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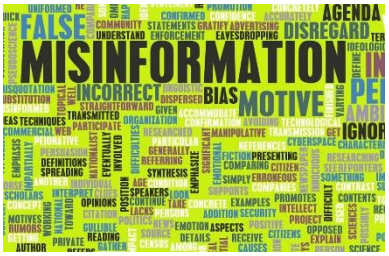
# Defamatory Article in Newsweek!




***Education:*** On July 24, 2019, an "Opinion" article by Sharon Kann in Newsweek declared that Live Actions claims of censorship by social media giants Facebook and Twitter were false. (1) While published as "opinion", the article contains statements presented as factually true. The allegations that the claims of censorship are false are patently untrue. Live Action has ample proof of such censorship: physical emails from Twitter, screenshots of censored ads, a Slate reporter bragging about getting Live Action videos eliminated from top search results, internal messages from Pinterest labeling Live Action as porn, and more. (2)

The Newsweek article claims that since Live Action and Lila Rose are reaching large audiences, that clearly there is no bias. She completely neglects the fact of ads censored and high-performance videos blocked. Not only was the article inaccurate and biased, but she accused Live Action and Lila Rose of lying about the censorship in order to raise money. (1,2) Because the article interferes with their fundraising credibility and relationships with donors, it is legally actionable. (2)

After the article was published, Lila Rose a letter to Newsweek protesting the inaccuracies of the article and requesting a retraction or the opportunity to write a rebuttal article.(2) Since no response was received, a lawyer representing Live Action has issued a letter to Newsweek, directing them to cease and desist from further publication of the online article. (3) If Newsweek does not respond appropriately, Live Action will proceed to seek all available legal relief.

1. https://www.newsweek.com/no-big-tech-isnt-censoring-anti-abortion-contentjust-look-data-opinion-1450940
2. https://www.liveaction.org/news/live-action-newsweek-slanderous-cease-desist
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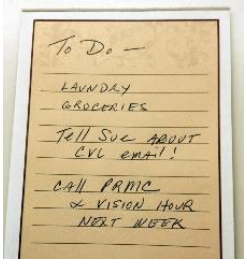
***Prayer:*** Dear Father God, please inspire and guide all journalists and executives in the field of publication to be fair and factual in all that they publish. Help all readers to be aware of the potential for bias and falsehood and be critical in evaluating the accuracy and truth of what they read. Please help the truth to be known about the facts of human development, abortion, and the help that is offered to women as the pro-life movement acts in love for both mother and child. Help the truth to be known about what goes on in the abortion industry, such as protection of sex abusers and lies about fetal development and the risks of abortion. Please help our nation to move away from the false concept of "abortion rights" to once again respecting the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception until natural death.

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