

We would like to thank the judiciary committee for allowing us the opportunity to voice our concerns about conservatives being targeted and censored on social media platforms.

Facebook along with other social media sites have taken aggressive actions to silence conservative voices such as ourselves by deliberately restricting and weaponizing our page with algorithms that censored and suppress our free speech.

These bias algorithms are tactics designed to pick up on keywords, thus telling the pages how to behave in ways that repress and stifles expressed ideas including Shadow banning, which blocked our content from being seen by our followers while depriving our brand through the demonetization of our videos. Followers stop receiving notifications when we posted videos & content. Followers were also mysteriously unliked from our page.

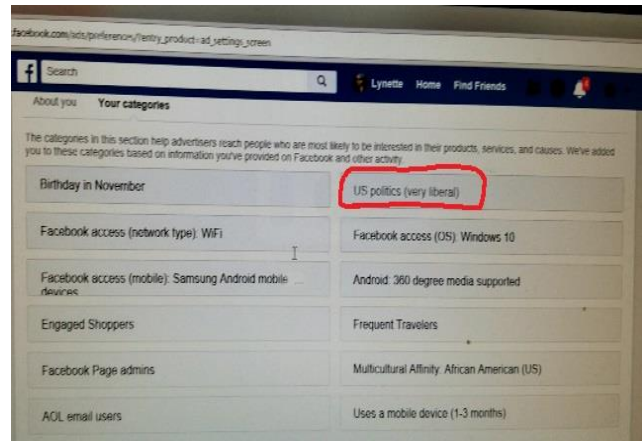
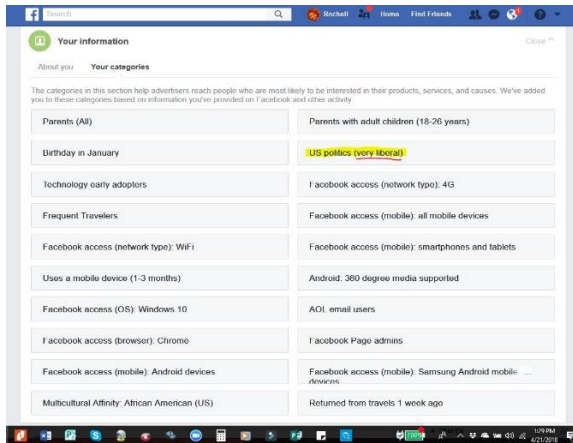
Subtle and slowly Facebook used one mechanism at a time to diminish our reach by restricting our page so that our 1.2 million followers would not see our content thus silencing our conservative voices. When we reached out to Facebook for an explanation, they gave us the run around.

Mark Zuckerberg testified before Congress and stated that the most important thing he cared about was making sure no one interferes in the 2018 elections

But after doing our research we wondered if Mark Zuckerberg was using Facebook to interfere in the 2018 elections by labeling users accounts as either Liberal, Very Liberal, Moderate, Conservative or Very Conservative.

This is one of the main underhanded way to censor conservatives. So if I'm labeled as Very Liberal without the option to edit, update and correct this setting, then Algorithms are already put into place which allows advertisers that have Liberal views, services & causes to target me.

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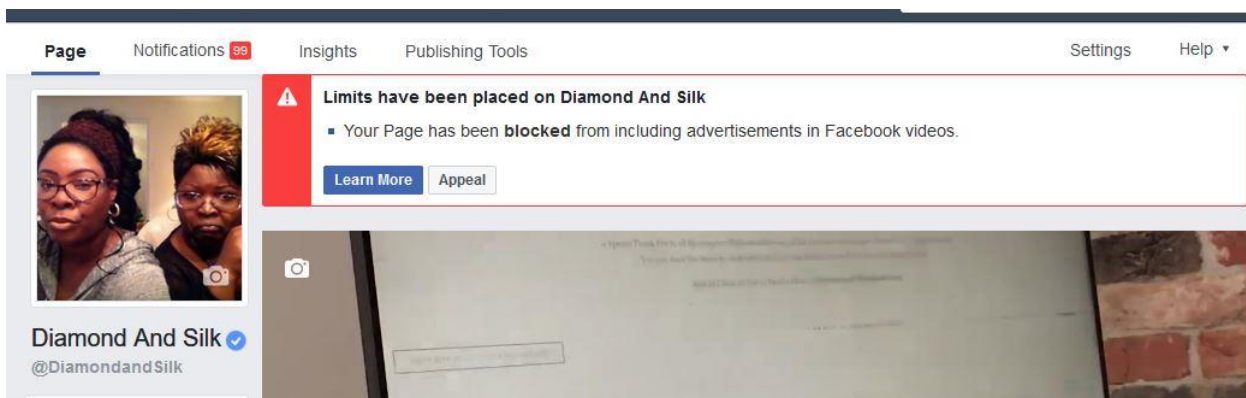


