



GOP Representative Louie Gohmert Introduced Legislation to Remove Immunity from Tech Giants

Section 230 of the Communications Act of 1934 gives the tech giants immunity from lawsuits against what individuals post on their websites as the companies are supposed to act as neutral platforms. However, the tech giants have been censoring those who politically oppose them, and should be treated as publishers instead of neutral platforms. Republican US Representative Louie Gohmert is pushing legislation that will remove the liability protections and will allow lawsuits to be filed against them for their bias.

Rep. Louie Gohmert pushed legislation on Thursday that will remove liability protections from the liberal tech giants. The bill will force the tech giants to pay for their biased campaign against their political opponents.

Rep. Louie Gohmert: "It is time for social media companies to be liable for any biased and unethical impropriety of their employees as any other media company. If these companies want

to continue to act like a biased medium and publish their own agendas to the detriment of others, they need to be held accountable.”

As The Gateway Pundit reported earlier...

It's no secret that the Silicon Valley tech giants discriminate against conservatives and conservative content.

Facebook has been [shutting down traffic](#) to conservative websites since the 2016 election.

The Gateway Pundit spoke earlier with two of the top conservative publishers in America.

[Floyd Brown](#) is a conservative author, speaker and media commentator. In 2008 Floyd launched [Western Journal](#) which quickly became one of the top conservative websites in America. By 2016 Floyd's organization of Western Journal and other conservative websites under his umbrella had more than a billion page views. **Since 2016 Floyd's organization lost 75% of its Facebook traffic.**

Likewise, we spoke with **Jared Vallorani** from [Klicked Media](#). Jared traveled to Washington DC with The Gateway Pundit and website owners at [100%FedUp](#) in June to discuss Facebook targeting against conservative publishers with Republican lawmakers. **Jared told The Gateway Pundit his organization Klicked Media, which hosts over 60 conservative websites, lost 400 million page views from Facebook in the last six months if you compare the traffic to a year ago.** Jared said, “We lost 70% to 80% of our traffic if you compare January to May 2017 vs Jan to May 2018.”

If you combine the total number of page-views lost by just these two conservative online publishers you are looking at a loss of over 1.5 billion page-views from Facebook in one year.

These are numbers from just two of the top conservative publishers in America. This does not include the thousands of other conservative publishers across the country who lost all of their traffic coming from Facebook. Here at The Gateway Pundit our Facebook traffic has been effectively eliminated after we were ranked as the 4th most influential conservative publisher in the 2016 election.

Facebook has also deleted prominent conservatives completely from their platform. **Alex Jones, Infowars, Laura Loomer, Gavin McInnes**, triple-amputee veteran **Brian Kolfage** and **Roger Stone** have lost their pages in the last year.

The fact that Facebook is targeting conservative publishers should not be a surprise to Gateway Pundit readers.

We have been reporting on this for several months now. In July we released a study where we looked at several top conservative websites and discovered that the publishers had [lost an average of 93%](#) of their Facebook traffic.



On Thursday Congressman Gohmert pushed legislation that targets the liberal bias at the tech giants.

Via Congressman [Gohmert's webpage](#):

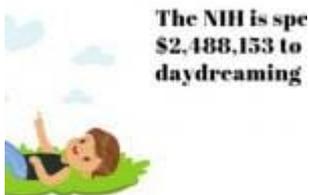
Rep. Louie Gohmert (TX-01) [released the following statement](#) on his proposed bill, H.R.7363, that amends section 230 of the Communications Act of 1934:

“Social media companies like Facebook, Twitter, and Google are now among the largest and most powerful companies in the world. More and more people are turning to a social media platform for news than ever before, arguably making these companies more powerful than traditional media outlets. Yet, social media companies enjoy special legal protections under Section 230 of the Communications Act of 1934, protections not shared by other media. Instead of acting like the neutral platforms they claim to be in order obtain their immunity, these companies have turned Section 230 into a license to potentially defraud and defame with impunity.”

