



Arkansas Bill Allows Social Media Sites to Be Sued for Censorship, and Newly Elected US Senator to Investigate Big Tech

Arkansas state Representative Johnny Rye has proposed a bill, the “Stop Social Media Censorship Act,” that would allow large social media websites with more than 75 million users to be sued for removing certain religious and political posts. It would allow the Arkansas attorney general to bring civil litigation against those companies on behalf of social media users in the state. A law school professor pointed out that the operator of that social media platform is only liable if they live in Arkansas. Republicans in at least nine other states are pursuing similar legislation.

On the national front, newly-elected Republican US Senator Josh Hawley from Mississippi plans to investigate Big Tech giants for censorship as they are violating Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act in which the government gives immunity from being sued to the tech companies in exchange for not censoring editorial content. Big Tech monopolies should be stripped of their unfair advantage.

An Arkansas state representative has filed a bill allowing social media websites to be sued for removing certain religious and political posts, whether or not the platforms deem the posts to be hate speech.

House Bill 1028, titled the "Stop Social Media Censorship Act," was filed Wednesday by Rep. Johnny Rye, a Republican from Trumann. It proposes a minimum civil damage amount of \$75,000 for each post that's removed or censored through an algorithm or other means. Under the bill, social media sites are considered a public utility subject to "special government regulation."

The bill applies to social media sites with at least 75 million users, such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. It allows the Arkansas attorney general to bring civil litigation against those companies on behalf of social media users in the state.

"What's also curious about this bill is that the owner of that – or the operator of that social media platform is only liable if they live in Arkansas so I'm not aware of any of those platforms or operators living in Arkansas," said John DiPippa, Dean Emeritus and Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of Arkansas Little Rock law school.

Rye, who is an active Facebook user, said Thursday that he authored the bill in response to a "movement going on across our nation" to censor certain content, particularly religious posts, on social media. He could not point to a specific case of online censorship and said no one in his district had raised the issue.

"We're just trying to make sure that folks have freedom of speech," he said.

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France: Yellow Vest Protesters Concerned that EU Armored Vehicles in Paris Signal Formation of a New EU Army

There was more rioting in France, 1,385 people were arrested, and armored vehicles with EU flags painted on them were deployed, raising concerns that the EU has an army and that it will be used against its own unarmed citizens.

Summary by JW Williams

The fourth week of Yellow Vest protests, by French citizens against a global warming tax on fuel, raged across France over the weekend, with 10,000 demonstrators gathering in Paris. The Macron administration deployed 89,000 police and gendarmes (military troops) to try and contain the crowds across the country. 1,385 people were arrested and over 100 protesters were injured, including a man whose hand was blown off after reportedly picking up a grenade fired by police. Property

damage exceeded last weekend's losses. Macron has gassed his own people.

A few weeks ago, Macron pledged to stand firm against protesters that he characterized as "thugs" but later he caved and revoked the globalist carbon tax. He is polling at 18% and there is discussion about calling for a vote of no confidence. US President Trump suggested that Macron scrap the Paris Treaty and "return money back to the people in the form of lower taxes."

Combat-ready armored [vehicles](#) with the EU flag were used against unarmed European protesters fighting against the high cost of living and a pro-EU authoritarian regime. Many worry that the EU military is moving against its own people.

Yellow Vest protests [spread](#) to Brussels, Belgium as people attacked the European Union headquarters. The protesters also gathered outside the American Embassy in Brussels.

Watch additional videos here:

<https://www.zerohedge.com/news/2018-12-08/paris-lockdown-watch-live-hundreds-arrested-tear-gas-deployed-during-fourth-week>



Alabama: Police Shot and Killed a Legally Armed Black Man at a Mall on Thanksgiving Night

Hoover, Alabama: An armed black male, Emantic Bradford Jr.,

21, was shot by police at a mall as officers responded to reports of gunshots on Thanksgiving night, but they appear to have shot an innocent man. Bradford was reported to be legally carrying a handgun and directing shoppers to safety. Initially, law enforcement authorities publicly identified him as the gunman and then changed their story the next day. Benjamin Crump, a lawyer for the family of Bradford said a forensic examination that was commissioned by the family showed that Mr. Bradford was shot in the back of his head and body while running away and posed no threat to the police. A judge ordered the police officer's body-cam video and mall surveillance video to be released, but it is being withheld from the public pending a criminal investigation by law enforcement.

