



China Abolishes Censorship Agency, Places Media Directly Under Xi Jinping

Xi Jinping has undisputed total control over China's Technocracy, and he is finishing the transformation by assuming direct and dictatorial power over the state's media. Detractors will have their 'social credit score' reduced immediately by 200 points. □ TN Editor

The move would tighten the Communist Party's control over media—and not just Chinese media, judging from recent [applications](#) of “sharp power” to enforce China's speech controls against Western citizens.

“The proposed administration directly under the State Council will be responsible for drafting policies and measures for radio and television management and their implementation, coordinating development of broadcasting undertakings and industries, promoting institutional reform in the sectors, importing radio and television programs, and facilitating the sectors to go global,” China's state-run Xinhua news agency [reported](#) on Tuesday.

“It is also expected that China Central Television, China Radio

International and China National Radio may be merged to form a new state broadcasting giant," [adds Variety](#).

The move is part of a steady consolidation of media regulatory agencies in China, flowing inexorably toward the proposed conclusion of a single cabinet-level agency controlling all forms of expression. As *Variety* notes, SAPPRFT has only been around since 2013; before that, separate regulatory agencies handled print publications versus radio, television, and film.



Deadline further [observes](#) that Xinhua's announcement of the new regulatory proposal did not explicitly mention film, but SAPPRFT controlled access to the Chinese box office, so it is hard to imagine the State Council's super-agency would not inherit those responsibilities as well.

China has thus far shown little concern about scaring away foreign movie companies with overbearing regulations. To the contrary, Deadline quotes Communist Party editorials worried that China "has stunning economic might" but has "not yet become a leading power in terms of ideology and information."

The *Hollywood Reporter* [puts](#) the regulatory reshuffle in the context of President Xi Jinping promising to streamline the bureaucracy and reduce government agencies, while simultaneously assuming dictatorial powers and arranging to rule over China indefinitely:

The changes are just one part of an ambitious government revamp intended to eliminate bureaucracy while boosting the centrality of President Xi Jinping and party leadership to all aspects of policymaking.

Other changes include the merger of the country's banking and

insurance regulators and establishment of special agencies to oversee immigration and military veteran affairs. All told, the number of ministries under China's cabinet will be reduced from 34 to 26. On Sunday, presidential term limits were removed from China's constitution, opening the door for Xi to remain in office indefinitely.

China's business elite are as hungry for censorship as Communist Party officials. Bloomberg Technology [noted](#) last week that China's tech billionaires owe their fortunes to Xi's protectionist policies, including white-knuckled speech controls and a massive Internet firewall that lockout foreign information technology competition.

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China Providing 'Strings Attached' Academic Financing

To Force Censorship In America

The Chinese are very clever to weaponize capital in order to achieve devious ends. In this case, the CCP (Chinese Communist Party) funds selected academic institutions or projects in order to coerce them into self-censorship according to Chinese policies. Congress should block such funding. □ TN Editor

The CIA has issued a classified report detailing China's far-reaching foreign influence operations campaign in the United States, which imparts financial incentives as leverage to permeate American institutions.

In an unclassified page of the report obtained by the *Washington Free Beacon*, the CIA cautions against efforts by the Chinese Communist Party to stipulate funding to universities and policy institutes in exchange for academic censorship.

"The CCP provides 'strings-attached' funding to academic institutions and think tanks to deter research that casts it in a negative light," the report says. "It has used this tactic to reward pro-China viewpoints and coerce Western academic publications and conferences to self-censor. The CCP often denies visas to academics who criticize the regime, encouraging many China scholars to preemptively self-censor so they can maintain access to the country on which their research depends."

The CIA warning joins a growing call by U.S. lawmakers and intelligence officials to investigate China's involvement on American college campuses. The agency declined to comment on the report.

FBI Director Christopher Wray told the Senate Intelligence Committee last month the bureau is investigating dozens of Confucius Institutes, the Chinese-backed language and cultural centers hosted by more than 100 universities across the country. Despite their broad entrenchment in American academics over the past decade, little is known about the nature of the contracts between Beijing and the host

universities—funding amounts and contractual terms are largely kept secret.

