaganda that acts like a meme and walks like a meme but stinks like a shit emoji.

Widespread angry political ranting on the Internet has inspired some incredibly biased mods and admins to censor political views according to their community's unique set of biases. Even Silicon Valley purged Alex Jones whom'st've, from everything I gathered, conveyed a political conspiracy which corporations called "hate speech" before wiping him off of Facebook and Twitter, as well as a host of other notable platforms. Twitter didn't seem to even want to ban him; they just seemed to do it because users pressured them to. Mods and admins come in many forms, including politicians editing the laws the websites have to follow. Net Neutrality was repealed in the United States which allows ISPs to throttle access to certain websites they dislike. Likewise, the European Union is about to pass articles 11 and 13 in January of 2019, which even in the best circumstances, will present a

legal risk to any meme-hosting sites in the EU unless the articles are changed.

#### Free Speech in the coming User Era of Memes

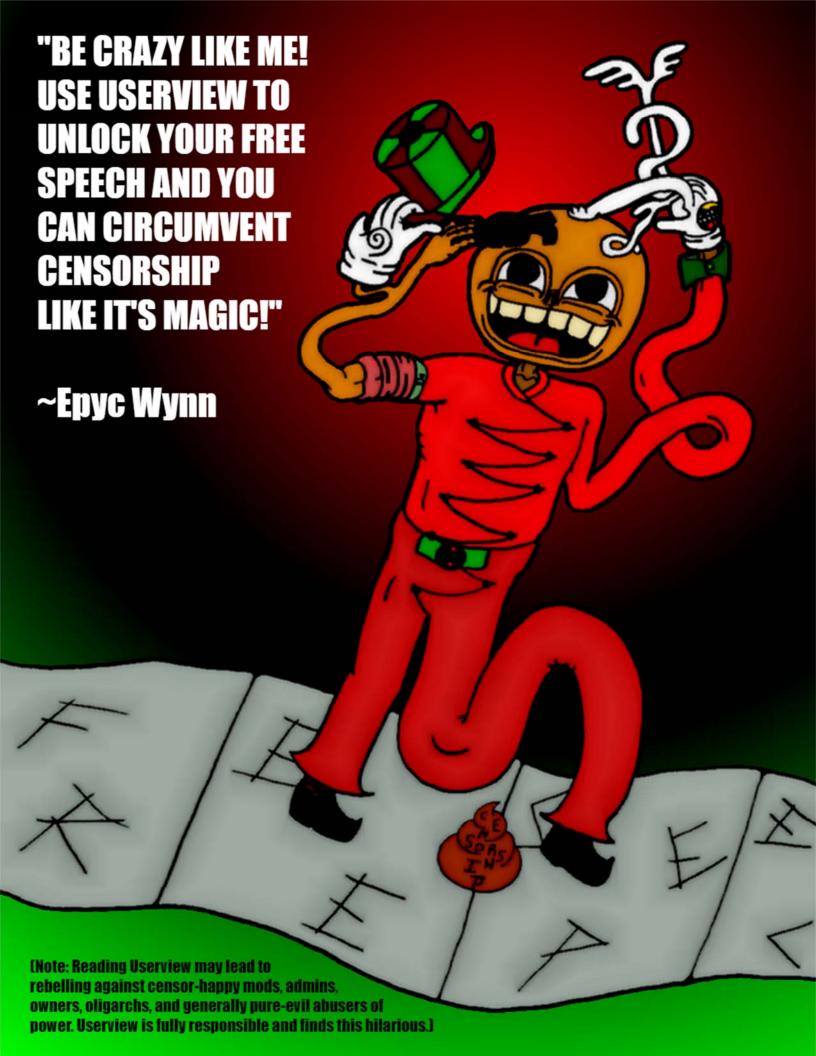
The Internet was once seen as a great force for democracy, free speech, and the free flow of information in the pursuit of honesty and education. But, it is clear that was a somewhat naive initial interpretation considering how the history of Internet memes has played out thus far. While it may be true such powers exist, it is obvious that power can go in either direction depending on whether the users choose to fight for their free speech or against it. Censorship of political views has continued to lead to new pro free speech social platforms sprouting up which have been gradually sucking away in tiny amounts, users from mainstream platforms known for censorship. But, no true pro free speech site has gone mainstream yet. Free speech has always, for me at least, been about appreciating the content of the speech itself without constantly judging whether or not it should be censored because of what an ideology says. How funny is a meme shoved through a filter that censors humor and ideological incorrectness in the same unfeeling swoop? -Very, if you are dead inside. Our mods and admins have taken it upon themselves to decide what is hate speech, harassment, and free speech. The purging by oligarchs at Silicon Valley of right-wing users such as Alex Jones certainly reflects some self-confident notions that their censorship is always right. Though, I can assure you all, right-wing mods and admins have banned me personally just as easily as left-wing power-abusers have. Users could unionize to hold mods, admins and owners in check. If users want to

put the effort into making union rules, scheduling, and digital infrastructure, they can properly organize themselves in a legal respectable fashion news media might even smile upon. Such unions could then gain traction, gather media attention as the 'new and improved Anonymous' but with better control of the PR, and the potential to represent Internet users at-large in governments, against censors.

