

Censorship Spans Across Social Media Platforms

With the emergence of social media, business and particularly nonprofit organizations were eager to see how the widespread coverage afforded to them would affect their goals.

And yet, as recent news reports have shown, opinions outside of mainstream ideas succumb to the “cancel culture” of media giants.

Should views go against the popular opinion, the organization is censored or even shut down.

Life News, an independent pro-life news source, is just one of many organizations that has had its content censored.

A notable instance of this occurred in 2017:

@Twitter finds this promoted tweet quoting MOTHER TERESA in violation of their standards.

– MarjorieDannenfelser (@marjoriesba) March 8, 2017

And more recently:

NeverTrump Website The Dispatch Colludes With Big Tech To Censor SBA List's Pro-Life Ads

– Harriet Baldwin (@Harriet85630192) November 25, 2020

“Twitter has specifically banned LifeNews from any pro-life advertising, and it frequently censors our content and shadowbans our account—making it impossible for all of our followers to see our content,” the news source said in a news release. “And now Twitter is slapping big warning labels on some content it falsely claims is false.”

While less-censored apps like Parler or MeWe are becoming a trend for those who wish to obtain information in a less traditional route, there are conflicting views on the apps.

Some predict the apps will take the lead in social media:

Congratulations @Google @YouTube @Twitter – you are driving people away from your platforms.

I encourage people to shift to other platforms, even paid services that are open and preserve free speech.@LBRYcom@rumblevideo@OfficialDLive@parler_app@mewe@ProtonMail@ubuntu

– The_Original_TTG (@Phoenix_TTG) December 9, 2020

While others are less than thrilled with the loose parameters in what can be posted online. {eo}