The U.S. intelligence community has warned of the institutes' potential to be used as a spying tool. The concern is particularly pressing at the 13 universities that host both Confucius Institutes and top-secret Pentagon research, including Arizona State, Auburn, Purdue, Stanford, and the University of Washington.

Wray said “naiveté” in the academic sector has aggravated the risks, accusing the Chinese government of “exploiting the very open research and development environment that we have” on college campuses.

Last month, Sen. Marco Rubio (R., Fla.), who co-chairs the Congressional-Executive Commission on China, [called on](#) the five Florida educational institutions that host Confucius Institutes to end those partnerships amid reports that the Chinese government uses the programs to limit discussion on topics the government finds sensitive, such as the Tiananmen Square Massacre or the political status of Tibet.

“Beijing is becoming increasingly aggressive in its aim to exploit America’s academic freedom to instill in the minds of future leaders a pro-China viewpoint,” Rubio said in a statement to the *Washington Free Beacon*. “Confucius Institutes across the country and my home state of Florida have given China’s communist regime an avenue to covertly influence public opinion and teach half-truths designed to present Chinese history, government or official policy in the most favorable light.”



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Rubio lauded the recent decision by the University of West Florida to cancel its contract with the Chinese-backed organization and encouraged other universities to reconsider their arrangements.

Managed by a division of the Chinese Ministry of Education [known as Hanban](#), Confucius Institutes are a key piece of Beijing's broader foreign propaganda campaign, which costs the Chinese government an [estimated](#) \$10 billion annually.

As of 2016, China's Propaganda Department was spending \$6.8 billion per year to "build an international media apparatus that boosts China's influence," the CIA says. Chinese state-run media outlets operating in the United States employ individuals who spread communist propaganda, seldom register as foreign agents, and sometimes work on behalf of Beijing's intelligence services, according to the report.

"The CCP bankrolls several English-media outlets in the U.S. that try to influence perceptions of China and world events," the report says, citing media accounts. "The CCP also pays some American media firms to publish propaganda without obvious CCP attribution ... and harasses or denies visas to journalists who publish stories critical of the regime."

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The veritable institution Mississippi State University trains students in epidemiology, or 'herd health'. It is funded by the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences. □ TN Editor

International training: MSU veterinary faculty teach epidemiology in China

Two Mississippi State professors in the university's College of Veterinary Medicine are reaching out to students around the world who want to learn about their specialized field of epidemiology.

Drs. David R. Smith and Robert W. Wills recently traveled to China to teach a two-week, two-credit-hour course funded by the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

"There is a need for training Chinese veterinarians in epidemiology," Smith said. Epidemiology is the branch of medicine dealing with the incidence and prevalence of disease in large populations and with

detection of the sources and cause of epidemics of infectious disease. It's also commonly referred to as studying "herd health."

Both faculty members also travelled to the country last year under a cooperative arrangement from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agriculture Service and the Chinese Ministry of Agriculture.

"There are some diseases of animals that are important to the economy of farming in the U.S. or to public health. Influenza is a really important one," said Smith, the Mikell and Mary Cheek Hall Davis Endowed Professor at MSU, who also explained that managing disease is an important issue around the world.

"There are some diseases that we've managed to control in the U.S. that are still problems in China and in other Asian countries, and the USDA believes that identifying and controlling particular diseases in these countries helps protect animal and public health in the U.S.," Smith said. Interestingly, epidemiology is not taught as part of regular veterinary training in China, he added.

"There is wide recognition of the value for veterinary epidemiology training in China to improve the safety of food, improve the well-being of animals by preventing diseases, and protecting public health by reducing human exposure to zoonotic diseases," Smith said.

Smith and Wills hope to see the new relationships formed with the Chinese continue to grow. Their students were graduates of veterinary schools in China who are now doing additional graduate work through the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

"The students were very excited to visit with us and to speak English. They were full of questions and very positive about interacting with Americans. They also were very attentive to the course," Smith said.

In addition to the nearly 40 students officially enrolled in the class, more students not earning credit also sat in to learn from the MSU visiting faculty members.

