

# Censorship becomes an Industry

## ABSTRACT

Many Republicans believe the Whitehouse instructs the FBI and many other government agencies to further instruct publishers like Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube on what to say and how to censor reader/viewer comments. Please verify my contention with this [5-minute YouTube](#) from the floor of the Weaponization Committee in the US House of Representatives. It's shocking.

Central to many thousands of instances of free-speech violation by means of AI (Artificial Intelligence) is software invented at Google [named GoogleJIGSAW](#).

Multiple tens of millions of dollars in government contracts have expanded the power in these methods to where deeply involved is a government contract to Stanford University named the [Virality Project at the Stanford Internet Observatory || Stanford Review](#).

I'm struggling to explain this at my Stanford University website in a very rough draft entitled [Censorship becomes an Industry](#). These words are a version of it.

## INTRODUCTION

I've seen some of my comments at YouTube disappear without notice (called shadow banning). I've heard many respectable speakers on YouTube speak of imposed speech limitations. Many such limitations are on the topic of Covid origins and vaccination effectiveness/danger.

Another example is that of Climate and CO2. I've written on [the case of Tony Heller](#).

Besides Covid and CO2, I've noticed that Youtubes originating from Russia before the Ukraine war were not blocked but now are blocked.

(1) [In 2021 Vladimir Putin begged President Biden for a public discussion. President Biden did not respond. Now we have war.](#)

(2) [Maria Butina](#)

I've seen several Russians posting on Youtube. I heard one say the only tool they need is an inexpensive VPN, Virtual Private Network. **Putin seems NOT to know this.** I suppose the many Russians who use VPN are not going to tell him. Ironic, isn't it, that Russian individuals publish and view everything on Youtube while we Americans cannot see official Russian publications on Youtube? It's humiliating. I believe in free speech but YouTube (likely under government pressure) does not.

I thought about trying VPN. Recently I got an announcement from Google that they offer a free VPN to people (like me) who subscribe to Youtube Premium. It costs \$16/month. With it, Google will not insert advertisements. I also value its "history" function. Trouble is, if I get VPN, the Russian videos will arrive in Russian language without English subtitles.

**I Found a 96-minute Youtube that will give you the big picture.**

I came to the YouTube below after listening to a podcast of Michael Shellenberger interviewing **Mike Benz**. That podcast is not free. It's on PUBLIC. Shellenberger ran unsuccessfully as a Democrat for CA governor. Elon Musk chose Shellenberger as one of the main three journalists for whatever turned up inside Twitter. After this non-free podcast, I dug up this free YouTube for you: [Mike Benz YouTube \(1:36:34\)](#). Of his 96 minutes, please give him at least 7 minutes before reading my stuff. I'm not in communication with Mike Benz, but I see he hangs out at the [Foundation for Freedom Online](#). He was better in the Shellenberger interview at public.substack.com (paywalled). Wish I could share this: <https://public.substack.com/p/mike-benz-from-tanks-to-tweets#details> I see it at my cellphone's substack app and from my arrived email.

## HOW TO CHANGE HEARTS AND MINDS

### My digestion of ideas by Mike Benz.

All you need to do is to control what people can read and view. NYT and corporate TV have been trying this almost forever. Google has been doing this since the 2016 election. They can play God. They can shift hearts and minds.

Politics is not **GOP vs Democrat**.

Politics is **Populist vs Moneyed-Interests**.

**Populist** = LeftLeft + RightRight + me

LeftLeft=BernieSanders +

RightRight=DonaldTrump +

[SwingVoters like me](#).

Artificial Intelligence: AI built censorship weapons. How did that come about?

Jon says: Think about foreign language translation.

Needs a tool for converting grouped words into "Concepts".

Call this tool [GoogleJigsaw](#). Its "adjoint" converts Concepts into words.

To build foreign language translations both ways among N languages, Google does not need N-squared programs. It only needs 2N, one program goes from Language to "Concept", the other from Concept to Language. You see this all the time in Youtube comments. Actually, I'm making this all up, but [I am an expert in statistical inverse theory](#) and I've had an introduction to machine learning.

**StateDepartments** build ways of promoting their own country. They make Propaganda. Early on Jared Cohen joins Google. Using [GoogleJigsaw](#), Jared Cohen builds a **shadow State Department**.

**Jared Cohen has put us in an age of AI-Censorship.**

Imagine three dialects: Isis, Marxism, MAGA.

Hot button political topics hardly related to MoneyedInterests: ClimateChange, BrEXIT, abortion, CovidOrigin.

Define a "toxicity score." Iterate to maximize it.

**Censorship methodology was rolled out to the social media companies.**

Then comes a gold rush to develop more and more sophisticated AI domestic-censorship weapons. Control over political discourse.

The US government funds research, a big pile of it.

There existed a \$40 million project run by the National Science Foundation to stop people from talking about Covid Origins!

Where does this happen besides in tech companies and the government? What about at the universities? \$40M at 45 universities for AI content moderation i.e. censorship. National Security State and certain political factions for example climate misinformation, immigration misinformation. Tools against you for "Having unapproved Covid views" and for you "having supported Donald Trump."

