



Behavioral Psychologist Refutes Comic Sacha Baron Cohen's Call for Big Tech to Censor 'Hate Speech'

Sacha Baron Cohen, who is known for mocking ordinary Americans' toleration of his offensive behavior and deceiving celebrities, called for more Big Tech censorship to fight "anti-Semitism," "hate" and "bigotry". While receiving an award from the Anti-Defamation League, he recommended that every online post should be monitored. The ADL has partnered with Facebook, Google, Microsoft and Twitter and has influenced much of the existing censorship on these platforms.

Gad Saad, a Jewish-Canadian behavioral psychologist, pointed out that Sacha Baron Cohen's definition of what should be censored was far too broad. He described himself as a free-speech absolutist and said it is wrong to attempt to correct falsehoods in a free society. For one thing, it is not always possible to know for sure what the falsehoods are. The only time social-media companies should intervene is for libel/defamation or direct incitement to violence. He says falsehoods can be defeated only by truth, not censorship. -GEG

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Anti-Defamation League Admits Colluding with Tech Giants to Facilitate Big Brother Censorship



Journalist Max Blumenthal, a Prominent Critic Against US Foreign Policy, Claims He Was Arrested Due to Political Harassment

Grayzone editor Max Blumenthal, a prominent journalistic critic of US policy toward Venezuela, was arrested by police in Washington DC on October 25th, in connection with a protest at the Venezuelan embassy, and he was held incommunicado for the first 36 hours of his 2-day detention. Blumenthal says a SWAT team arrested him at his home on a five-month-old arrest

warrant, charging him with simple assault for his attempt to deliver food to the besieged Venezuelan embassy five months ago. Blumenthal's arrest appears to be another example of the legal harassment of US government critics, including WikiLeaks' Julian Assange.

Grayzone editor Max Blumenthal, a prominent journalistic critic of US policy toward Venezuela, was arrested by DC police on Friday, October 25, in connection with a protest at the Venezuelan embassy, and held incommunicado. But if you rely on corporate media, or even leading "press freedom" groups, you haven't heard about this troubling encroachment on freedom of the press.

Blumenthal is a [bestselling author](#) whose work has appeared in such publications as the [New York Times](#), [CJR](#), [The Nation](#) and [Salon](#). DC police arrested him at his home on a five-month-old arrest warrant, charging him with simple assault for his attempt to deliver food to the besieged Venezuelan embassy; he was held for two days, and for the first 36 hours was not allowed to speak with a lawyer. (In an interview with FAIR, Blumenthal noted that keeping arrestees—generally poor and African-American—from speaking with lawyers or family is par for the course in the DC criminal justice system.) As of this writing, there has been no mention of Blumenthal's arrest in outlets like the New York Times, Washington Post and Reuters that constantly publish Venezuela-related content, or by the big "press freedom" NGOs.

When freelance US journalist Cody Weddle was detained in Venezuela for 12 hours, it made headlines in the New York Times ([3/6/19](#)), Washington Post ([3/6/19](#)), Miami Herald ([3/6/19](#)), USA Today ([3/6/19](#)), Guardian ([3/6/19](#)), UK Telegraph ([3/6/19](#)), NPR ([3/10/19](#)), ABC ([3/9/19](#)) and Reuters ([3/7/19](#)). That's not exhaustive, but you get the picture.

In Weddle's case, the human rights industry also responded immediately. Jose Miguel Vivanco of Human Rights Watch [tweeted](#) about Cody Weddle's detention, as did [Reporters without Borders](#) (RSF). The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) also put out a [statement](#) immediately ([3/6/19](#)). There has been nothing from them about Blumenthal.

The [two-hour detention](#) of Univision's Jorge Ramos in Venezuela was likewise [big news](#). In fact, RSF was outraged that Cody Weddle's detention happened "barely a week" after the Ramos incident.

Nobody should have a problem with Weddle's arrest or Ramos' detention getting the widespread attention they did. (The content in the reports about Venezuela is a separate issue.) What should anger anybody who isn't consumed with hypocrisy is the point Ben Norton, writing in Grayzone ([10/28/19](#)), made about Blumenthal's arrest:

If this had happened to a journalist in Venezuela, every Western human rights NGO and news wire would be howling about Maduro's authoritarianism. It will be revealing to see how these same elements react to a clear-cut case of political repression in their own backyard.