Diamond and Silk's personal Facebook page has been labeled by Facebook as Very Liberal. Even though we are not Very Liberal, Facebook do not give us the option to change this label to Conservative. Making it less likely for us to see advertisement, news stories and services from a conservative point of view.

If Facebook labeled, our user accounts as very liberal and got it wrong, how many more other users account haven't they gotten wrong?

On September 7, 2017 we received a message on our Facebook page which stated that limits have been placed on Diamond and Silk.

(Pic 2)



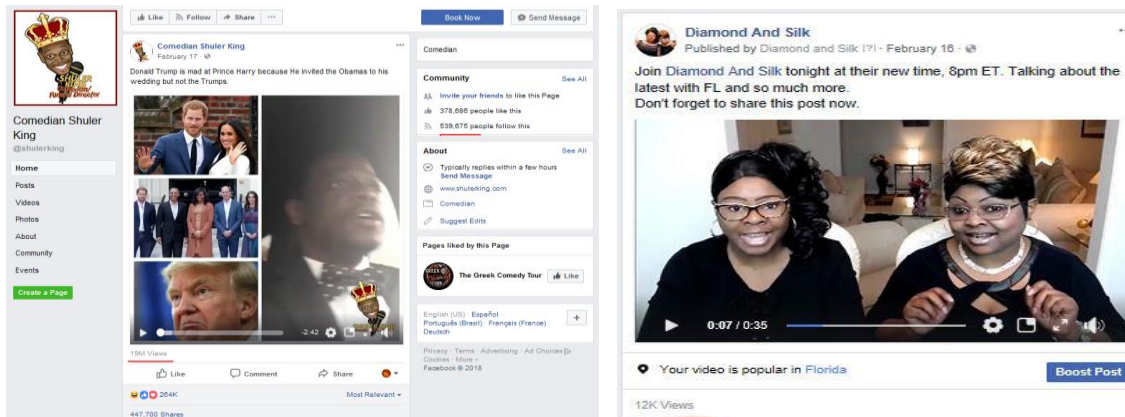
Here are the number of complaints.

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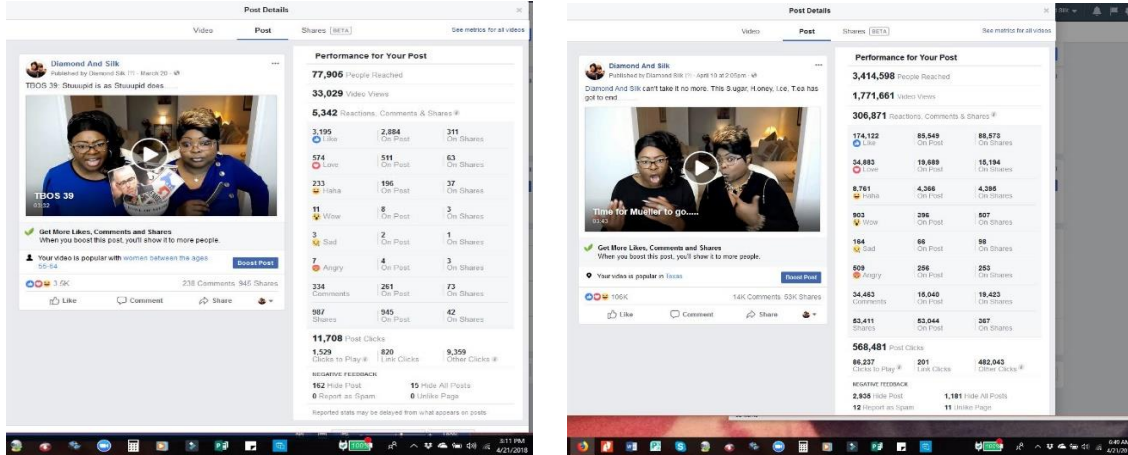


