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Two-thirds of U.S. adults get their news directly from links on social media sites such as Facebook, according to a 2017 Pew Research survey. That number is steadily rising.

Since that survey was released, Facebook has steadily adjusted their news “algorithm” to conceal conservative-leaning news from the American public.

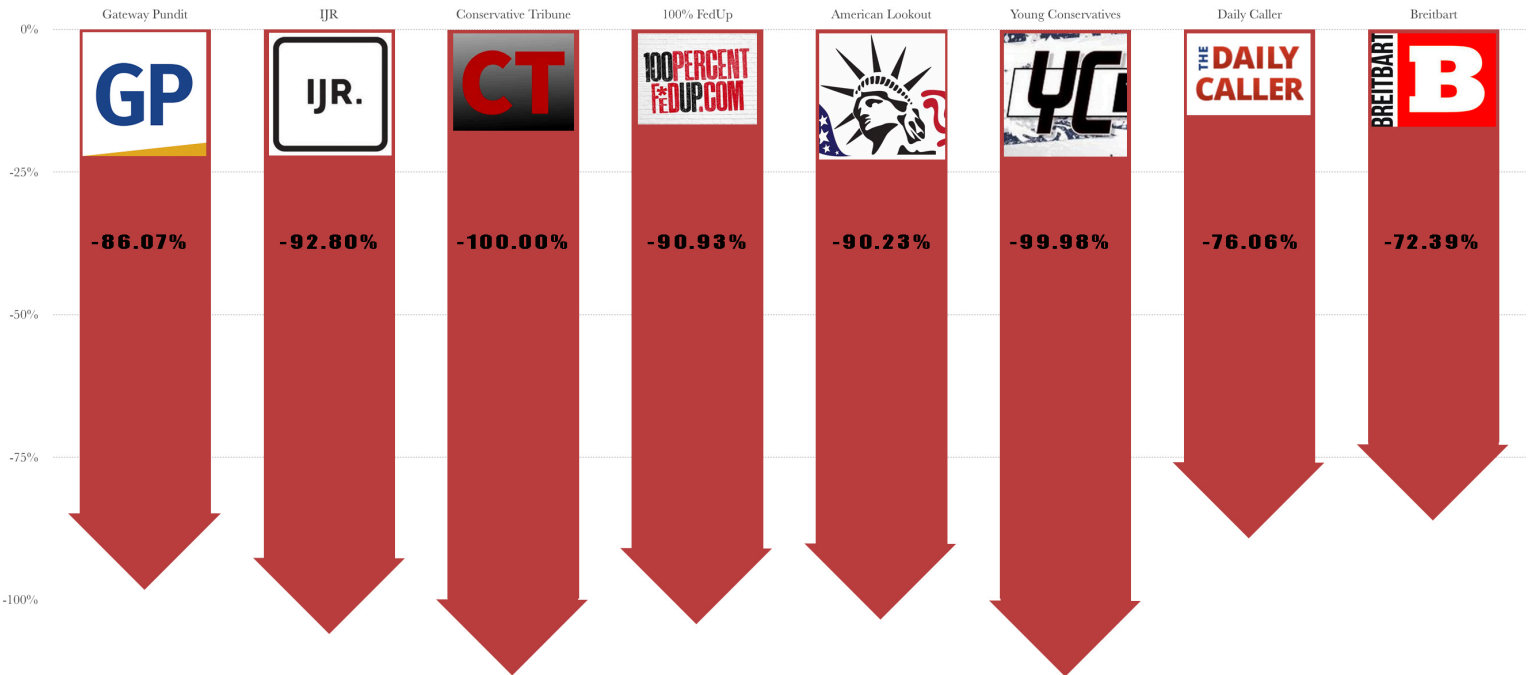
From The Gateway Pundit to IJR, to the Daily Caller, it has been discovered that traffic to conservative sites from Facebook is down 93%.