Blumenthal's arrest is another example of the legal harassment of US government critics, including WikiLeaks' Julian Assange and whistleblower Chelsea Manning—whose plights have similarly been neglected by Western media and NGOs that claim to support press freedom (FAIR.org, [11/3/18](#), [4/1/19](#)).

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Two Students From the University of Connecticut Arrested on Hate-Speech Charges

Two men walking through a parking lot were recorded on a security camera making racial insults. This led to their arrest under a Connecticut statute that makes it a crime to “ridicule” anyone because of their creed, religion, color, denomination, nationality, or race. If convicted, the students could face 30 days in prison. Eugene Volokh, a law professor at UCLA, says the statute under which the men were charged is “obviously unconstitutional, because ... there’s no First Amendment exception for speech that insults based on race or religion.” -GEG

- Two University of Connecticut students were arrested Monday after video allegedly showed them using racial slurs.
- The school confirmed to Campus Reform that the men were charged under a Connecticut statute that makes it a crime to “ridicule” certain people.

University of Connecticut Police arrested Monday two men who were allegedly seen in a viral video reciting a racial slur.

The incident occurred on Oct. 11 in the parking lot of an off-

campus apartment complex. In the video, there are three men walking through the lot. An individual took the video from the window of an apartment building, according to local media reports.

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The video prompted the UConn NAACP chapter to pen a letter to the editor of the campus newspaper, *The Daily Campus*, calling on officials “to fully investigate this incident and apply the proper justice.” Following those calls, the university confirmed to *Campus Reform* Monday that two of the three men allegedly seen in the video were arrested under a Connecticut state statute that makes it a crime to “ridicule” certain persons.

“Any person who, by his advertisement, ridicules or holds up to contempt any person or class of persons, on account of the creed, religion, color, denomination, nationality or race of such person or class of persons, shall be guilty of a class D misdemeanor,” the [statute](#) states.

UConn spokeswoman Stephanie Reitz confirmed in a statement to *Campus Reform* the arrests of the men who were “heard shouting a racial slur.”

“The two students both were charged under CGS 53-37, ridicule on account of creed, religion, color, denomination, nationality or race,” Reitz said. “A third person had accompanied them as they walked outside of the apartments, but the police investigation determined that individual had not participated in the behavior.”

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Jim Fetzer, Author of 'Nobody Died at Sandy Hook', Denied Jury Trial and Ordered to Pay Sandy Hook Victim's Father \$450,000

Jim Fetzer is a former philosophy professor from the University of Minnesota Duluth and the author of *Nobody Died at Sandy Hook*, a book that explains why he believes the reported shooting at the Sandy Hook Elementary School was a hoax. He was sued by Lenny Pozner, father of six-year old Noah Pozner, who was reportedly shot to death on December 14, 2012. Lenny Pozner claimed Fetzer's writing caused him to suffer from PTSD. A jury in Dane County, Wisconsin ordered Fetzer to pay \$450,000 in damages to Pozner for defamation, based on accusations that Noah Pozner's death certificate was fake. Dane County Circuit Judge Frank Remington denied Fetzer's request for a jury trial and issued a summary judgement that Pozner, indeed, had been defamed. A jury was allowed to assemble for the part of the trial dealing with the penalty, but the judge prevented the jury from hearing Fetzer's evidence that Noah's death certificate was fake. -GEG

Madison, WI

Jim Fetzer's defense against Lenny Pozner's defamation suit got interesting today, day two of the penalty phase of the

trial. (Disclaimer: I have been friends with Jim since 2006, and though I don't always agree with him, I respect his courage and sincerity. It was an honor to have lunch with him on this, the critical day of the penalty phase of his trial.)

Pozner won the first phase last June when [the court determined that four of Fetzer's statements alleging a fake death certificate for Noah Pozner were defamatory](#); then [on September 13 Fetzer was found in contempt of court for sharing images of Pozner's deposition](#). Fetzer argues that he shared the images, which the court had deemed confidential, as part of his legal defense research. Fetzer claims the images show that the Lenny Pozner in the deposition is not the same person depicted in at least some previous publicly circulated images of Lenny Pozner.

Pozner is asking for one million dollars in damages from Fetzer. The jury's job is to determine an award amount, which theoretically could range anywhere between zero and one million dollars.