“Representatives of social media companies have testified in Congressional hearings that they do not discriminate against or filter out conservative voices on their platforms. But for all their reassurances, the disturbing trend continues unabated. Employees from some of these companies have communicated their disgust for conservatives and discussed ways to use social media platforms and algorithms to silence and prevent income to conservatives.”

“In one hearing, one of the internet social media executives indicated a desire to be treated like Fox News. Fox News does not have their immunity and this bill will fulfill that unwitting request. Since there still appears to be no sincere effort to stop this disconcerting behavior, it is time for social media companies to be liable for any biased and unethical impropriety of their employees as any other media company. If these companies want to continue to act like a biased medium and publish their own agendas to the detriment of others, they need to be held accountable.”

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Rand Paul Published His Annual 'Festivus' Waste Report

Senator Rand Paul released his annual 'Festivus' Waste Report that shines a light on how lawmakers are outrageously spending taxpayer money and running up debt that is now approaching \$22 billion. Highlights include: providing over \$76 million in stipends to soldiers in the Somali National Army, devoting over \$650,000 to develop a drama series to air in Afghanistan, spending more than \$2.4 million to study daydreaming, and setting aside \$18 million to support tourism in Egypt.

Ahh yes, it's that time year of again. Where families gather 'round the smartphone or laptop to scroll through Rand Paul's twitter feed during his annual Airing Of The Grievances. A Festivus tradition, [Senator Paul has taken to the twittersphere every year to air his grievances](#) with numerous government agencies, his colleagues on Capitol Hill, the President, and other political figures and causes.

For 2018, Paul started off with pointing out how WRONG liberals were when they swore Trump would drive us into WWII. [Read full article here...](#)

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<https://www.paul.senate.gov/news/dr-rand-paul-releases-2018-%E2%80%98festivus%E2%80%99-edition-%E2%80%98waste-report%E2%80%99>



Most Anxiety and Depression Is Related, Not to Brain Chemical Imbalance, But to Isolation Without Close Friends

In 2017, life expectancy dropped and suicides rose in the US due to addiction to opioids and a rise in suicide. Johann Hari, author of *Chasing the Scream* and *Lost Connections*, explains that physical dependence on drugs is not the main source of addiction – and that depression is not due to chemical imbalance, but is the result of the way we live. He says that everyone has psychological needs and long to feel that they belong, that their lives have meaning and purpose. He says addiction increases when these deep needs are not met. He cites a study from several decades ago that showed that Americans averaged five close friends they could call on in an emergency, but now most Americans say the number is zero. This is a society of loneliness. Hari says the opposite of addiction, and the solution to addiction, is having one's deeper psychological needs met and establishing a close connection with others. -GEG



Federal Reserve's Interest-Rate Hikes Have Erased \$5-Trillion in Market Equity

The stock market has been rocked ever since the October 3rd speech by Jerome Powell, Chairman of the Federal Reserve, when he promised to continue hiking interest rates. The stock market has dropped by 4,500 points, and over \$5-trillion has been erased from US equity values.

The Fed lowered interest rates to 0% for the Obama Administration and kept them there for the first seven, with the exception of a increase of 0.25% in late 2015. By contrast, interest has been raised eight times since Trump was elected. The increase now stands at 2.25%.

Critics believe that the US banking' cartel (known as the Federal Reserve) does not want Trump to be re-elected in 2020 and has been incrementally raising interest rates to put an end to a rising economy under Trump. The new rates of interest [introduced](#) by Powell added \$500-billion to the federal government's annual debt that now stands at \$21.8 trillion. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin wrote that Trump said he will not fire Chairman Jay Powell.

[Of course not. The Fed has more power over the President than the President has over the Fed. For details, see [Creature from Jekyll Island; A Second Look at the Federal Reserve.](#)] -GEG

The Fed and its Head – Jerome Powell – have increased rates so much since President Trump’s election that they have added \$500 billion to the annual budget in interest payments alone. This annual payment is 100 times greater than the one time payment of \$5 billion that President Trump is requesting for border security.

