



YouTube Censorship Used to Defend the Powerful at the Expense of Those Who Are Marginalized

A Vox reporter, Carlos Maza, insisted that Youtube punish comedian Steven Crowder for insulting him. Maza complained that he is oppressed, but he is posing as a victim. Youtube caved in to Vox media and demonetized Crowder, and then used the opportunity to censor other conservative Youtube videos. Intercept journalist Glenn Greenwald explained that journalists themselves are the major force behind censoring free speech because they have demanded that certain voices be removed from the internet.

In an abrupt reversal amid an ongoing online firestorm, [YouTube announced Wednesday](#) that it would block conservative commentator Steven Crowder from making any money on videos he uploaded to the site, following a torrent of outrage from left-wing groups about insulting remarks he made

about a
gay political personality working at [Vox](#).

YouTube,
a Google subsidiary, claimed Crowder had engaged in a
“continued
egregious actions that have harmed the broader community,” but
acknowledged that Crowder’s videos [“did not violate our
Community Guidelines.”](#)

The company stopped short of banning Crowder and deleting his
videos
entirely, as many progressive groups and journalists demanded.

Crowder’s
demonetization, in turn, prompted conservatives to renew
charges of
large-scale censorship and hypocrisy against the big tech
giant. Several
right-leaning content creators, as well as nonpartisan
journalists
documenting hate speech, charged that YouTube was engaged in
an broad
“purge” Wednesday against their channels, which were not
directly
related to the Crowder dispute.

“Vox is still going to be
pissed; they’re not going to be happy with this,” Crowder said
in a
video posted to his Twitter account after learning about
YouTube’s
action, calling the situation a brewing “Adpocalypse.” Crowder
has more
than 3.7 million subscribers on YouTube.

“It’s not a win,” he continued, “because their goal is to completely get rid of people. We’re at a point in time right now where people can still have a voice, but a lot of people are going to lose their ability to lose revenue.”

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In a livestream Wednesday afternoon, Crowder highlighted a series of unpunished hateful comments made by liberal commentators – including Stephen Colbert’s reference to President Trump as “Putin’s c-kholster,” and Samantha Bee’s mockery of Ivanka Trump as a “feckless c-t.”

The episode began May 30 with a viral Twitter post by left-wing Vox personality Carlos Maza, which contained video montage of derogatory comments Crowder had made about Maza in the past two years. In the various clips, Crowder variously refers to Maza as an “angry little queer,” a “gay Mexican,” and “Mr. Lispy queer from Vox.”

Maza, an openly gay partisan activist, has himself previously used aggressive language on social media. “Milkshake them all,” he wrote May 21, referring to right-wing activists. “Humiliate them at every turn. Make them dread public organizing.”

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