#### The Berdict

It is true some things must be censored -but some things don't qualify as free speech either. Child porn, threats of violence or death toward an individual, and doxing are not free speech from a moral or legal standpoint; they are in themselves acts which censor one or more individuals by harming or threatening them into silence. But censoring those messages does not censor free speech, for such messages censor in order to exist. Censorship of free speech is inherently anti-memetic expression and thus antimemers, so only censorship of censorship should be smiled upon by memers.

In conclusion, we the users must choose to proactively unify against censorship of memetic expression for the good of memes and memers everywhere, even if this means unionizing and collectively leaving platforms which censor us. If we do not, we face the prospect of mods and admins as well as social media platforms filtering and censoring our memes into oblivion in the pursuit of their politically-charged conceptions of ideological superiority. We can either make 2019 a year for free memes, or censored users. As for this writer at Userview, the Internet can give me memes, or give me bans!





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## Copypasta Politics

# How exactly does one get pussy while living at the white house as a teenage boy?

#### Copypasta by Internet

How exactly does one get pussy while living at the white house as a teenage boy? The secret service always cock blocking you. when you're trying to run game on some foreign prime ministers daughter the news media catches you smiling at her and immediately blows shit out if proportion speculating that you are somehow breaking international law with your awkward teenage flirting, so you have to testify before congress that you didn't give away any top secret documents to her and are made to admit live on C-SPAN that you've never even kissed a girl. Then you get blue balls from some hot conservative girl winking at you and flashing her panties under her skirt and making sexy faces and blow job motions to you while you were going through some airport or public event, and when you passed by and shook her hand she leans in whispering she is going to diddle her clit thinking about you tonight and how much she wants to suck your dick off, just to fuck with you. Then you try to look up some porn when you get home just to relieve the tension but you just know the CIA is monitoring and 3 other govornment agencies are watching you beat off. Then you finally break down and Jack off in the shower which sets off some fucking biohazard drain alarm and the entire place is on lock down until they can find the source of the specimen and you end up getting debriefed by the joint chiefs of staff about your masturbatory habits and how you almost created a national security issue with your dick. Then wikileaks leaks your search history showing you looked up penis enlargement techniques when it was actually just some click bait you'd accidentally clicked and TYT spends all next week talking about your supposed micro penis. So you end up squirming a little since you are so wound up and being judged constantly and now people are saying you look like a fucking mental patient and you start to think you'll never get any pussy.

#### **Donald Trump answers the question: What is 2+2?**

#### Convoasta by Internet

"I have to say a lot of people have been asking this question. No, really. A lot of people come up to me and they ask me. They say, "What's 2+2"? And I tell them look, we know what 2+2 is. We've had almost eight years of the worst kind of math you can imagine. Oh my god, I can't believe it. Addition and subtraction of the 1s the 2s and the 3s. Its terrible. Its just terrible. Look, if you want to know what 2+2 is, do you want to know what 2+2 is? I'll tell you. First of all the number 2, by the way I love the number 2. It's probably my favorite number, no it is my favorite number. You know what, it's probably more like the number two but with a lot of zeros behind it. A lot. If I'm being honest, I mean, if I'm being honest. I like a lot of zeros. Except for Marco Rubio, now he's a zero that I don't like. Though, I probably shouldn't say that. He's a nice guy but he's like, "10101000101", on and on, like that. He's like a computer! You know what I mean? He's like a computer. I don't know. I mean, you know. So, we have all these numbers and we can add them and subtract them and add them. TIMES them even. Did you know that? We can times them OR divide them, they don't tell you that, and I'll tell you, no one is better at the order of operations than me. You wouldn't believe it. That I can tell you. So, we're gonna be the best on 2+2, believe me. OK? Alright.

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#### The Penguins of Madagascar: Operation N-W.O.R.D.

#### Copypasta Transcribed from Nass is Secretly a Pikmin's YouTube video

Nana: I'm gonna say the n-word.

**Skipper:** That's racist, you can't say the n-word!

breaking glass and car skidding as nana promptly collides with the car

**Skipper:** Mrs. Obama, I've done it. I've stopped racism.

Michelle Obama: Thank you Skipper, now I am free to roam this earth.

**Donald Trump:** Not if I have anything to say about it, and I do! I'm gonna say the n-word!

Skipper: Mrs. Obama, get down!

Donald Trump: Nigga.

the white house abruptly exploding

Skipper: Mrs. Obama, where are you? Are you okay?

Donald Trump: She is no longer with us, Skipper. And with her death, I am finally free to say the n-word whenever I want.