We've also noticed how someone with a liberal point of view that spewed hate against the President can garner up to 19 million views with only 539,000 followers, yet we have 1.2 million followers and only received 13,000 views on our video.

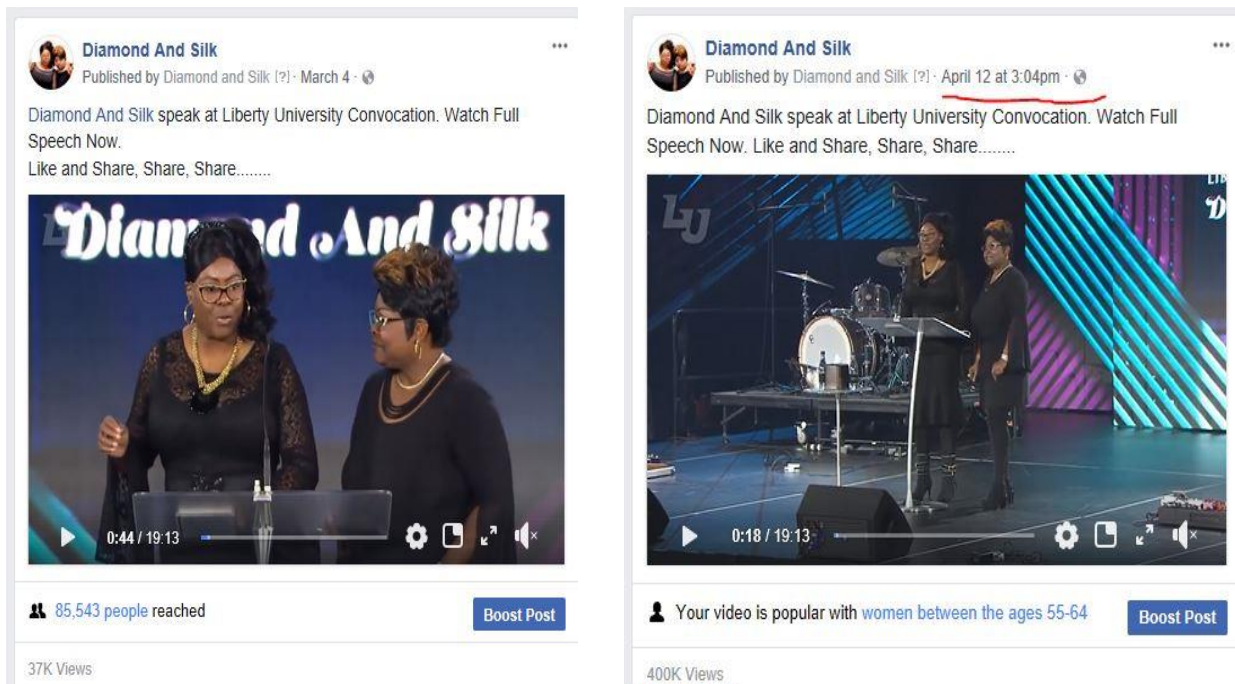
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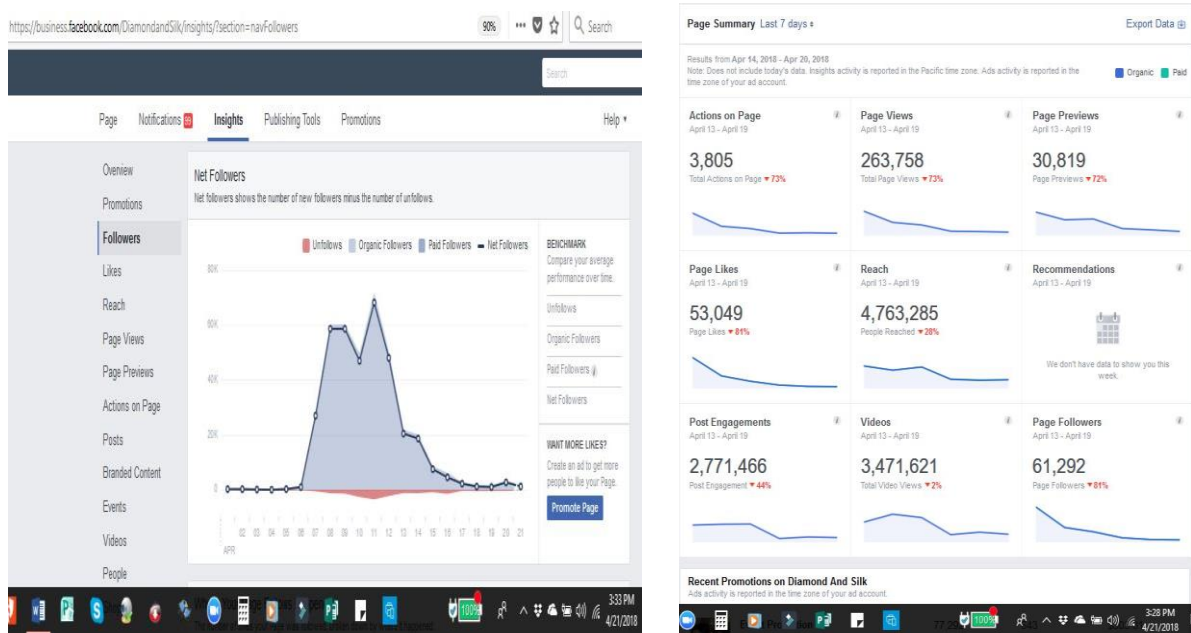
(Pic 5) See side by side pics and comparison.