Who says the Fed is an independent agency and not biased? Just look at the Fed’s rate increases this century and this all falls apart. The Fed lowered interest rates to 0% for the Obama Administration and kept these rates at 0% for the first 7 of Obama’s year in office. Finally, the Fed increased the interest rates 0.25% in late 2015 for the only increase during Obama’s Presidency up to the 2016 election.

After President Trump won the November 2016 election, the Fed began a steady program of increasing interest rates. This program continues to this day and in total the Fed has increased rates 8 times since Trump won the Presidency. The rates now stand at 2.25% and as a result of these horrible and political policies, the Trump economy and Americans’ 401(k)’s are being diminished.

[Top US economist Stephen Moore](#) stated –

Unfortunately, if you cut engine power too far on a jetliner, it will stall and drop out of the sky.

On Wednesday, December 19, despite the numerous market-based alarms that were sounding in the cockpit, Chairman Powell and

his co-pilots on the FOMC voted to raise the Fed Funds rate to 2.50%. This sucks more dollars out of the economy at a time when the world demanding more dollars – thanks to Trump’s Tax cutting and deregulation policies.

Chairman Powell has been entirely tone deaf to the financial markets he seeks to protect. The Dow Jones Industrial average, which had risen by 382 points on hopes that the Fed would listen to President Trump and stop cutting power, plunged by 895 points after the 2:00 PM announcement, and closed the day down 352 points (1.49%). Poof, trillions of dollars of wealth vanished.

Since its peak on October 3, which, not coincidentally, was right after Chairman Powell gave a speech suggesting that the Fed might be through tightening money, the Dow has fallen by more than 3,500 points [now 4,500]. Market fears about his bad judgment have cut the value of all U.S. stocks by about \$4.5 trillion, which is enough to buy 16,000 Boeing 787 Dreamliners.

The Fed economists use twisted logic that the economy is “strong enough” to absorb the rate hikes – which is simply an admission that their policy will slow growth.

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Machine Learning Algorithms Blend Photos to Create Realistic Images of People Who Don't Exist

Nvidia uses machine learning computers that blend source photos to create hyper-realistic photo images of people that never existed. Computers are already able to generate fake video from images, making people appear to say and do things they never did. The possibilities for fake news and propaganda are limitless. -GEG

Computers are getting better at generating fake images and video of people [saying or doing things they never did](#) in real life. The latest work from chip maker Nvidia takes this a step further by generating convincing-looking images of people who never existed in the first place—they're AI creations, but they look incredibly real.

Machine-learning enthusiasts have been freaking out about the results of Nvidia's latest work—[published to the arXiv preprint server](#) this week—and for good reason. Not only do the images produced by the AI program look crystal clear and hyper-realistic, but the process for creating them was rather novel and opens up some mind-blowing possibilities.

The researchers combined the typical design of [Generative Adversarial Networks](#) (GANs)—computing architecture that very loosely mimics the human brain and “learns” from source images to generate new ones—with tips from the world of [AI style transfer](#). In doing this, the Nvidia researchers could effectively blend human features to generate faces that morph in surprising and impressive ways.

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President Trump Signs Farm Bill that Legalizes Hemp

The 2018 Farm Bill was passed that legalizes the commercial cultivation of hemp nationwide. It now is designated as an agricultural crop. Hemp has very low THC content, the mind-altering chemical but is used to make textiles, foods, fabrics, cosmetics, agriculture products, plastics, and more. In 1970, President Nixon signed the Controlled Substances Act that made no distinction between hemp and marijuana. Both were classified as Schedule-I drugs on the list of controlled substances, along with heroin and LSD. Despite state and federal restrictions, current US hemp-product sales already are at nearly \$820-million per year – mostly from overseas sources. Hemp [farmers](#) will now be able to buy crop insurance, apply for loans and grants, and write off business expenses. The new law does not allow people to grow their own hemp plants. -GEG

Hemp – a close relative of marijuana that can be used to make textiles and other products – has long been classified as a Schedule I drug by the federal government. That's set to change.