Erron Martez DeQuan Brown, has been [charged](#) in the initial shooting of an 18-year old man and a 12-year old girl that drew the police to the mall, but claims that he did not instigate the violence.

A black man killed by the police in an Alabama mall in November was shot three times from behind, according to a forensic examination commissioned by the man's family.

The finding, announced in a news conference on Monday, was seen by the man's family and lawyers as evidence he was running away and posed no threat to the officer who shot him.

Emantic Fitzgerald Bradford Jr., 21, was fatally shot in the middle of a panicked crowd at the Riverchase Galleria in Hoover, Ala., on Nov. 22, as officers responded to reports of gunshots on Thanksgiving night. Witnesses said Mr. Bradford, who was legally carrying a handgun, was directing shoppers to safety.

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Duterte Tells Philippines: 'Kill Bishops,' '90% of Priests Are Gay'

Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte called upon his country's population, which is predominantly Catholic and 90% identify as Christian, to "kill bishops" as "90% are gay." His remarks preceded the arrest of yet another priest in the country accused of dozens of instances of sexual assault and rape of children. Presidential spokesperson Salvador Panelo says that Duterte's call to kill was "only hyperbole." Duterte regularly attacks the Catholic Church and its local clergy and claims to have been the victim of sexual assault as a child at the hands of an American Jesuit priest.

Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte used the occasion of an award ceremony for "Child-friendly Municipalities and Cities" on Wednesday to call on his population to "kill bishops" for being "good for nothing." On Friday, at a labor event, Duterte disparaged priests as being "90 percent gay."

Duterte regularly attacks the Catholic Church and its local clergy in routine presidential speaking engagements. He has

repeatedly [claimed](#) to have been the victim of sexual assault at the hands of a priest as a child and gifted supporters copies of books detailing child sexual assault by Catholic clergy.

Duterte's antagonism towards the Church has marred his popularity among constituents. The Philippines is home to one of the world's largest Catholic populations and over 90 percent of the country identifies as Christian in some form. His remarks, however, immediately preceded the arrest of yet another priest in the country accused of dozens of instances of sexual assault and rape of children.

On Wednesday, Duterte remarked in Manila's Malacanang Palace that "all [bishops] do is criticize" and encouraged their killing. According to the Philippine outlet Rappler, Duterte first [stated](#) that he did believe in God, regardless of his attitude towards the Church. He then added in Filipino, "but these bishops, kill them, those fools are good for nothing."

At another event on Friday, this time dedicated to the 85th anniversary of the Philippines' Department of Labor and Employment, Duterte called the Catholic Church "the most hypocritical institution."

"You see, the pope said, 'If you cannot be celibate, get out.' Most of them, 90 percent of the priests (are gay)," Duterte [said](#).

Presidential spokesperson Salvador Panelo [assured](#) reporters on Thursday that Duterte's call to kill was "only hyperbole."

"We should be getting used to this president. He makes certain statements for dramatic effect," Panelo said, condemning Philippine bishops for triggering Duterte's remarks.

"The president, just like any ordinary human being, is upset when the good things that he does for this country and not even appreciated by people who are supposed to support it,

like the Church,” Panelo [said](#).

The explanation did not appear to satisfy the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines (CBCP). CBCP-Episcopal Commission on Missions (ECM) chairman Sorsogon Bishop Arturo Bastes told the *Philippine Star* that Duterte was a “megalomaniac” and “murderous madman,” urging the country not to “take his statements lightly from this time on.”

Fr. Jerome Secillano of the CBCP issued a statement urging bishops to use “[prudence](#)” with their words to protect their safety.

“What we need here is to exercise prudence in our words and actions. If we engage him in a word war, it might not end,” he advised.

On his remarks regarding gay priests, Bishop Broderick Pabillo told the *Philippine Star* that it was an “irresponsible accusation.”

“The sins of others do not make his own sins right,” he said.

Bishop Virgilio David, a frequent target of Duterte’s attacks, posted a reply to Wednesday’s tirade on Facebook consisting mostly of Biblical passages. He [added](#), “We have already faced quite a lot of persecutions in the past two thousand years of Church history. We always respond the way Jesus would.”

Last month, Duterte [accused](#) David personally of being a drug abuser, without providing any evidence, and threatened to “decapitate” him.

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