
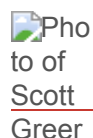


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 Ajit Pai, Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, testifies before a Senate Appropriations Financial Services and General Government Subcommittee on Capitol Hill in Washington, June 20, 2017. REUTERS/Aaron P. Bernstein

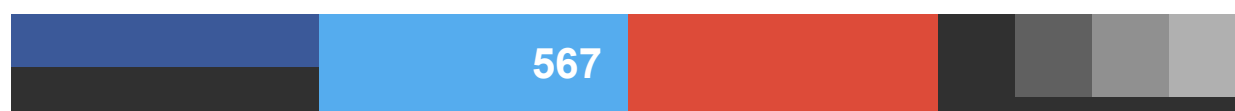


# Twitter Blocks The Alt-Right, But Allows Racist Death Threats To Non-Democrats



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Twitter began a massive purge of users on Monday the company claims violate its new terms of service.

As predicted, nearly every account that was banned by Twitter was affiliated with the alt-right or far right.

White nationalist Jared Taylor, his group American Renaissance, and Britain First leader Jayda Fransen, the woman who posted the “Islamophobic” videos famously retweeted by President Trump, were some of the entities that received the boot from Twitter.

The standard by which Twitter decided which users were no longer welcome seemed remarkably arbitrary, as noted by a few observers like [right-wing watcher Will Sommer](#).

The entire alt-right wasn’t banned, only random accounts, [some of whom](#) appeared to go out of their way to conform to Twitter’s terms of



While the standard for Twitter's purge is unknown, it is pretty obvious the new rules aren't being equally applied to any left-wing accounts.

The case made for the social media platform to ban so many accounts is that harassment and violent racist rhetoric is out of control on the website. Surprisingly enough, plenty of leftists engage in that behavior on social media as well.

But that seems to only be a problem Twitter cares about if it comes from the Right, as the example of Federal Communications chairman Ajit Pai proves.

Hundreds of left-wing users have recently taken to issuing death threats and other promises of violence to Pai over his decision to scrap net neutrality regulations.

Pai, an Indian-American, told The Daily Caller last week that he was shocked at the amount of racism he received on social media for his decision. **(RELATED: FCC Chairman Ajit Pai Reflects On Racist Backlash)**

Here are a few examples of leftists tweeting racist death threats at him.

*I fucking despise this fucking curry nigger @AjitPaiFCC Go back to India motherfucker <https://t.co/cfGtmx5Eud>*

— USSR (@GlassPottato) [December 16, 2017](#)

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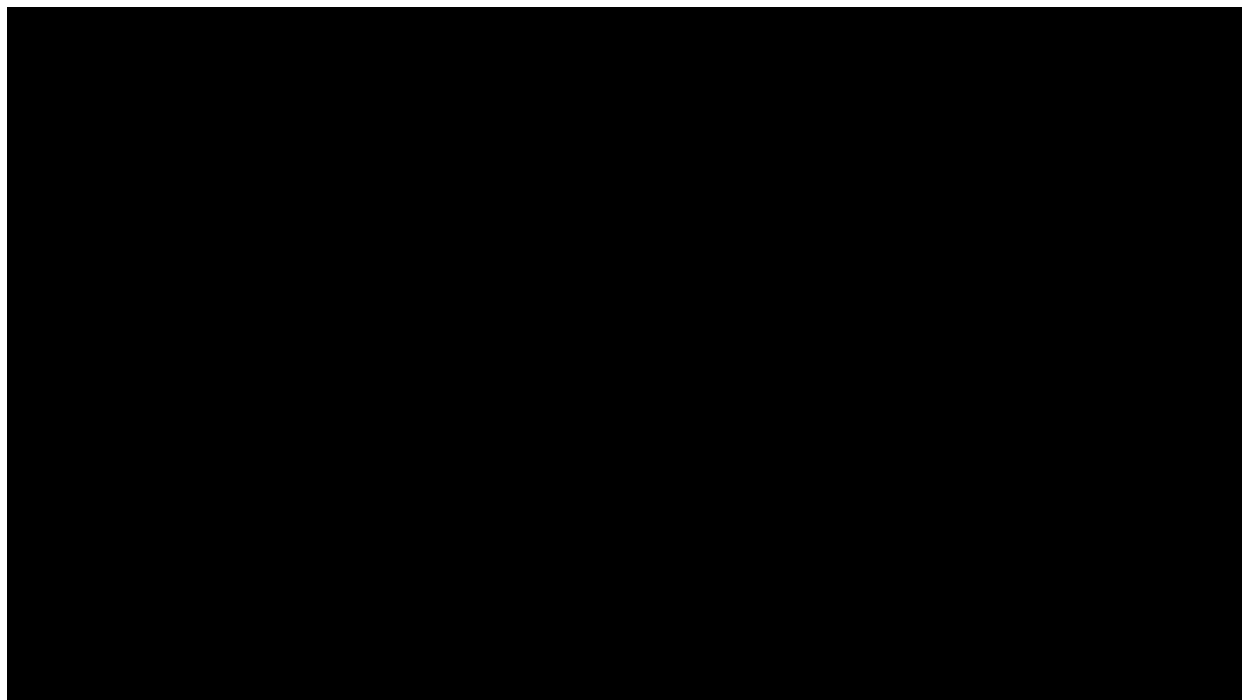
[@AjitPaiFCC](#) *I will kill you Ajit Pai you fucking nigger*

— JK (@josdkoger) [December 18, 2017](#)



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As you can see, all of these users are still active on Twitter following Monday's purge.



Pai's children have been threatened, his home address has been doxxed and tons of people are wanting to kill him because of the false notion he destroyed internet freedom. But Twitter does nothing to stop this



Maybe it has something to do with Pai calling Twitter out for its censorious policies. In speeches refuting accusations that net neutrality ensures free speech survives on the internet, the FCC chair made a point to highlight how Twitter, a big supporter of net neutrality, censors views on the Right and undermines its own claims of supporting free speech. **(RELATED: Ajit Pai Is Right On Big Tech's Threat To An Open Internet)**

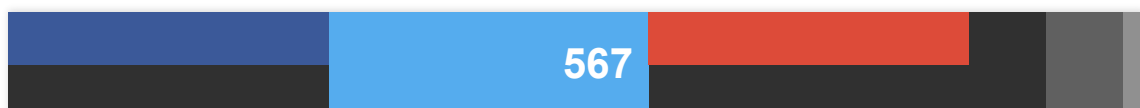
“When it comes to an open Internet, Twitter is part of the problem,” Pai said in one speech last month. “The company has a viewpoint and uses that viewpoint to discriminate.”

“[T]o say the least, the company appears to have a double standard when it comes to suspending or deactivating conservative users’ accounts as opposed to those of liberal users. This conduct is many things, but it isn’t fighting for an open Internet,” he added in that speech.

Monday’s purge only further confirms Pai’s criticism of Twitter.

Some conservatives may not be worried by the purge because it only affects white nationalists and other extremists. But what’s stopping Twitter from going after respectable conservatives who criticize Islam and mainstream immigration reduction groups?

Twitter has **already blocked ads from the Center of Immigration Studies** — what if Twitter decides to agree with the Southern Poverty Law Center that that group is too hateful to deserve a platform? **(RELATED: Google Is Using Its Immense Power To Censor Content That Doesn't**



It is certain, however, that Twitter's move Monday had nothing to do with stopping harassment. Pai will still be getting a flood of death threats today and every day.

It's all about suppressing views Twitter disagrees with.

