

**Alphabet Shareholder Meeting Question**  
**Justin Danhof, Esq., General Counsel and Free Enterprise Project Director**  
**National Center for Public Policy Research, June 3, 2020**

YouTube has censored a staggering amount of mainstream conservative content while simultaneously promoting fascism. For instance, YouTube has censored scores of educational videos produced by PragerU, including videos such as “Israel’s Legal Founding” (by Harvard Law professor Alan Dershowitz), “Are the Police Racist?” (by the Manhattan Institute’s Heather Mac Donald), and even a video about the Ten Commandments.<sup>i</sup> And when Project Veritas released videos proving that Pinterest was censoring religious organizations, you ripped down those videos too.<sup>ii</sup>

YouTube’s actions around the COVID-19 pandemic and China are equally as stupefying. YouTube inexplicably removed a video of doctors questioning whether lockdowns are doing more harm than good during the pandemic.<sup>iii</sup> And as China is spreading its fascism by violating Hong Kong’s independence, YouTube is deleting comments critical of the Chinese Communist Party.<sup>iv</sup>

As President Trump said when announcing an executive order to rein in this behavior, you “are engaging in selective censorship that is harming our national discourse.”<sup>v</sup> When you make editorial decisions regarding content, how is that any different from the actions of a traditional publisher who would then be exposed to liability?

*Contact: Judy Kent at (703) 759-0269 or cell (703) 477-7476 or JKent@nationalcenter.org and  
David W. Almasi at (703) 568-4727 or DAlmasi@nationalcenter.org  
National Center for Public Policy Research  
20 F Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20001  
www.nationalcenter.org • @NationalCenter • @FreeEntProject*

---

<sup>i</sup> <https://www.wsj.com/articles/dont-let-google-get-away-with-censorship-11565132175>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://www.newsweek.com/i-blew-whistle-pinterest-censorship-opinion-1445496>

<sup>iii</sup> <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8269475/YouTube-accused-censorship-removing-videos-criticize-shutdowns.html>

<sup>iv</sup> <https://www.theverge.com/2020/5/28/21272983/youtube-deleting-comments-chinese-communist-censorship-explanation>

<sup>v</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/executive-order-preventing-online-censorship/>