Smith and Wills have a few long-term goals for the Chinese teaching

project.

“We hope to go back again, and it sounds like the Chinese are interested in having us do that. We also would like to have some of the good students come here and spend some time doing graduate research at Mississippi State,” Smith said.

“Maybe they would return to China and become teachers. The idea is that we are training the trainers of epidemiology in the future,” he said.



In China, ‘Social Credit’ System Forces Citizens Into Submission To The State

When your personal data turns bad, whether real or imagined, China will basically ex-communicate you from the good life, and they have already

done this to tens of millions of detractors. This is as effective as Tiananmen Square slaughter, but was implemented slowly so people never had a clue what was happening to them. Now, they are trapped, shunned, penalized and in some cases, destitute. □ TN Editor

The terrifying initiative, which has been rolled out through pilot scheme, bans low-rated people from buying plane tickets and sending their kids to private s

China's 'social credit' system blacklists "lazy" citizens who get into debt or spend their time playing video games in a creepy initiative that could have come straight out of Black Mirror.

Analysing users' social media habits and online shopping purchases, the nightmarish system also grants real financial credit to citizens whose lifestyles are deemed to be more wholesome.

While the social credit scheme will become mandatory in China in 2020, it is currently being tested in pilot schemes which have been rolled out through private financial companies.

The most high profile of these is Sesame Credit which has been developed by Ant Financial and uses computer algorithms to score people from 350 to 950, reports [The Guardian](#).

Likened to an episode of dystopian horror series Black Mirror, Sesame Credit rates people on factors including "interpersonal relationships" and consumer habits including buying video games.

It appears the authoritarian one-party state believes that someone who plays a PlayStation or an Xbox is an "idle person", reports the [BBC](#).

Those with a low-rating are "blacklisted" meaning they are unable to book a plane flight, prevented from renting or buying property and are unable to secure a loan or stay in a luxury hotel, reports [MarketPlace.org](#).

One of the largest schemes currently operating is in Shanghai where jaywalking, traffic violations and skipping train fares can get you blacklisted.

But that's not all. Citizens who do not visit their elderly parents or do not sort out their garbage into the appropriate recycling bins can also be penalised and effectively frozen out by the state.

Businessman Xie Wen spoke with MarketPlace.org after he was blacklisted following a financial dispute in which he never paid a debt to a client who sued his company.

He was then added to the Chinese Supreme Court's list of "discredited" people.

Wen said: "It hurt my business. My clients didn't trust me. I didn't get much work."

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China Asserts Internet Censorship Efforts Across The Globe

As a Technocracy pursuing a totally engineered world, China has massively censored its internal Internet. Now it is looking beyond its borders to censor the rest of the world. This is draconian and dangerous, but few in the West have correctly pegged China's intentions or strategies. □ TN Editor

Within its digital borders, China has long censored what its people read and say online. Now, it is increasingly going beyond its own online realms to police what people and companies are saying about it all over the world.

For years, China has exerted digital control with a system of internet filters known as the [Great Firewall](#), which allows authorities to limit what people see online. To broaden its censorship efforts, Beijing is venturing outside the Great Firewall and paying more attention to what its citizens are saying on non-Chinese apps and services.

As part of that shift, Beijing has at times pressured foreign companies like Google and Facebook, which are both blocked in China, to take down certain content. At other times, it has bypassed foreign companies entirely and instead directly pushed users of global social media to encourage self-censorship.

This effort is accelerating as President Xi Jinping consolidates his power. The Chinese leadership is expected to [officially abolish term limits](#) at a meeting that begins next week, giving Mr. Xi outsize authority over the country's direction.

Zhang Guanghong recently discovered the changing landscape for technology firsthand. Mr. Zhang, a Chinese human rights activist, decided last fall to share an article with a group of friends side and outside China that criticized China's president. To do so, he used

WhatsApp, an American app owned by Facebook that almost nobody uses in China.

In September, Mr. Zhang was detained in China; he is expected to soon be charged with insulting China's government and the Communist Party. The evidence, according to his lawyer, included printouts of what Mr. Zhang shared and said in the WhatsApp group.