This is not a coincidence as it has not impacted liberal-leaning sites, this is an across-the-board action on Facebook’s part to eliminate conservative news and opinion. It is a direct affront on an open political dialogue in this country and an affront on our first amendment rights and the freedom of the press.



Facebook's Censorship of Conservative News

Facebook Has Eliminated 93% Of Traffic To Top Conservative News Outlets



Viewership on Facebook on 1/1/17 and 5/1/18

	1/1/17	5/1/18	Percent Decrease
Gateway Pundit	2,041,842	284,368	-86.07%
IJR	20,744,102	1,493,446	-92.8%
Conservative Tribune	40,273,931	1,582	-100%
100% FedUp	2,975,758	269,970	-90.93%
American Lookout	850,313	83,054	-90.23%
Young Conservatives	9,280,879	1,773	-99.98%
Daily Caller	5,690,079	1,362,241	-76.06%
Breitbart	11,821,504	3,263,790	-72.39%
ALL SITES	93,678,408	6,760,224	-92.78%



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Across the Board Censorship:

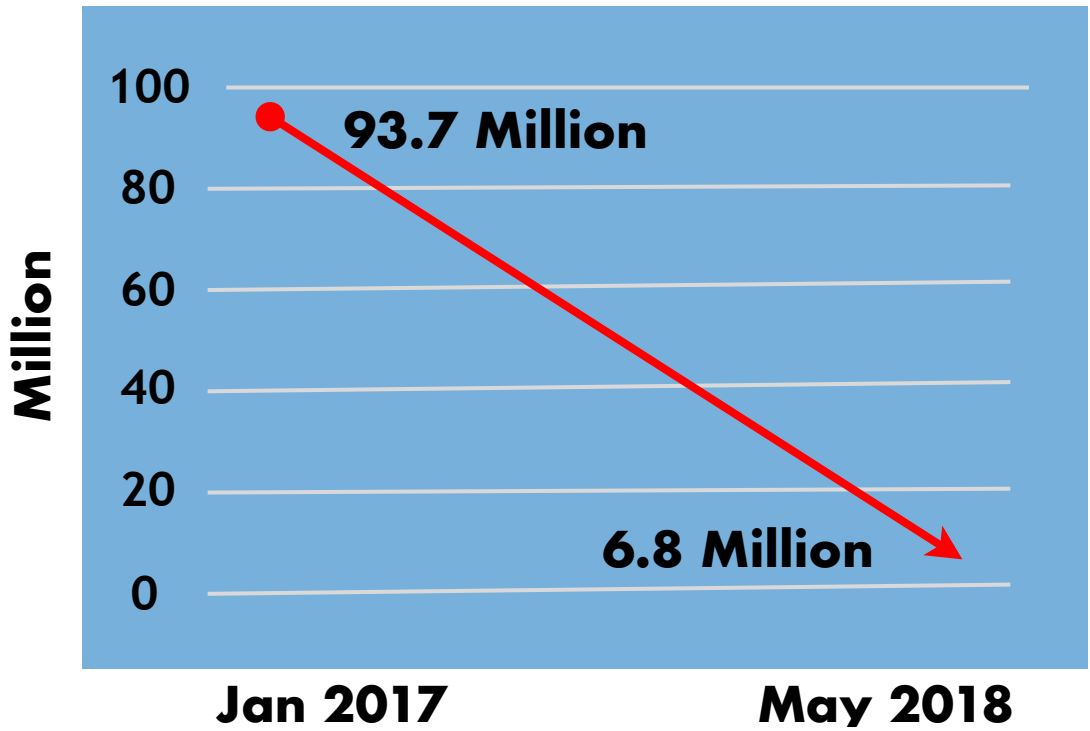
This is not a coincidence. The graphs on the right compare eight conservative sites with high traffic. Since 2017, Facebook has decreased the visibility of articles from this sites an average of 93%.

