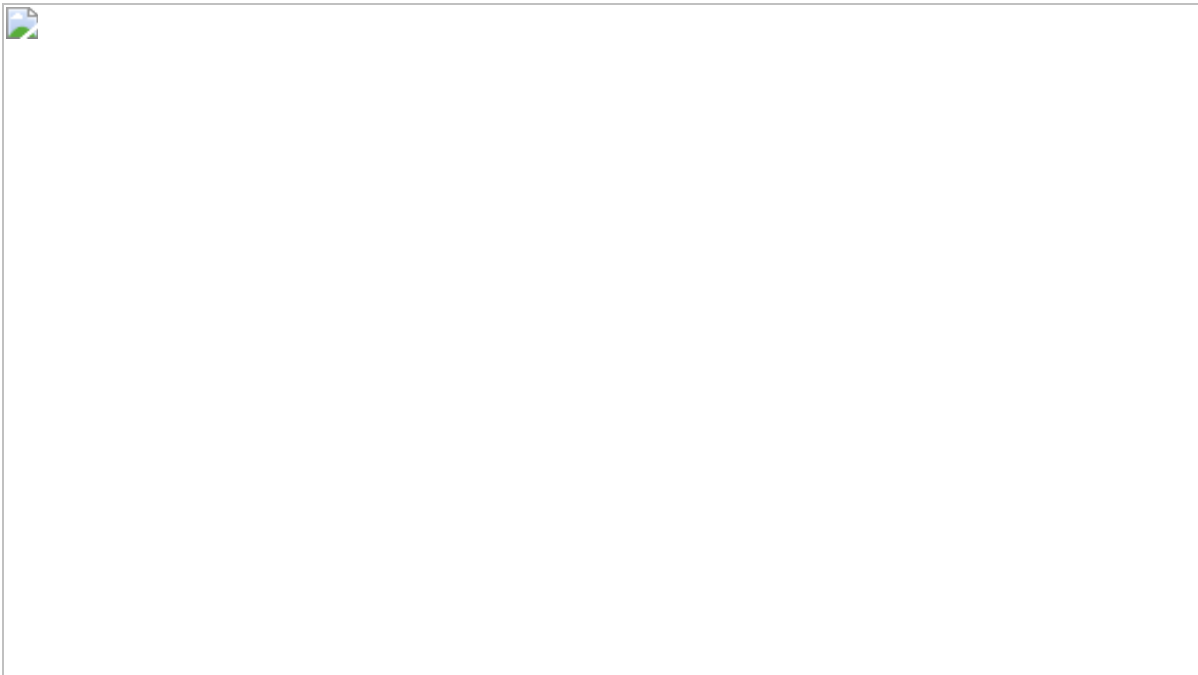




# Tech Giants Paid Off Trusted Conservative Groups for Their Silence as Social Media Giants Eliminated Conservative Content and Publishers from Platform

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

Facebook has been [shutting down traffic](#) to conservative websites since the 2016 election.

**YouTube and Twitter along with Amazon ramped up their attacks on conservative users and platforms 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 [Western Journal](#) 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 [Klicked Media](#). Jared traveled to Washington DC with The Gateway Pundit and website owners at [100%FedUp](#) 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.**

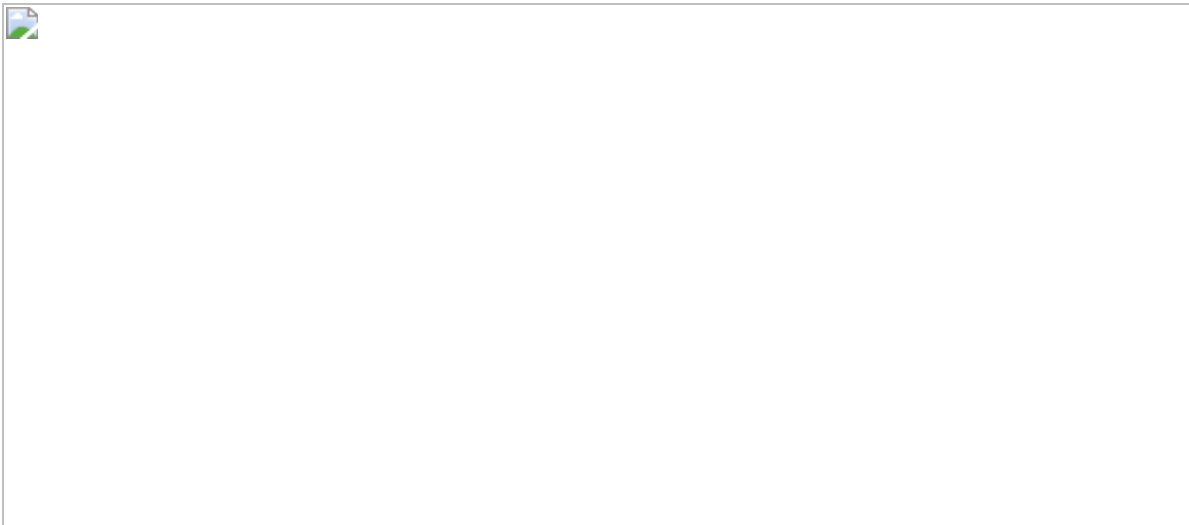
We have been reporting on this for several months now. In July we released a study where we looked at several top conservative websites and discovered that the publishers had [lost an average of 93%](#) of their Facebook traffic.

**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.

**But now thanks to an accidental piece by [The Wall Street Journal](#) we know there are several conservative organizations being paid by the tech giants as the organizations continue to censor and eliminate conservative voices.**

**This is outrageous and vile behavior.**



Tony Perkins from Family Research Council, Grover Norquist from Americans for Tax Reform and Kay Cole Jones from the Heritage Organization

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**These payments were made while the conservative bloodbath continued.**

These so-called conservative groups were being paid, essentially for their silence, as Facebook eliminated conservative content and killed off conservative publishers.

From [The Wall Street Journal](#):

Facebook has privately sought advice from the **Family Research Council**, a conservative Christian public-policy group, and its founder **Anthony Perkins**, according to people familiar with those meetings. Twitter's Chief Executive Jack Dorsey recently hosted dinners with conservatives, including Grover Norquist, the founder and president of Americans for Tax Reform, which advocates for lower taxes. Advisers on the left include the Southern Poverty Law Center, a civil-rights group that keeps a list of hate groups...

...While outside groups are technically unpaid, **the tech companies contribute to some of the organizations they are seeking out for guidance.** Alphabet Inc.'s Google contributes to more than 200 third-party groups, including the **Heritage Foundation**, **National Cyber Security Alliance**, and **Americans for Tax Reform**, according to the company. Facebook and most other companies don't disclose their donations to outside groups.

Executives see the outreach to a cross-section of groups in part as a form of political protection, to defend against the allegation that they are biased against conservatives, a complaint lodged repeatedly last year by President Donald Trump and Republican lawmakers. Some of the conservative groups tapped recently by tech platforms complain that the

companies defer too closely to the Southern Poverty Law Center when defining what constitutes hate speech.

Many companies and other groups rely on the center's list of hate groups, counting nearly 1,000 across the U.S., according to its website. The group also writes about some of those groups on its "Hatewatch" blog.

Keegan Hanks, a senior research analyst at the Southern Poverty Law Center, says the group lobbies tech platforms to remove content it considers hate speech, such as when it successfully asked Facebook to remove content posted by the League of the South, a neo-Confederate group.