My name is Adam Peters, and I currently serve as Ellis County GOP chairman. In 2019, my wife and I created a conservative website called <u>Right Edge Magazine</u>. Neither of us had any experience with designing or promoting a website, but we pushed ahead with a thousand dollar budget and many hours of trial and error.

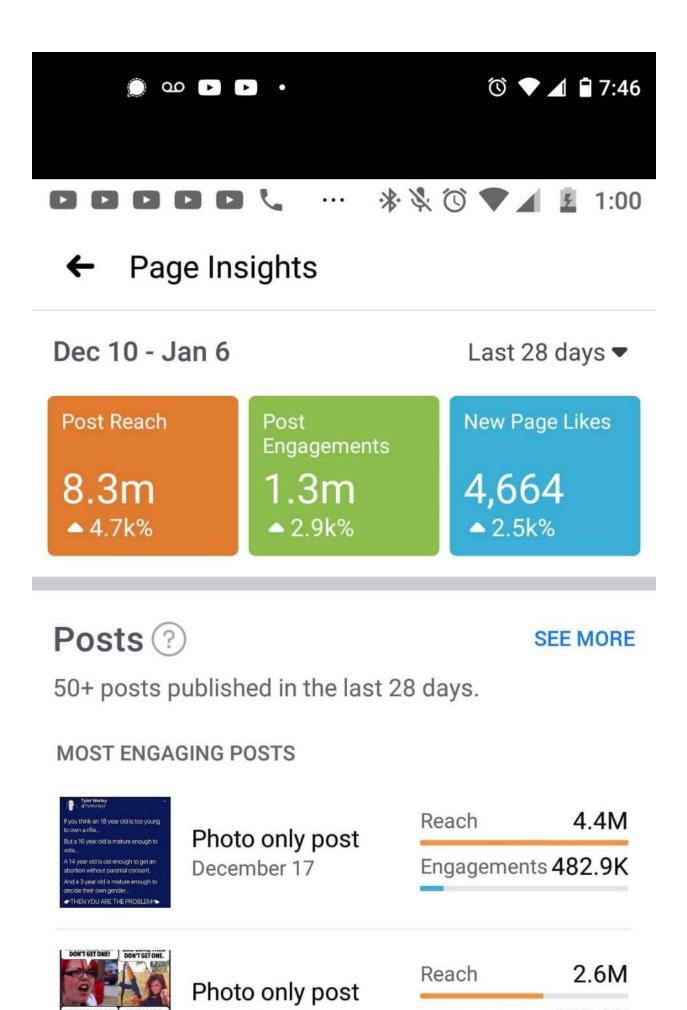
We saw some initial success, managing to build a <u>Facebook page</u> with over fourteen thousand followers. However, despite publishing several viral articles, we quickly found ourselves being stymied by social media censorship.

We were banned from Twitter, MailChimp immediately canceled our account, and Google barred us from running ads (see attached images). Meanwhile, Facebook throttled our page, causing us to go from millions of views at the end of 2019 (see attached image) to hardly any. While the platform was happy to take our advertising dollars, it ensured that few people saw the articles we posted. We noticed that posts which contained links seemed particularly susceptible to suppression and eventually resorted to making our Facebook page into a glorified meme gallery yet still saw little to no engagement.

As of now, we are not adding new content to our website as there is simply no opportunity to realize a return on our investment. However, big tech censorship has not only impacted our personal lives.

I was elected chairman last August while my wife was elected vice chair. We immediately set about building an online presence and created a new Gmail account for the local party. Despite only using the account to set up social media accounts and communicate with Big First Chairwoman Laura Francis, Google suspended it after less than a week for allegedly violating the company's terms of service (see attached image).

In short, discriminatory practices by major tech companies have sabotaged what we believe would have been a viable business opportunity as well as thrown up roadblocks to political organizing.



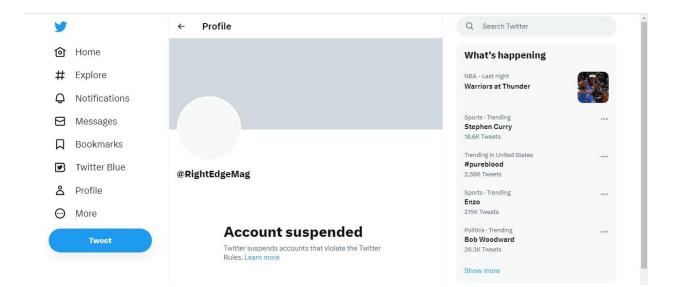


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