Martin Luther King Jr.: Not if I have anything to say about it, Trump, and I do. Prepare for my civil rights beam. Martin Luther King Jr. uses his civil rights beam and music starts playing as Donald Trump is screaming in agony

Donald Trump: Skipper, my son, you wouldn't let me die, would you?

**Skipper:** Shut up, cracker.

Donald Trump screaming and dissolving into dust

**Skipper:** Hey Kowalski, who's that guy in front of us rising out of the water?

Barack Obama: It is I, Barack Obama.

Kowalski: Mr. Obama? What are you doing here?

Barack Obama: I have come to exempt my revenge on you penguins for allowing my wife to die at the hands of Donald Trump.

Kowalski: But Mr. Obama, we did everything we could.

Barack Obama: I've already made up my mind.

**Skipper:** Mr. Obama, don't do it. This won't bring Michelle back.

Barack Obama: Nigga.

the penguins' airship explodes and the penguins scream for the help of god

Skipper: Skipper's log, number 32: Barack Obama has struck us out of the sky by saying the n-word.

**Kowalski:** It just doesn't make sense skipper, Obama would never say the n-word.

Skipper: I don't understand it either Kowalski, but some things you just gotta live with. Unless, Donald Trump, I should've known it was you.

**Donald Trump inside of Barack Obama:** Skipper, my son, I see you've discovered my master plan. Now that I have taken over Obama's body, I have free reign to say the n-word whenever and however I please.

**Skipper:** So what you're saying is that you're inside of another man?

Donald Trump inside of Barack Obama: Why yes, I suppose you could say that.

Skipper: But Mr. Trump, wouldn't that make you gay?

Donald Trump inside of Barack Obama: No, this can't be!

Donald Trump's screams of anguish becoming more and more distant

**Skipper:** Well boys, we did it. Racism is no more.

Barack Obama: Hello Skipper.

**Skipper:** Mr. Obama, what are you doing here?

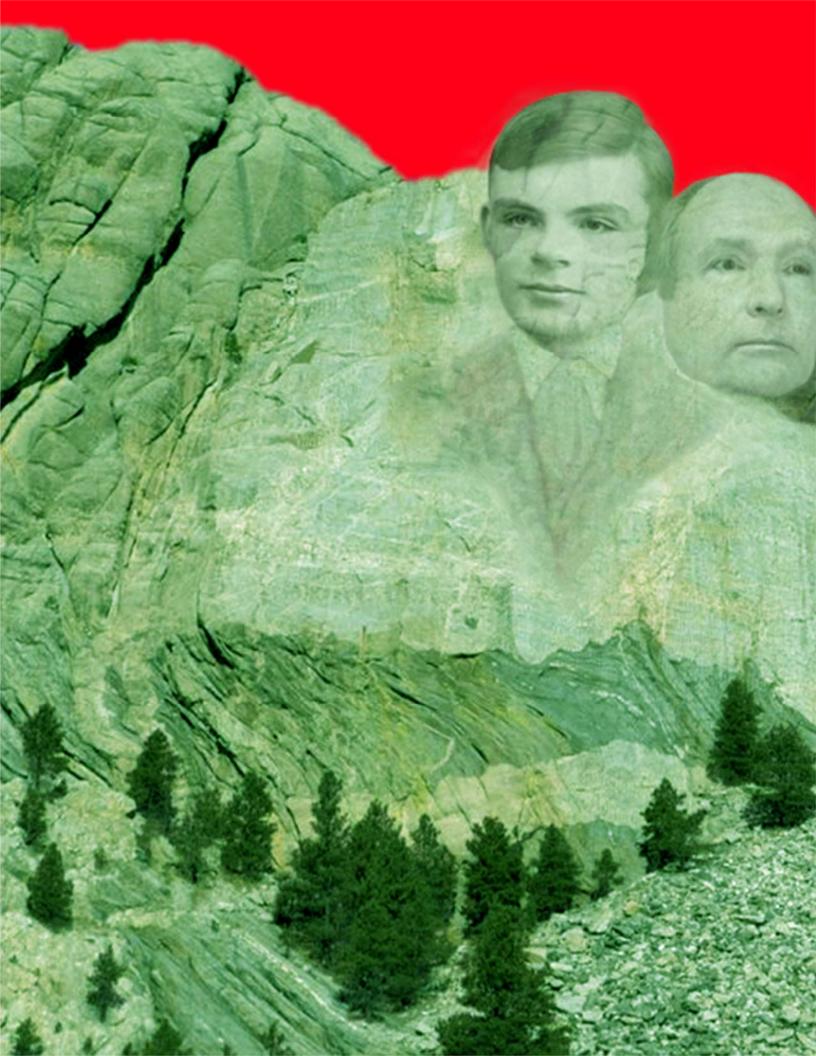
**Barack Obama:** I came to thank you for your great service to this country.

