## Corrupt Facebook Continues War on Free Speech – Worked with Liberal Spam Groups During 2018 Election

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

Facebook has been <u>shutting down traffic</u> 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 <u>Western Journal</u> 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 <u>Klicked Media</u>. Jared traveled to Washington DC with The Gateway Pundit and website owners at <u>100%FedUp</u> 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 <u>lost an average</u> <u>of 93%</u> of their Facebook traffic.

## Now this...

Facebook worked with liberal "rights" groups before the 2018 election. Everyone knows these groups discriminate against conservatives and are more anti-conservative than they are pro-civil rights.

This is just another way Facebook gets away with eliminating conservative content.

NewsBusters reported:

Facebook worked with far-left "civil rights" groups during the election, according to a new "civil rights audit" from the company.

In a post to <u>Facebook's blog</u> on December 18, COO Sheryl Sandberg wrote that Facebook talked to over 90 "civil rights organizations" and asked former legislative director of the ACLU, Laura Murphy, to "guide the audit." These organizations were even invited into the election war room.

Sandberg added that Murphy had worked with Facebook for the past six months, especially during the 2018 midterm elections. Facebook revised its policies on "prohibiting voter suppression" as a direct response to both Murphy and the 90 organizations' feedback. Facebook will be "better prepared for future elections," according to Sandberg.

Facebook will also continue to encourage voter participation, said Sandberg. "Facebook and Instagram helped register an estimated 2 million people in 2018," she wrote.

The report didn't just stop at elections. In the update to the audit, <u>Murphy</u> wrote that Facebook was accused of "allowing the propagation of hate speech." While she wrote of the decisions that Facebook had made that were in line with the audit, Murphy admitted that she "rejected the false dichotomy of choosing free speech at the expense of other rights."