[Stanford Internet Observatory](#) [Renee DiResta](#)

[Michael Shellenberger vs Renee DiResta](#)

"It's hard to believe how close America came to losing our freedom of speech. Facebook and Twitter were quickly becoming the main way Americans get their news. And both platforms were increasingly being **controlled by current and former intelligence community officials**, like former CIA 'fellow' Renee DiResta." -Shellenberger

[Aspen Institute](#) Go ahead and look into it. I'm too old, tired, and busy.

TOPIC: The social science of crowd behavior.

MOTIVATION: Fear of the 16 year old kid with 8 million Twitter followers.

How to stop people from noticing that they are being censored?

**JAN\_6:** [Parler](#) app debanked (cut off from banking), cut off from AWS (memory rental). **These gatekeepers operated at the backbone level!**

[CloudFlair](#) played a role. I haven't looked.

**Censorship was an act. Now it is an industry.** It's automated. (Stole my title from Mike Benz?)

Massive industry. Subsidized by the government. We need to stop it now!

22 million tweets were taken down on the topic of *election supervision!*

First we thought, all those Democrats working in Twitter decided to ban Donald Trump.

Then Elon purchased Twitter and we learned that Twitter actually fought the Trump ban by the the FBI, the National Security State.

We thought "FBI is all Democrats because they live in D.C. where voting went 95% against Trump."

But a lawsuit by a dozen states against president Biden proceeded through depositions and we learned that **the source of the censorship is the White House!**

[White house suppression of free speech || Committee hearing in Congress \(4:58\)](#) [Seligman \(defense\)](#).

They say they are, “defending democracy”. Actually, they are “defending themselves from democracy”

A new era began when Elon Musk took over Twitter. Like the hole in the Titanic, all the water is gonna flow in and that ship’s gonna go down. Hasn’t happened yet though!

Our next president must allow dirty tricks on foreigners but ABSOLUTELY MUST NOT allow those dirty tricks be used on Americans. THIS SEPARATION FAILED IN THE PAST. I should dig up for you links from retired government security officials such as Edward Snowden and William Binney.

## Is a TruthGPT possible?

Elon Musk wants to be on a mission to build a “TruthGPT”. Can he succeed? Good question. I have professional experience with statistical inverse theory and some exposure to machine learning. Let’s take up climate for example. Ask present GPTs whether CO2 will ruin our climate. They will tell you yes that CO2 will ruin our climate. I say no. What’s the deal here?

- (1) Ask **current researchers** predicting climate. They need money to fund their research.
- (2) Ask a single **weather historian** such as [Tony Heller](#) and get an opposite opinion.
- (3) Ask retired atmospheric scientists like me. My PhD thesis was “Electromagnetic effects of Atmospheric...” but I soon changed to Seismology.

My summary:

H2O is a more powerful greenhouse gas than CO2. To see it, step outdoors on a clear night and on a cloudy night. Compare. Go to the Arctic or up a mountain. All the H2O has left the atmosphere and is now under your feet in the form of ice and snow. Up here is where the CO2 dominates! This means CO2 predicts **Arctic** warming. So comes a longer growing season for farmers in Canada, Russia, USA, Europe. [NASA actually measures “Earth Greening”](#). Hooray! World food production has gone up 14%. USA produces 14% of world food. It’s like the world got another USA thanks to CO2! Us old retirees needn’t worry about becoming a pariah the way a current professor would.

Machine Learning (AI) should be more powerful than the areas I’ve worked in, Statistical Inverse Theory, particularly in Signal Processing. [I wrote a free book on that. Enjoy it!](#) I know some of the problems the AI people will run into and most likely they will not come quickly to understanding.

There is a struggle between new data and old data. Often the old data is characterized by an old model. We have a data space and a model space. We want to update an old model to account for new data. We do this by minimizing misfit. If we haven’t respected the old data enough then we’ve committed the sin of “over fitting”. The problem is we don’t know the “epsilon” that scales the importance of new versus old data. There are lots of other issues

- (1) We need something called an “inverse covariance matrix” for both data space and model space.”  
These “whiten” residuals.
- (2) Whitened residuals will slow convergence in problems of high dimension because they emphasize “noise.”

## My problem now.

I'm 85.

I'm paying something like \$50/year for something, like maybe substack but now I seem to need to contribute maybe \$90/year for PUBLIC/substack. Or Locals. Is that correct, or am I confused? I know I've paid for Glenn Greenwald, Tulsi Gabbard, and Razib Khan. But I'm still not in a community of interest. Also paying \$16x12 for YouTube premium.

I tried these two links and both fail

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I'm not properly registered at substack to comment at [public.substack.com](https://public.substack.com)

I'd like to engage with people like Michael Shellenberger and Mike Benz.

These internet journalist subscriptions aren't cheap and I'm starting to lose track.

The account [jonclerbout.substack.com](https://jonclerbout.substack.com) seems to exist. I seem able to publish NOTES but not ARTICLES.

OK for today.

Glenn Greenwald has Rumbled through Substack and now I should find him somewhere else, Locals or Public.

So I'm continuing at my Stanford website <http://sep.stanford.edu/sep/jon/>

I'm not going to charge anybody, but not many find my output.