President Trump is soon expected to sign a farm bill that includes a section that legalizes the commercial cultivation

of hemp nationwide.

The bill, years in the making, comes as public support for cannabis legalization has increased over the years, offering a cover of sorts to politicians who see the potential for boosting state tax revenue.

Here's a look at the movement to legalize hemp and whether it could open the way to lifting the federal prohibition on marijuana.

First, what is hemp exactly?

Hemp, like marijuana, is a form of cannabis.

The two plants look similar, with an important difference. Marijuana produces a flower – the sticky buds filled with THC, the chemical compound that creates a high when smoked or ingested. Hemp does not produce high levels of THC.

Instead, it is prized for its stalks, which contain fiber that can be used to make rope and fabric for clothing.

Its cultivation dates back to 8000 B.C. – and ancient Mesopotamia – and is believed to be among the oldest examples of human industry.

But hemp has been illegal in the United States?

Yes.

Since 1970, when President Nixon launched the so-called war on drugs by signing the Controlled Substances Act, drug laws have made no distinction between hemp and marijuana when it comes to cultivation.

Both are classified as Schedule I drugs on the Drug

Enforcement Administration's list of controlled substances, alongside heroin and LSD.

Over the years, this has led to misinformation about hemp. Earlier this year, Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) summed up the bad news for anybody who tries to get high on hemp.

"Federal law treats hemp like it's a dangerous drug, but the only thing you're going to accomplish by smoking hemp is wasting breath, time and lighter fluid," he tweeted.

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The Gary Sinise Foundation Is an Inspiring Organization that Helps Veterans and First Responders

The Gary Sinise Foundation was created by the actor who portrayed Lt. Dan, the double amputee in the movie Forrest Gump. The purpose of the Foundation is to "honor our defenders, veterans, first responders and always their loved ones who sacrifice alongside them." It has built homes for

injured and aging veterans, modified existing homes, provided mobility devices and adapted vehicles, given financial support for paying bills and buying groceries, and provided trips to Disney World for the families of vets and first responders. If you want to hear good news for a change, take the time to see the additional accomplishments of this amazing organization. - GEG

[The Gary Sinise Foundation](#) released an emotional eight-minute video of its year-end activities, featuring testimonials from veterans and their families about how their lives were changed for the better.

The foundation's [video](#)— released in time for the holiday season— opens with touching scenes of children and families embracing each other while actor Gary Sinise, best known for playing Lt. Dan in the 1994 movie [Forrest Gump](#), and the long-running CBS crime procedural [CSI: NY](#), narrates in the background.

“Family. We share our joy with them; we count on them in troubled times,” Sinise says at the opening of the video.

“So many of us have been inspired by the service of a relative whose sacrifices motivate us to do more, to be more,” Sinise continues. “When family is not limited by the bonds blood or name, it is shaped by the stories we share, the freedoms we cherish, and the nation we love and defend.”

The video continues on this theme of family, stressing the importance of honoring veterans, first responders, and their loved ones like family.

“Our mission is to honor our defenders, veterans, first responders and always their loved ones who sacrifice alongside them. Because that’s what you do for family.”

But the truly tear-jerking moments of the video came when the

veterans and their family members speak about how their lives changed over the past year, thanks to the work of the foundation.

One veteran, who received a custom-built smart home from the foundation to accommodate his injuries, said he was grateful he could raise his family in his new home.

“I was most looking forward to a home that I could truly raise my family in,” the veteran said.

Later in the video, a young girl who lost a family member serving in the military and a widow of a military spouse both spoke about how they changed after attending a [foundation-sponsored event](#) at Walt Disney World in early December for loved ones who lost a service member.

“I think it lets kids know that they’re not the only people that have experienced things like these,” one young girl said.

“Being around the others who I know have been through the same thing, it made me open up and kinda come out of my shell a little,” one mother said.

The video ends urging people to do more for our veterans, first responders, and their family members.

“While we can never do enough for our defenders, veterans, first responders, and the loved ones who sacrifice right alongside them, we can always do a little more,” Sinise said.

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