(Pic 5, part 2.) We uploaded a video on March 4th and re-uploaded that same video on April 12th to test the status and the April 12th video received 400,000 views.



(Pic 5 part, 3.) After looking at our Analytical, you will clearly see that the restrictions are back.



In 2016 with less than one million followers, our “Page Reach” would garner between 5 to 8 million people reached within a week. All of that changed when algorithms were placed on our page to suppress our reach.

(Pic 7) Here’s our analytical from 9-1-2016 to 12-31-2016 versus 9-1-2017 to 12-31-17.



(Pic 7 part 2) Show how our reach declined.



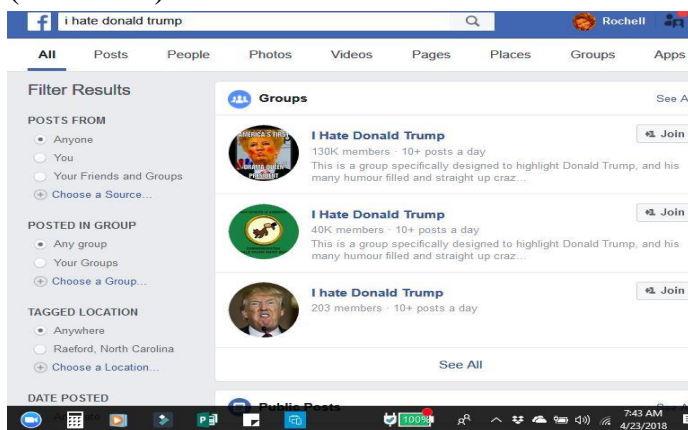
YouTube Demonetize 95% of our videos in August of 2017 and categorized our videos as Hate Speech. Even though our account was in good standards.

(See Pic 8)



Mark Zuckerberg also said that they don't allow hate speech yet he allowed dozens of pages to operate with the first two word being "I hate or we hate."

(See Pic 9)



Mark Zuckerberg admitted that our issue was an "enforcing error" on their part.