**Skipper:** No thanks necessary Mr. Obama.

Barack Obama: As a token of my gratitude, I'd like to give you the n-word pass.

Skipper: Mr. Obama, it is an honor to call you my nigga.

Barack Obama: And as to you, old friend.



Alan Turing the Martyr - Creator of the Computer
Sir Tim Berners-Lee the Charitable - Creator of the World Mide Web
Edward Snowden the Truthful - Fought for the Freedom of Citizens
Anonymous the Hero - Fights for the Freedom of Users





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#### NetzDG Censor-Law Enters Full Effect

Germany is known for a strong stance against hate speech -a tradition that spans many decades for the country, under different wordings. It is an expected reaction to an extent they would heavily censor things such as swastikas and Naziassociated imagery given the potential for severe internal and external backlash for doing so in the context of Germany's history. With this over-simplified westernized overview of Germany's censorship in mind, NetzDG is one more predictable step backward on the long trail far far away from free speech.

NetzDG is an explicitly pro-censorship law that Germany pushed forth which is pressuring our social media platforms, the ones we use outside Germany, to start censoring anything that is hateful or 'fake news;' or else face fines of up to roughly 57 million US dollars. It certainly is one step away from the Digital Ministry of Truth at face value, but it's not as if it's unexpected given the country's track record. Mark these words that if Germany does not do a dramatic 180 on their stance for censorship, they are going to establish something scarily equivalent to a Digital Ministry of Truth in the decade to come. Now most people understand that we all hate the 'fake news' and the 'hateful words' and the 'boogeyman' and the 'negative feels' and a lot of other things. But just because I hate feeling bad or having to use my brain to figure out truth from lies doesn't mean I want a government deciding my freely willed exploration of information instead. If you don't let people fail and learn on their own, they are going to become weak,

intolerant, and foolish due to a lack of mental immunity to memes and differences in opinion.

If the European Union had more members that explicitly opposed actions such as these, countries wouldn't be so quick to act in such an oppressive manner knowing such outside pressures existed, and there would likely be more respect at least from the US for member nations which advocated as much.

#### Febr≈ary

#### Embedded Tweets Semi-Criminalized

A New York judge ruled that you could infringe copyright simply by embedding a tweet in a web page. And I want you all to know that I think that judge was probably right given the current wording of copyright law. Fair use as a legal defense against a claim of illegal copyright infringement, compared to its Canadian counterpart free dealing, is so astronomically vague that essentially you are going to lose court cases nearly at random. In other words, if you get a hostile judge/jury or a lack of funding for a sweet-talking lawyer, you can randomly be censored because big money said so. I have to ask, why is it the US is worldrenowned for its 1st Amendment, and yet it appears to come second to copyright law wordings clearly built to censor your free speech behind walls of thick green corporate cash?

This case was a simple matter of news organizations embedding links to a tweet of a photo that was copyrighted, and this was declared an infringement of copyright because the tweet contained copyrighted content the tweeter did not own, and thus all these news organizations were declared in the wrong by this New York state federal court.

This sets the precedent that if you simply post a tweet on a website, that in itself by this judge's logic would be declared an unjust infringement of copyright.

If hate speech laws are the path of censorship in the east, then copyright laws must be the path of censorship in the west.

#### MarcH

#### Facebook-Cambridge Analytica Data Scandal

Cambridge Analytica, did an oopsie. Facebook, did an oopsie. Mark
Zuckerberg, did an oopsie. That or it wasn't an accident and just a series of unethical choices done intentionally for personal gains but we can only speculate what cogs turned for what reasons.

Cambridge Analytica is a political data firm that provided **Donald Trump** indepth personality data on 50+ million Facebook users during his campaign. It organized things such as friends and likes in a way which indicated personality traits of users. Of the users who had the raw information of their profiles harvested, around 270,000 users actually consented, and those users were told it was purely for academic use when it was used as a political tool instead.

Not I, said the Facebook, for they say this practice was not allowed, even though it was enabled by them.

Not I, said the Cambridge Analytica, for they say **Dr. Kogan** is the one who violated Facebook's rules.

The Great Zuccsby, aka the McZuckerberger, aka Mark Zuckerberger, has further refused to even appear in the UK for a questioning on this, in what's been described as an unprecedented movie. His testimony in the US on the

other hand endured what was in all honesty accurately described as a public grilling by Congress that only served to further memes of a cruel and reptilian nature regarding him.

#### April

### YouTube Adpocalypse 4.0

YouTube Adpocalypse 1.0: a large number of big US companies pulled their ads from YouTube due to extremist content being posted on it. Adpocalypse 2.0: YouTube responded by aggressively policing against anything deemed inappropriate by YouTube via demonetization which destroys the revenue of a video that otherwise should have earned the uploader money. Adpocalypse 3.0: a large amount of content that actually was inappropriate, such as containing strong themes of sexual fetishes and violent abuse being clearly targeted to child viewers, was discovered on YouTube and the YouTube Kids app, with completely unmoderated large amounts of pedophilic comments on these videos, leading YouTube to finally remove 50 of these channels. Another large number of huge brands then proceeded to yet again remove their ads from YouTube in response to this incident.