That information was likely obtained by hacking his phone or through a spy in his group chat, said China tech experts, without involving WhatsApp. Mr. Zhang's case is one of the first-known examples of Chinese authorities using conversations from a non-Chinese chat app as evidence — and it sends a warning to those on the American platform, which is encrypted, that they could also be held accountable for what's said there.

"China is increasingly throwing its weight around," said Joshua Rosenzweig, an analyst at Amnesty International.

As Mr. Xi asserts himself and the primacy of Chinese geopolitical power, China has also become more comfortable projecting Mr. Xi's vision of a tightly controlled internet. Beijing had long been content to block foreign internet companies and police the homegrown alternatives that sprouted up to take their place, but it is now directly pressuring individuals or requesting that companies cooperate with its online censorship efforts.

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Censorship: China Orders Churches To Forbid Entry To Minors

As a Technocracy, Chinese Technocrats want no competition for societal influence, especially churches and Christianity, which they believe is fantasy and myth. China's draconian surveillance system will make for easy management of this new policy. □ TN Editor

The instruction is part of a new set of communist party-controlled regulations on religious activities that went into effect on February 1 and is aimed at preventing children and young people from getting religious instruction or taking an active part in Christian worship.

According to a [report](#) Thursday from ucanews, the leading independent Catholic news source in Asia, authorities have begun enforcing the government ban on minors in church in several regions, while forcing a number of Protestant house churches in Henan province to close.

The new regulations are an expansion of bans already tried out in

certain regions. As Breitbart News [reported](#) last August, communist officials had already issued “notices” to over a hundred churches in Wenzhou, within the largely Christian Zhejiang province, informing Christians that children are no longer permitted to enter any church. The notices stated that minors attempting to enter a church would be turned away at the door, even if accompanied by their parents.

Chinese authorities stated that church attendance and religious instruction keep young persons from developing “a correct worldview and set of values.”

“Minors receiving religious education and formation too early in churches would seriously affect the normal implementation of the education system,” said the Ou Hai district’s notice.

Failure to comply with the new regulations will result in churches being shut down, according to threats from government officials.

As one blogger noted, churches have become the third type of venue restricted to adults only, joining night clubs and internet cafés.

At the same time, enforcement on the ban on minors in church is being enforced more strictly even than the other two. “When minors enter internet bars, the government and police turn a blind eye. However, they are becoming very strict in prohibiting minors from entering religious venues. It is ridiculous,” said a Catholic in central China, identified only as “Peter.”

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U.S. Slashes UN Budget By \$285 Million After Being Rebuked Over Jerusalem Embassy

It is a good first step to chop funding of the United Nations, but there is still no recognition of its draconian doctrine of Agenda21/Sustainable Development, aka Technocracy. Still, this opens the window for local activists to rid their own communities of UN dogma and policies. □ TN Editor

The United States announced a \$285 million cut in the United Nations' "bloated" budget for next year, negotiated by UN Ambassador Nikki Haley. A statement by the United States Mission to the United Nations reads:

Today, the United Nations agreed on a budget for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Among a host of other successes, the United States

negotiated a reduction of over \$285 million off the 2016-2017 final budget. In addition to these significant cost savings, we reduced the UN's bloated management and support functions, bolstered support for key U.S. priorities throughout the world, and instilled more discipline and accountability throughout the UN system.

Pleased with the cuts, Haley added “you can be sure we’ll continue to look at ways to increase the UN’s efficiency while protecting our interests.”

The move follows a contentious week at the U.N., after 128 nations voted in a “[stunning rebuke](#)” of President Trump’s decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. Prior to the vote, Trump threatened to cut foreign financial aid to any countries who opposed the move – first with a [tweet by Ambassador Nikki Haley](#) threatening that the US would be “taking names,” followed by comments made by Trump to reporters last Tuesday, according to [Reuters](#).

U.S. President Donald Trump on Wednesday threatened to cut off financial aid to countries that vote in favor of a draft United Nations resolution against his decision to recognize Jerusalem as Israel’s capital.

