

'Potentially Sensitive Content'? Veteran Injured in Afghanistan Blasts Twitter for Flagging His July 4 Post

U.S. Army Captain Sam Brown has spoken out against social media giant Twitter after the social media giant flagged his July 4 post as "potentially sensitive content." The Purple Heart recipient and Republican senatorial candidate from Nevada shared an unfiltered photo of himself saluting in uniform, adding the caption, "Freedom isn't free."

Brown sustained burns and other injuries from an improvised explosive device explosion during his deployment to Afghanistan in 2008, which left his face severely scarred, per Fox News.

Twitter did not remove the tweet, but did slap it with a warning that read: "The following media includes potentially sensitive content."

On July 4, 1776, America was born.

On July 4, 2021, we're still the best country on this planet.

– Sam Brown (@CaptainSamBrown) July 4, 2021

Brown responded to the attempt at cancellation with another tweet, posting, "Hey @Twitter, I didn't realize my face was 'sensitive content.'"

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Ironic considering I only have 3 tweets & just filed to run

for U.S. Senate only hours ago.

*Was it my scars or the fact that I salute the flag?
Regardless, neither are going away—and neither am I*

– Sam Brown (@CaptainSamBrown) July 8, 2021

“While I was ready to lay down my life in order to protect freedom of speech for my fellow Americans, Big Tech today decided that they know better, censoring me and deeming my comments regarding this great nation ‘sensitive content,’” Brown told Fox News. “These egregious and un-American actions come mere hours after I took steps to file and establish my candidacy for the United States Senate in Nevada, reinforcing my belief that ‘Big Tech’ is working against conservatives and trying to silence our voices.”

“Every day I wear the scars of my service and I am still proud to call myself an American,” Brown said.” If Twitter thinks they can censor my military service, my love for this country, or the flag it represents—they are sorely mistaken.”

Brown’s official website notes that he and his wife, Amy, “run a small business that provides critical services to our veterans when the VA needs a private company to assist in urgently accessing medication outside the federal system. Sam still believes in those values sown into him from his childhood – duty and service. Today, he and Amy are raising their three children to: be joyful in suffering, develop endurance to overcome challenges, hold fast to character and values, and always find hope and purpose. Although he does not know what tomorrow will bring, he knows that the life he lives is not his own.” {eo}

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