YouTube Adpocalypse 4.0: This Time It's Personal Edition. On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 12:46pm, a woman opened fire at YouTube HQ in San Bruno, California, wounding 3, one of whom was critically injured, before killing herself. Based on evidence she left on her YouTube channel prior to the shooting, she performed the shooting because "I'm being discriminated [against] and filtered on YouTube, and I'm not the only one." She'd posted numerous complaints, rants,

and screenshots online regarding this issue and her father had even called the police once prior to the shooting over fear he had developed of her anger toward the company.

I do not in any way blame YouTube for this shooting, but in a roundabout way if they'd never demonetized and age restricted her videos, she likely would not have done this in the first place to them. However, given the over-the-top reaction of attempted mass murder to what is not the worst fate in the world i.e. being demonetized/age-restricted, that would indicate an irrational choice was made here. This was most likely a case of a person who was not mentally stable, and this was merely what set them off; if it weren't this it very likely would have been something else. For better and for worse her death evolved YouTube Adpocalypse 3.0 into 4.0; I hope saying as much does not glorify her horrifying attempted mass murder.

#### May

#### GDPR Enters Full Effect

GDPR is a regulation first approved by EU Parliament on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and enforced May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. It requires fully transparent, concise, easily accessible and understandable plain wording of information regarding user data privacy and handling by companies. At face value it seems like the only important win for users in 2018's long list of losses for users. Perhaps if later in 2018 Articles 11 & 13 had not been voted in, the EU could have hailed the GDPR as definitive proof that the European Union is best for users.

A flurry of complaints were filed by various groups such as the Electronic Frontier Foundation and Privacy International as a means of pressuring companies to comply with GDPR's standards. Countries around the world such as Brazil, Chile, and Italy have begun taking action through both legislating and enforcing data protection laws against companies found to abuse their data-harvesting powers.

Does this matter to individual people in the grand scheme of things? It is not what one would traditionally call a win for free speech, but more a win for the free will of users. The GDPR empowers users to somewhat choose how their data is used in an age where it's otherwise become near impossible to prevent having one's personal information compromised. However, whether or not the GDPR is too limiting to businesses in the long-term will take time to observe.

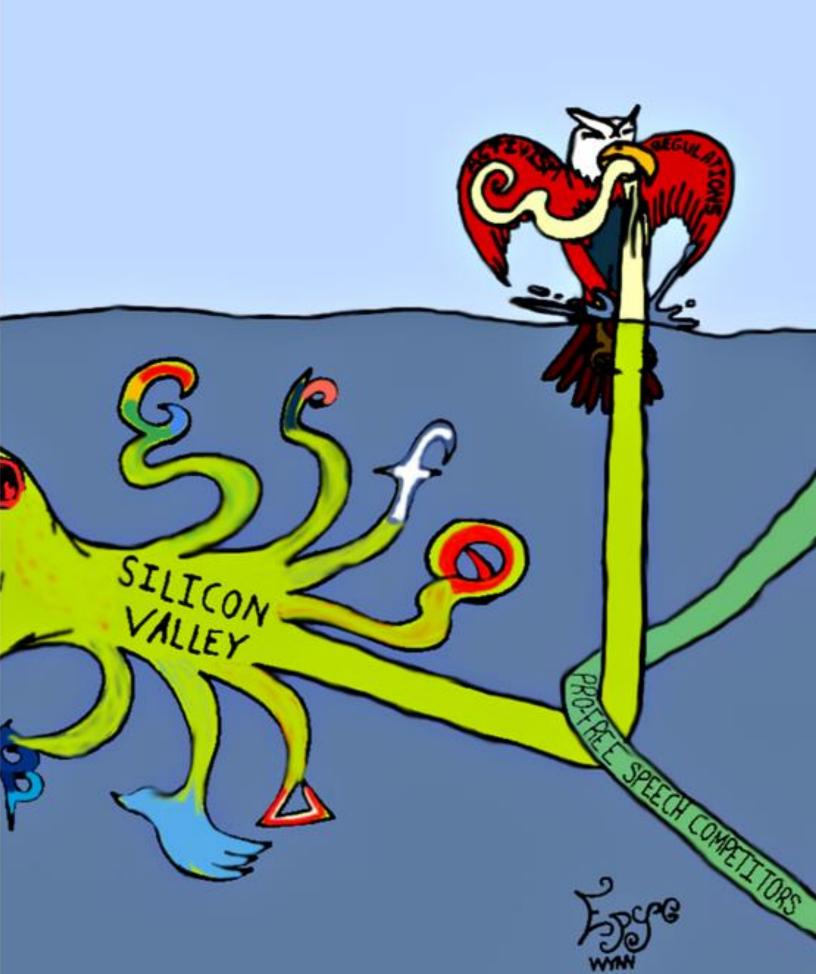
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#### Net Neutrality Repealed

Net Neutrality is intended to prevent issues such as Internet providers throttling your connection to websites in exchange for you paying extra money to access certain websites via 'fast lanes.' Ajit Pai became a name for Internet historians to revile in choosing a policy that retarded both free speech and business. The Federal Communications Commission's repeal of Net Neutrality was a decision that surprisingly was decided by a more bureaucratic sector rather than congress, the senate, or even executive authority.