“They take hundreds of millions of dollars and even billions of dollars, and then they vote against us. Well, we’re watching those votes. Let them vote against us. We’ll save a lot. We don’t care,” Trump told reporters at the White House.

Haley also circulated a letter to all UN member states effectively warning them not to vote against Trump’s decision. **“As you consider your vote, I want you to know that the President and U.S. take this vote personally,”** [she wrote](#). “The President will be watching this vote carefully and has requested I report back on those countries who voted against us.”

As we [wrote last week](#), The outcome of the vote was hailed as a “victory” by Palestine. “We will continue our efforts in the United Nations and at all international forums to put an end to this occupation and to establish our Palestinian state with east Jerusalem as its capital,” Abbas’

spokesman Nabil Abu Rudainah said. Predictably, both Israel and the US were displeased.

The General Assembly vote came days after the U.S. vetoed a similar resolution in the U.N. Security Council. The panel's other 14 members voted in favor of that measure - **a move that Haley called an "insult" to the U.S.** Shortly after the Security Council vote, Arab and Muslim leaders at U.N. called for an emergency special session of the General Assembly to discuss the U.S.'s Jerusalem decision.

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China Blocks Internet Giants Who Don't Bow To Oppressive Censorship

Technocracy as social engineering will micro-manage everything and everyone within its society, insisting upon conformity and allegiance. China is run mostly by Technocracy scientists and engineers and has

demonstrated these traits for at least 20 years now. □ TN Editor

Google and Facebook will have to accept China's censorship and tough online laws if they want access to its 751 million internet users, Chinese regulators told a conference in Geneva on Monday.

Google and Facebook are blocked in China, along with Twitter Inc and most major Western news outlets.

"That's a question maybe in many people's minds, why Google, why Facebook are not yet working and operating in China," said Qi Xiaoxia, director general of the Bureau of International Cooperation at the Cyberspace Administration of China (CAC).

In Google's case, it left China of its own accord in 2010.

"If they want to come back, we welcome," Qi told the Internet Governance Forum at the U.N.'s European headquarters.

"The condition is that they have to abide by Chinese law and regulations. That is the bottom line. And also that they would not do any harm to Chinese national security and national consumers' interests."



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China's Communist Party has tightened cyber regulation in the past year, formalizing new rules that require firms to store data locally and censor tools that allow users to subvert the Great Firewall that blocks sites including Facebook and Google.

Their rival Apple operates subject to strict censorship, having removed dozens of popular messaging and virtual private network (VPN) apps from its China App Store this year to comply with government requests.

In June, China introduced a new national cybersecurity law that requires foreign firms to store data locally and submit to data surveillance measures.

“We are of the idea that cyberspace is not a space that is ungoverned. We need to administer, or supervise, or manage, the internet according to law,” Qi said.

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China Is Defining The Way Governments Manipulate Their People

China is leading the world in creating a Scientific Dictatorship, aka Technocracy, as it applies state-of-the-art technology to manipulate its citizens. By definition, Technocracy is the science of social engineering. □ TN Editor

China's army of keyboard propagandists have set the standard for manipulating public opinion online — and a growing number of countries are trying to emulate the model.

The iconic image of a man holding his shopping while obstructing the path of a tank in China's Tiananmen Square in 1989 became the defining

image of China's censorial government. But in the age of the internet, social media has become the front line in the Communist Party's battle to control and suppress dissent.

The government's so called keyboard army overwhelms social media sites with positive stories about the Communist Party — described by researchers as “cheerleading content” — to control the message and drown out criticism and negative stories about the regime.

The unofficial wing of the Chinese government responsible for the program is known as The 50 Cent Party. It allows just enough critical content to maintain the illusion of dissent while diverting attention towards positive propaganda.

The name reportedly stems from a rumour that the members were each paid 50 cents for every post that helped the government, although there is little evidence to support this theory.

A [recent study](#) by researchers at Harvard University, Stanford University and the University of California San Diego conducted what they described as the first large scale empirical analysis of the operation.

