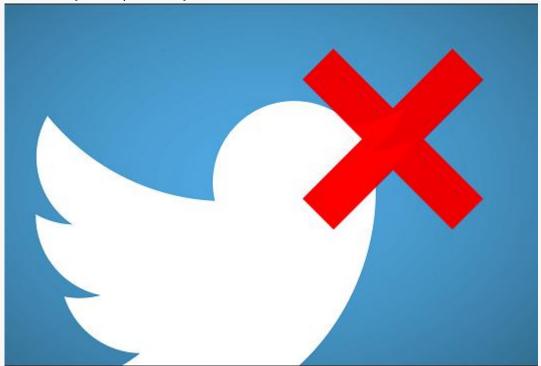
Hi-Tech Communism: Twitter Employs Shadow Banning and Unequal Political Targeting

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James O'Keefe (Project Veritas) released another undercover video exposing Twitter. Former content-review agent, Mo Norai, says, if a pro-Trump account was flagged, he would ban it because he didn't like it. However, he would ignore flagged items if they were liberal. Norai reveals that Twitter's content review is used as a political too, not as a safeguard against hate speech. Pranay Singh, a direct-messaging engineer, says the US government pressures Twitter to take down some accounts. A former software engineer, Abinav Vadrevu, says Twitter uses a "shadow ban", which blocks someone without them knowing it. They continue posting, but no one sees their content. Twitter prioritizes and sometimes mutes or blocks all Tweets before they are sent out. The name for this is censorship. The majority of algorithm filters are used against Republicans and those who use words like America, the Constitution, and God. -GEG

The latest video from James O'Keefe's Project Veritas shows Twitter employees appearing to admit that the platform has "shadow banned" users in the past, and applies its rules and censorship algorithms unevenly in an effort to rid the platform of Trump supporters and conservatives.

In the video, which corroborates previous Breitbart Tech reporting, a former content review agent for Twitter, Mo Norai, appears to admit to banning accounts for political reasons.

"Let's say if it was a pro-Trump thin and I'm anti-Trump. I was like, I banned this whole account."

He goes on to explain how Twitter's "content reviews" are biased against conservatives.

"It goes to you, and then it's at your discretion. And if you're anti-Trump, you're like, 'oh you know what, Mo was right, f**k it, let it go'"

The video also shows Norai agreeing with a Project Veritas reporter that content reviewers would just "let a lot of the left-leaning or liberal stuff go through unchecked."

A former software engineer at Twitter, Abhinav Vadrevu, also appears to admit that Twitter has "shadow banned" users in the past, noting that it's a "risky strategy" and that "in the past, people have been really, really pissed off about that." Vadrevu says he doesn't know if Twitter "does this anymore."

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