The penalty phase of the trial began Monday with opening arguments and a lengthy videotaped deposition of a forensic psychologist, who asserts that Pozner suffers from PTSD as a result of Fetzer's four defamatory statements. The forensic psychologist, who was presumably hired by Pozner's legal team, predictably supported Pozner's narrative: After suffering the loss of his son Noah at Sandy Hook, Pozner says, he experienced PTSD for more than a year, only to have his recovery cut short, and his symptoms exacerbated, by his discovery that online Sandy Hook skeptics were claiming that the school shooting was a hoax in which nobody died. Since then, Pozner says, he has been waging an online battle against Sandy Hook skeptics (he calls them "hoaxers") which has kept him mired in PTSD. Much or most of the suffering he has experienced, Pozner suggests, is the fault of Jim Fetzer, whom Pozner and his lawyers are casting as the kingpin and prime inspiration of the Sandy Hook skeptics' movement.

Fetzer's legal team questioned the "Fetzer caused my PTSD" claim. While acknowledging that Pozner would have suffered PTSD from the loss of his son in December 2012, they suggested that it was not entirely Fetzer's fault that Pozner has been re-traumatizing himself by spending much of his time since 2014 combing the internet for material that he says traumatizes him and trying to get it removed. Fetzer's team's cross-examination of the psychologist pointed out that normally PTSD sufferers avoid stimuli that reawaken the trauma.

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From The Wrap:

The award of damages comes four months after Dane County Circuit Judge Frank Remington issued a summary judgement that Fetzer and co-author Mike Palecek had defamed Pozner by falsely claiming that the death certificate for Pozner's son, Noah, had been faked.

<https://www.thewrap.com/father-of-sandy-hook-victim-awarded-450000-in-defamation-lawsuit-against-nobody-died-at-sandy-hook-co-author/>

From Rational Wiki:

Fetzer was sued in Wisconsin for defamation and libel by Leonard Pozner, a father of a child who died in the [Sandy Hook massacre](#), primarily for his book, *Nobody Died At Sandy Hook: It was a FEMA Drill to Promote Gun Control*.^{[6][7]} Fetzer represented himself *pro se* in the case because he stated it was impossible to find a lawyer to represent him. "Nobody wants to touch" their case, Fetzer said.^[8] Fetzer actually argued in Court that the original reasons he called the death certificate a fake were untrue, but then went on to claim that because many variations of the death certificate had been released (including with and without an embossed seal, with handwritten numbers at the top, or with a redaction of the

social security number) that the certificates were fabricated. Handwritten differences and variations in the seal on the death certificate was apparently sufficient evidence for Fetzer to claim that Noah Pozner didn't exist. The judge in the case said there was no question of fact in dispute, and granted summary judgment against Fetzer in favor of Mr. Pozner in the libel case on the issue of liability, allowing it to proceed to a jury to consider damages. The case is currently pending a jury trial on the issue of damages only.

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[*Kevin Barrett, The Legal Lynching of a Truth-Seeker: Jim Fetzer's Stalinist-Style Show Trial*](#)



Canada: Antifa Mob Intimidate

Elderly Woman Using a Walker, Call Her 'Nazi Scum'. Meanwhile, the ADL Adds Images Opposing Antifa to Its 'Hate' Symbol List.

Masked Antifa protesters screamed at an elderly couple and blocked them outside an event featuring conservative politician Maxime Bernier and Dave Rubin, a Jewish, gay, Independent Youtube personality. Further violence broke out, leading to two arrests. Mohawk College had faced massive campaign to cancel the event. The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) just recently declared that "anti-Antifa images" are "hate symbols" in an attempt to silence (and potentially criminalize) criticism of these violent leftist mobs.

Shocking video shows an angry mob of antifa protesters screaming at and intimidating an old lady with a walker to block her from attending an event at Mohawk College in Ontario, Canada on Sunday.

Antifa can be heard screaming, "Nazi Scum, off our streets!" repeatedly at the elderly woman as they step in front of her walker to block her path. An older gentleman beside her was seen putting his arm around her to protect her from the mob as masked antifa goons shouted in his face.

The two were walking to attend an event with YouTube personality Dave Rubin and Canadian politician Maxime Bernier of the People's Party of Canada, the CBC [reported](#).