Ajit Pai insisted the regulations impede innovation and were based on "hypothetical harms and hysterical prophecies of doom." That would indicate that to Pai, potential harms do not matter because they have not yet happened.





Businesses could face throttling while corporate sites may receive monopolistic powers of throttling that ensure they cannot be competitively dethroned. Users can be throttled when accessing a site because it's too 'controversial' or 'offensive' for an ISP's standards. Activism and free speech sites could be throttled just because certain ISPs disagree with them without Net Neutrality. Why do these issues not matter just because they hypothetically can be done? Should we wait until we are censored and businesses are crippled before Ajit Pai discovers the reality of these issues? It is amazing how a little bit of power was abused so vastly by one bureaucrat and that one bureaucrat's choice somehow allows impediment of free speech and fair competition between businesses.

## J©ly Alex Jones Purge

The Great Silicon Valley Egregore decided its feelings were more important than free speech. Within a few days, a coalition of social media companies simultaneously purged Alex Jones, in one of the first ever highprofile concerted censorings of a single individual across nearly all mainstream social media platforms. For reasons that essentially boil down to the vague term 'hate speech,' Alex Jones was banned from Facebook, YouTube, Google, Apple, Spotify, and numerous other platforms. He essentially went on angry rants, spouted a ton of over-the-top rhetoric, and chief among these issues was that he spread a false conspiracy that the victims of the Sandy Hook Shooting were just actors.

This sets a dangerous precedent for all users that if you are offensive in the

opinion of a company, your content can simply be labeled hate speech and you can be wiped near completely from the public dialogue. Having such a vast power to bar people from the overwhelming majority of the Internet will fundamentally cripple activism from any political groups and individuals. This begs the question: why is the moderation performed by these social media giants legal in its present form? It does not seem to be in the spirit of Free Speech to have Free Speech in its majority controlled by the ideological leanings of a few corporations.

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#### Bangladesh Mobile Internet Blackout

While the media turned an overall blind eye to the Bangladesh crisis with overwhelmingly underwhelming coverage in the west, Bangladesh suffered not only loss of life and liberty, but Internet too.

Over the course of 2018, Bangladesh held a large amount of road-safety protests that were paid little attention by western media. The protesters advocated improved road safety after two college students were killed by a negligent driver. The situation was escalated on August 4th when police used tear gas. From there things over the following days escalated with more than 100 people injured, members of the pro-government youth league having allegedly attacked protesters and journalists, the government having arrested large numbers of protesters, and famed photographer Shahidul Alam being arrested and tortured for having done an interview with Al Jazeera on the protests.

In order to weaken the protests and reduce spreading of 'rumors,' Bangladesh authorities shut down mobile Internet across the country, as well as throttled numerous Internet connections. Issues of violence from the government against protesters almost certainly would have spread further had this move not been taken against phone users. This sets a dangerous example for other countries that if there is a large amount of protesting or concerns over the government's reputation, then the Internet should simply be blacked out.

## September Articles 11 & 13 Voted In

The European Union managed to make Brexit look like a good idea by making a decision universally hailed as terrible in terms of both free speech and basic functionality of websites and businesses; excluding the opinions of the select few who voted it in.

The Directive on Copyright in the Digital Single Market, which contains Articles 11 and 13, was meant to empower copyrights within the European Union. That at face value, while copyrights have been known to interfere with free speech, seems useful seeing as copyrights having power is a necessity to basic business functionality and profit. However, the 11th article of the legislation stipulates that everyone must pay a 'link tax;' specifically for showing headlines or news snippets. That means if you posted a headline or news snippet in a forum post, you would be in violation of copyright law and could be sued. This would be a vital win if you run a regime that needs news flowing as slowly as possible, but for businesses this means link aggregators and

Internet users would be unable to exist under the law without paying unimaginable fines for this basic act of communication. Sorry grandma -that headline on Facebook about healthcare costing you too much is gonna cost you.

Article 13 seems to be the more popular one for criticism despite Article 11's impressive level of madness. Referred to by many as the 'meme ban' in a probable move to rally memers against it, the actual article means anything copyrighted must not be uploaded under any circumstances and publishers/forums are liable if it happens on their platforms. This would mean companies would have to either shut down their sites or put into place sophisticated (and potentially impossible) systems of censorship to ensure no one uploads copyrighted materials. Memes, images, videos, and any content that's copyrighted within them by this law would likely have to be censored completely from the Internet in order to comply with Article 13.