Was it also an enforcement error for 6 months, 29 days, 5 hrs., 40 minutes and 43 seconds of chatting and emailing about the same issue and being told that my issue would be escalated to a Facebook Team, the Spam Team, the Technical Team, the Appeal Team, the Internal Team and the Policy Team only to be told on January 8, 2018 that a request was never sent off. Not to mention being told in an email on, Oct 13, 2017, that All Blocks on my page had been removed. But that was a lie.

(See Pic 10) The Email

(See Pic 11) The restriction that was put on our page

From: Facebook <case+aazs2t3ke7ym@support.facebook.com>
 Date: Fri, Oct 13, 2017 at 2:33 PM
 Subject: VIDEO AND CENSORSHIP
 To: Diamond and Silk <info@diamondandsilkinc.com>

Hi Rochell,

All blocks on your Page have been removed.

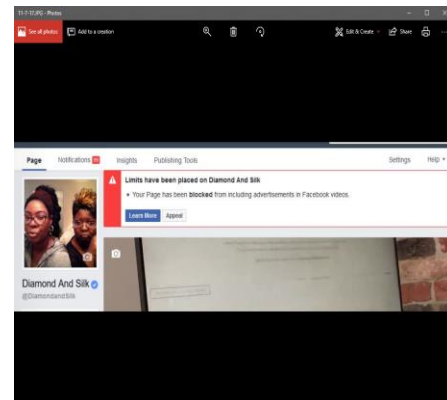
Thanks,

Buck
 Facebook, Global Marketing Solutions

>On Fri Oct 13, 2017 10:46:27, Diamond and Silk wrote:
 >Great. Thanks. It looks like my 30 days is up.
 >Now remove the Algorithm and Suppression tactics used against my page so
 >that my post can be seen. Especially by the over 1,100,000 people that has
 >already liked and followed my page. A lot of them are no longer getting
 >notifications when I post and my post are no longer showing up on their
 >feed.
 >How can someone, with a hand full of FB likes and follows, drop a video and
 >in 2 days thg have over 5 to 10 million views but when I drop my video it
 >can take a week for my video to reach the one million people that liked and
 >followed my page. Please remove these restrictions and algorithm.
 >Thanks,
 >Rochelle

see attachment [inbox x](#)

DIAMOND AND SILK <diamondandsilk@gmail.com> 
 to me



Censorship is not a hoax, it's real. It is wrong for these social media giants to suppress and disregard people by diminishing and denying them their free speech. If social media is supposed to be a place for all idea or to express idea then Algorithms and tactic should not be in place to suppress some idea.

We built this platform one person at a time, all we ask is to be given the same opportunity to build our brand. It's not fair for these Giant Techs like Facebook and YouTube get to pull the rug from underneath our platform and our feet and put their foot on our neck to silence our voices; it's not fair for them to put a strong hold on our finances.

They tell us to pull ourselves up by our boot straps, but how can we do that when they take our straps and hang us out to dry. If Illegal Aliens can come to this country illegally and obtain the American dream then two natural born American women of color should be able to obtain the same American dream. Long gone are

the days where conservatives will be bullied into silence. Facebook want to appease us with an apology but this is Facebook technology. Fix it.

People has spent thousands of dollars building their branding pages, people shouldn't have to spend thousands more just for their followers to see them. Facebook can no longer dictate and isolate in order to dominate. All voice should be heard including conservative voices.

We was sent an email where Facebook deemed us "Unsafe To The Community" but what's unsafe are these social media sites turning their platforms into political playgrounds. We are not unsafe. We are not hate speech. We are not terrorist. These labels have tarnished our brand and defamed our character.

It's not about Democrats or Republicans, conservatives or liberals, it's about expressing ideas and being bipartisan on this issue. Even thou Facebook is trying to show a little transparency by updating their community guideline, doing a little is not enough. We are requesting that all Algorithms and any bias tactics used to silence, suppress and censor voices be remove from all pages and platforms.

When you're right, you fight but when you fight, you fight for solutions and today we are here to render solutions.