PayPal and ADL Attack Revenue Sources of 'Hate Movements'

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PayPal, the payment processor founded by Elon Musk and libertarian philanthropist Peter Thiel, has partnered with the Anti-Defamation League "to fight extremism and hate through the financial industry." Not only will PayPal and the ADL cut off revenue from those they deem to be promoting hate, but they will harvest data on "extremist and hate movements" and share this data "broadly across the financial industry" "with policymakers and law enforcement," and with "other civil rights partner organizations, such as the League of United Latin American Citizens."

They have pivoted from tackling the funding of "criminal activity" to instead "hate and bigotry," but do not define it. The ADL has often declared mainstream conservative ideas to fall into that category. Many civil-rights activists have noted that campaigns to censor speech based on the subjective term "hate" are really just an excuse for those behind the campaigns to censor speech they don't like for political or economic reasons.

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The two powerful pro-censorship groups will also be sharing data with the financial industry, policymakers, and law enforcement.

PayPal, one of the world's biggest digital payments companies, and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), an "anti-hate organization" that regularly pushes for increased online censorship, have announced a new partnership that will focus on "attacking" the revenue sources of groups and individuals that they deem to be "profiting from all forms of hate and bigotry against any community."

In a blog post, the ADL said the goal of this new partnership is "to fight extremism and hate through the financial industry and across at-risk communities."

The ADL added: "PayPal and ADL will focus on further uncovering and disrupting the financial pipelines that support extremist and hate movements. In addition to extremist and anti-government organizations, the initiative will focus on actors and networks spreading and profiting from all forms of hate and bigotry against any community."

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