In short, not only would the 'link tax' destroy the spread of news, but the 'meme ban' would destroy the spread of creative works. In other words, all information on the Internet would have to be slowed in its spread or censored outright to comply with the Directive on Copyrights in the Digital Single Market. The European Union has put itself into the global spotlight as an anti-free speech union of countries by backing this mass censorship and in doing so, begs the question of if countries should continue to be part of the union if this passes.

Oct<u>ober</u>

Gab Purge

Gab got stabbed in the gut by competitors who boycott like digital mercantilist countries seeking to destroy that which is different. Gab is a social media platform specifically made in reaction to companies abusing their moderation powers; i.e. it's a pro-free speech platform. It has previously been removed from the Google and iTunes app stores. After the Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting in which 11 were killed, the shooter was found to have had an account on Gab and to have posted extremely bigoted remarks, such as saying "screw your optics, I'm going in" before executing eleven people in a synagogue.

In response to the shooter having a Gab account, Gab was removed from PayPal with no explanation as part of PayPal's self-proclaimed right to terminate any account for any reason. Stripe, another payment service, followed suit. This begs the question: where are the legal restrictions on money-managing sites throttling the funds of companies and individuals? It is a dangerous precedent for activists. GoDaddy, host of the domain name gab.com, forced Gab CEO Andrew Torba to find a different domain name hosting service within 24 hours, essentially censoring the entirety of Gab in the process until Torba could find a new domain name host. This again begs the question: where are the legal restrictions on companies shutting down the domains of other companies? Free speech does not end where business begins; especially when these businesses are so intertwined with our day-to-day digital lives as users. Joyent, a cloud host service also removed Gab.

These three removals were done within a few hours of each other, indicating collusion to purge a business between tech giants; or at the very least a case of tech giants within a short span of time simultaneously censoring the platform out of genuine conviction or fear of PR backlash. This at face value appears to be unfair business competition and destructive to the freedom of both businesses and users.

This very same month, a suspect of the October 2018 US Mail Bombing Attempts, was found to have used Twitter to partially dox politicians while also threatening to murder them; far worse than anything the Pittsburgh shooter had posted online. These political figures include past VP Joe **Biden**, California politician **Maxim** Waters, and numerous other political figures. Even with numerous reports from users prior to the pipe bombing, Twitter did not take any action yet had no businesses cut ties with them. This indicates clear hypocrisy on the part of how tech giants are targeting the anticensorship platform Gab versus their ignorance of the mainstream platform Twitter's same exact issue in the same month. Us users deserve better.

#### November

## Tumblr Porn Purge and Migration to Newgrounds

Tumblr breathed its dying breath into Newgrounds mouth in order to save its life from obscurity -though Tumblr probably did not mean to do that.

Our resident Userview Artist/Writer **Oryaw** explained to me the following. "The return of the behemoth Newgrounds could hail a Renaissance Era of Flash animations. The 18+ body of Tumblr users is ready to reawaken its masters TomFulp, Newgrounds, and Adults-Only content. As you may or may not be aware, Tumblr announced a mass alteration to its content policy, which specifically mentioned that, on

the 17<sup>th</sup> of December, all NSFW will be forcibly removed. Being that hundreds of thousands of porn artists host themselves on the website, a common relocation seemed to be almost an impossibility until.... Well, until a few high-profile NSFW artists threw around a joking idea of hosting their content on Newgrounds."

Oryaw went on to say, "Newgrounds identifies itself as the capital of Flash games. That label makes it seem like the website doesn't have anything else to offer other than that, while Tumblr markets itself as a personal microblogging site for just about any purpose. It's clear which site most individuals will go to just by the labels alone. However, because Tumblr is basically falling apart left and right, it's left all these people with little alternative. That, and as it turns out, a large chunk of the really well-known names within the Tumblr circle of NSFW power, originally did flock to Newgrounds. They remembered where their origin point was. Unlike the master that mistreated their purpose, this former master warmly welcomes them to a warm cinnamon roll; a place that is well known for not changing guarantees; a place of refuge that will guarantee these old and newcomers that they'll never be kicked out. Could there have been a better place to relocate to?"

When reached for comment by Userview on this great porn migration from Tumblr to Newgrounds, **TomFulp** had this to say:

"We've really been enjoying all the new artists who have migrated over from Tumblr. It's been sad at times that we haven't been able to fully accommodate every type of artist who has stopped by but we're able to accommodate most and are working on a big list of updates to make their time on NG the best it can be."

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#### Sargon Patreon Ban

Patreon got caught jacking its censor dick in public right as it was becoming socially accepted as a true member of Censorship Valley. Sargon of Akkad, aka **Carl Benjamin**, was banned from Patreon because Patreon was sent a video of Benjamin calling white supremacist Nazis a bunch of niggers. However, Benjamin said this in a YouTube video he did not post, before having ever used Patreon.