Crippling Conservative News:

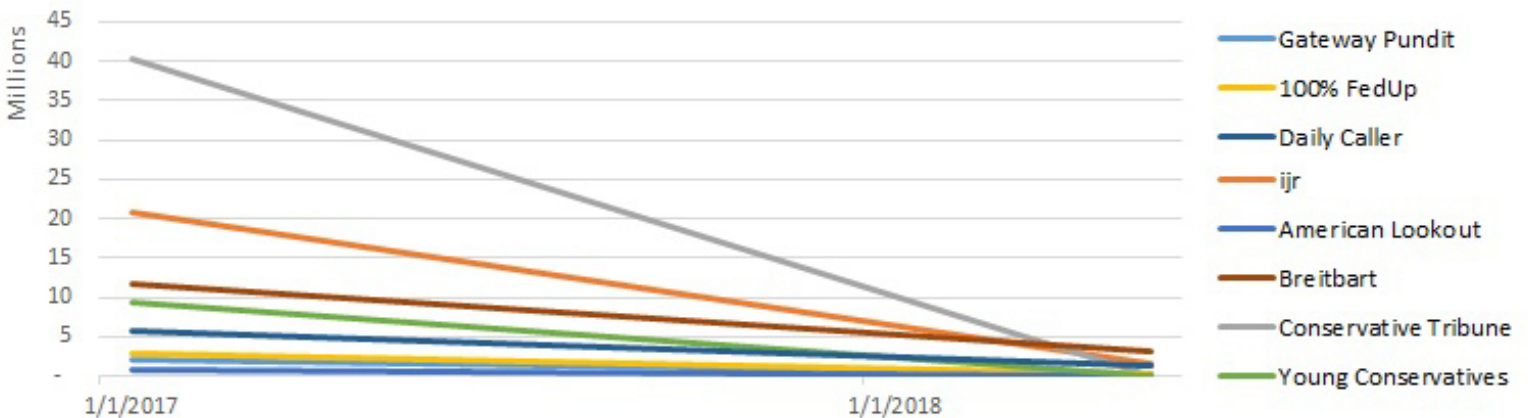
As mentioned by conservative commentators Diamond and Silk, media now relies on viewership to continue operations. These measures by Facebook are intentional; targeting and censorship of conservative news by Facebook has resulted in across the board layoffs at many outlets.

Facebook Began Stamping Out Conservative News In January 2017... Top Conservative sites have seen a 93% Decrease In Traffic from Facebook since that time.

Traffic To Selected Conservative News Sites:



Selected Conservative Websites' Facebook Traffic:



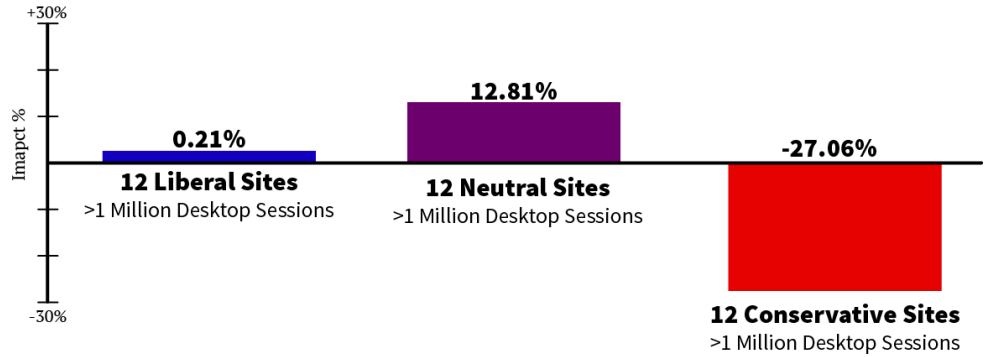


Facebook Only Targeting Conservative News

Disproportionately Affecting Conservative Sites:

A recent Western Journal investigation revealed that the "algorithm" changes have not only disproportionately affected conservative news sources, but have worked to promote many liberal news sources. While conservative news is hidden from public view, liberal news sources such as Think Progress, Salon, and Media Matters are thriving under Facebook's new measures and enjoying record numbers.

Average Facebook Algorithm Impact



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