The paper titled *How the Chinese Government Fabricates Social Media Posts for Strategic Distraction, not Engaged Argument* set out to explore claims the Chinese government employed around two million workers to manipulate the country's social media.

The researchers were able to dissect what they referred to as China's internet propaganda machine with the help of [a 2014 leak of hacked e-mails](#) that revealed the extent of the program.

“Basically, they flood the web with overwhelmingly positive content about China's politics and culture and history. What it amounts to is a sprawling distraction campaign rather than an attempt to sell a set of policies or defend the policies of the regime,” author Margaret Roberts [told Vox](#) this week.

The posts are not necessarily so-called fake news but rather stories that flatter the regime and talk about how great Chinese history is, or how

dominant Chinese sports teams are.

“We think the purpose is distraction, because these posts are highly coordinated within certain time periods,” she added.

“Their approach is to ignore the criticisms and shift attention to other topics, and they do that by deluging the internet with positive propaganda.”

The researchers estimated that the Chinese government fabricates and posts 448 million social media comments a year.

Of course, it’s not only China employing this strategy. Russia is the other superpower to embrace the power of disinformation and online propaganda - and other countries are increasingly following suit.

Governments around the world are dramatically increasing their efforts to manipulate information on social media, according to the [Freedom on the Net 2017 report](#), released on Tuesday.

The study of internet freedom in 65 countries found 30 governments are deploying some form of manipulation to distort online information, up from 23 the previous year.

These efforts included paid commentators, trolls, “bots” — the name given to automated accounts — false news sites and propaganda outlets.

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American Journalist: Criticize Your Government And Facebook Might Censor You Too

If, as and when Facebook-like tech giants decide to collude with government to impose their worldview on their constituents, it will be game over for all other forms of government, worldwide. In the case of Mark Zuckerberg, remember that he has highly praised China's Technocratic model of government, which is highly censored, repressive and manipulative. How could he not impose his beliefs on Facebook America? □ TN Editor

Facebook said my post's image of a violent FBI raid 'incorrectly triggered our automation tools.' But it wasn't the first time an iconic image vanished.

Responding to Russian-funded political advertisements, Facebook chairman Mark Zuckerberg declared last month that "we will do our part to defend against nation states [attempting to spread misinformation.](#)" But Facebook is effectively sowing disinformation by kowtowing to

foreign regimes and censoring atrocities such as [ethnic cleansing in Myanmar](#). In the name of repressing fake news and hate speech, Facebook is probably suppressing far more information than Americans realize.

Facebook blocked a post of mine last month for the first time since I joined it nine years ago. I was seeking to repost a blog article I had written on Janet Reno, the controversial former attorney general who died last year. I initially thought that Facebook was having [technical glitches](#) (no novelty). But I checked the page and saw the official verdict: “Could not scrape URL because it has been blocked.”

“Pshaw!” I said, or some other one-syllable epithet. I copied the full text of the article into a new blog post. Instead of using “Janet Reno, Tyrant or Saint?” as the core headline, I titled it: “[Janet Reno, American Saint](#).” Instead of a 1993 photo of the [burning Branch Davidian compound](#) in Waco, Texas, I substituted an irreproachable official portrait of Reno. Bingo — Facebook instantly accepted that crosspost. I then added a preface detailing the previous blockage and explaining why I sainted Reno. The ironic headline [attracted far more attention](#) and spurred a torrent of [reposts by think tanks](#) and [other websites](#).

I contacted Facebook’s press office to learn why the initial post was blocked. Facebook spokeswoman Ruchika Budhraj checked into the matter and notified me that I would be permitted to post that link. “But why was it blocked?” I replied. She responded: “There was an image in the post that incorrectly triggered our automation tools. That issue has been corrected.”

So when did showing the home of more than [70 people engulfed in flames](#) after a FBI assault become beyond the pale? Facebook presumably blocked everyone who sought to share that image from the most vivid law enforcement debacle of the 1990s.

This was not the first time Facebook erased an iconic image that the U.S. government would be happy to see vanish. Facebook likely deleted thousands of postings of the [1972 photo of a young Vietnamese girl](#) running naked after a U.S. plane dropped napalm on her village.

