



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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Censoring of Pro-life Views Online



Education: A majority of Americans get their news and learn about the world online. The internet is a great way to disseminate information. But much of the information exchange is controlled by a few giant entities – Facebook, Google, Twitter and YouTube (owned by Google). The big oil and pharmaceutical companies have significant political power, and utilities such as electrical providers have a natural monopoly, but all those entities are subject to strict government regulation. Online media has become such an important part of life that these few companies jointly control much of the information seen by the public. If Google and Facebook ban certain views as “offensive” they can silence the expression of those views and present a distorted view of reality to their audience. When

Facebook made an adjustment to their algorithms this year, engagement in conservative and right-wing news sites dropped dramatically.(1) LiveAction has a petition to Twitter to stop banning life-affirming speech and ads as “offensive” and “inflammatory” (2). Washington has become aware of the problem, with some favoring strict regulation, and others wanting to break up the monopolies.(1) One article gave answers to the arguments heard in favor of Facebook, and brought up this comparison: “if 35 years ago, Ma Bell did what Facebook does now — took telephones away from those who express certain opinions — how could you possibly compete on the level playing field of ideas? How could you join the debate, effectively organize, etc.? You could not.”(3)

1. Doug Mainwaring, “Washington backlash brews as Google, Facebook bully conservatives on social media”, Life Site News, 3/28/18. <https://www.lifesitenews.com/blogs/washington-backlash-brews-as-google-facebook-bully-conservatives-on-social>
2. [LiveAction Petition to Twitter](#)
3. <http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2018/03/22/nolte-arguments-breaking-facebook-not-hold-water/>



Prayer: Dear Father God, please allow the voices of truth and reason always be allowed to be heard in our nation and around the world. Touch the hearts of those who have great power to control the internet to allow the free speech which is so important in a democracy, and a protected right in our nation. Help government decision-makers to arrive at the best solution possible to ensure equal representation of all truthful facts and non-offensive images and ideas. Help those who are being silenced to succeed in disseminating their message and be heard by those who need to hear them.



Action: Spread the word so that as many people as possible are aware of the censorship that is happening online. Actively seek out pro-life news sources so that you will hear their messages. Contact the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the White House, and your federal representatives and ask them to work to end the censorship that is silencing conservative views online.

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