Patreon justified this action because it's part of his brand, despite Patreon CEO Jack Conte having previously stated in an interview that "There's this section of the content policy that specifically mandates things you can do on Patreon the platform itself. Not like on Twitter, but on Patreon the platform itself." At face value, the only reasonable conclusion based on the fact the moderation team explicitly cites the video as the only reason Benjamin was removed, and the fact Jack Conte explicitly confirmed the content policy only applies to behavior on the site Patreon itself, and the fact the content policies of Patreon explicitly state they only apply to Patreon, indicates Conte and Patreon have explicitly lied about their actual policies. The content not only was not on Patreon, but was not posted by Benjamin either and posted well before he even joined Patreon. This sets not merely a dangerous, but a

cartoonish precedent where a moneymanaging platform can outright lie about their policies and throttle the income of any user of their platform for any reason; which is so outlandish it is a wonder this has not been explicitly outlawed.

But go ahead, Patreon. Defend Nazis from Benjamin's insults even if it breaches your basic policies. Why should you value consistency, honesty, and respect of your users above the needs of white supremacists? No reasonable news outlet would defend this action by Patreon.



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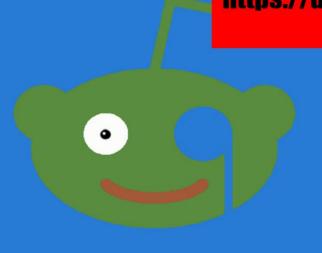




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With the greatest sincerity I profusely thank my fellow Userview Team members, our partners who support free speech by supporting us, and you the reader for caring about your user rights and our user views

Someday, Userview will come under wrongful fire by corporate entities that despise our criticality, willful offensiveness, and at times sheer unprofessionalism. This is because a digizine that honestly conveys the common user's experiences and needs is a thorn in the side of those who prefer a dishonest façade which lends itself to politically correct profit before the user's righteous freedom. When that day comes, I hope Userview's Team will have provided something worthy enough to fight for against our likely future foes. Either way, with the greatest sincerity, a profuse thank you to you for reading Userview.

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...and most importantly, to the sites and servers with power abusers that repeatedly permabanned, banned, suspended, softbanned, muted, kicked, censored, punished, threatened, and warned me across the Internet countless times for ludicrously biased hateful reasons. Without their help in censoring my 'annoying' jokes and 'rude' criticism, I would never have made a digizine devoted to our user rights so clearly lacked on the Internet. And finally, thank you to KnowYourMeme for being the start of it all by banning me thrice for my jokes and criticism. Emperor Palpitoad did get it, was unequivocally right, and did absolutely nothing wrong.

Okay, This is **Epyc** 



# Unlock free speech.

"11th Commandment: Thou shalt not read Userview." ~ Moses

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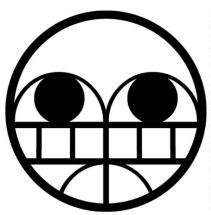
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"I might have read Userview and am now coming out as gay." ~ Kevlar Spaceship

"Fake quotes are an unfunny dead meme horse you are beating into the ground." ~ Meme Elitist

"In life I am memes. In death I am memes. Body over once. Memes ever-evolving." ~ Epyc Wynn



Memes: the final frontier. So long has man dreampt of exploring the depths of existence, from the realm of quanta, to the very rim of the universe. But what is beyond this dimension that we can ourselves hope to perceive? In the age of modern people, it is memes. Through the power of memes we have found truth. Through the power of memes we have created all of modern art and philosophy. As the biosphere houses all our genes, so too does the ideosphere house all of our memes. Perhaps it is the arrogance of humankind, or the simple curiosity of humanity which drives our perpetual evolution of memes. Indeed, the meme is the most important concept in existence, for it is the basis of all concepts. Memes can live forever, till the end of time and beyond, so long as they are thought of and believed in. The spread of memes is indeed the very fabric of what pushed mankind to evolve as king of the biosphere, forcing all of nature to kneel before the beings who could manipulate the very fabric of thought. The imagination is a powerful force nature could not hope to reckon with. For humankind is the pinnacle, the monopolists of the ideosphere, whom have learned to bend its ways to suit their needs in a limited world composed of nothing more than chemicals, genetics, and the quanta which composes all that is. Memes. They are our thoughts. Our beliefs. And perhaps even our gods. We owe our very transcendence over all to the power of memes. Some consider memes an art or a science. Others consider them the very basis of magic. But memes don't care one way or the other what they are so long as you think about them and believe in them. For the meme is quite simply, the eternal fire fueled by our constant thinking and believing. Together, man and meme have become kings of the animal kingdom. Together, we may come to know new heights of greatness yet to even be fathomed.





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