After coming under severe criticism last year, Facebook announced that it would [no longer suppress that image](#). Unfortunately, Facebook is unlikely to disclose a list of the images it bans. Because [most Americans are clueless](#) about current events and recent history, they will have little idea of what vanishes into the [Memory Hole](#).

Zuckerberg also promised last month to continue working “to ensure our community is a [platform for all ideas](#) and force for good in democracy.” But the Facebook vision of democracy does not include freedom of information. Facebook instructs its employees that “we will not censor content unless a nation has demonstrated the [political will to enforce](#) its censorship laws.” But in such cases, Facebook happily teams up with heavy-handed politicians to crush dissent and suppress heretical notions.

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Selective Censorship: Apple Pulls Pro-Life Group's App From App Store

Selective censorship by media giants is increasing at an alarming speed: if they don't like your politics or morality, they simply push the 'eject' button and you disappear. Technocrats have no ethical boundaries in censorship because they believe so strongly that they are right and everyone else is wrong. □ TN Editor

After the social media giant [Twitter came under fire for censoring a pro-life ad](#), another huge media icon is facing criticism.

This time, a pro-life group tells LifeNews that Apple approved and subsequently removed its app from the App Store after criticism from abortion activists and liberal media outlets. As Human Coalition informs LifeNews, it released a mobile app allowing pro-life individuals and church groups to pray for Human Coalition's abortion-seeking clients, who remain anonymous, in real time. The app, "Human Coalition," was available for android devices in the Google Play Store, and in the Apple App Store for iOS.

After that, this past summer, the pro-life group came under intense public criticism as pro-abortion journalists took notice of the app and began attacking Human Coalition for urging pro-life people to pray for women contemplating abortion. Some articles falsely accused Human Coalition of making public women's private information.

Left-wing writer Christina Cauterucci at the pro-abortion blog Slate [wrote](#):

With the help of an app developed by the anti-abortion Human Coalition, it was easy! I saved real-live babies from the clutches of money-grubbing abortion providers with just a couple dozen swipes of my right thumb, as if I were paging through Tinder or wiping a little schmutz off the screen of my phone.

You too can be a baby-saving hero. Your superpower awaits at your favored app store, searchable under “Human Coalition.”

And Amelia Tait at the U.K.’s *The New Statesman* [wrote](#):

Are digital anti-abortion prayers sanctioned by the church? Do they reach God? Though these questions may seem faintly ridiculous, their answers seem more important than ever. When it comes to the tech behind these anti-abortion apps however, that is where people - religious or not - might do well to lose a little faith.

That’s when Human Coalition tells LifeNews the problems began.

“In July, on the heels of pro-abortion media pushback, Apple notified us that they had removed the Human Coalition app from the App Store, citing violations of certain functionality requirements. However, Human Coalition spoke with Apple and demonstrated that not only were the cited requirements met, but that the Human Coalition app exceeded minimum requirements and functioned better than similar apps from other developers,” it said.

It added: “Apple was unable or unwilling to identify a specific improvement that, if completed, would merit the Human Coalition app’s reinstatement in the App Store. Instead, the effect of Apple’s requirements for modifying the app before it could be re-submitted for consideration would be that Human Coalition would have to completely overhaul of the app — a cost-prohibitive and unnecessary demand.”

“Just weeks after Apple removed our pro-life app from the App Store, abortion activists announced a targeted campaign aimed at stopping our pro-life work in the city of Atlanta. The Netroots Nations conference, with sponsorship from the abortion industry and major corporate backers [including Google and Facebook](#), included in its agenda [a protest of Human Coalition’s Atlanta clinic](#), the group continued.

The pro-life organization says this is another in the latest trend of media outlets and abortion advocates pushing to silence pro-life views.

“Censorship of pro-life voices is a growing trend in the United States.

Pro-abortion media, for their part, have demonstrated time and again their willingness to reinforce bogus and false narratives about pro-life Americans, going so far as to try to [bully pro-life voices into silence](#). Human Coalition will continue rescuing children from abortion and serving women and families until abortion is unthinkable and unavailable in our nation," it concluded.

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