

Bill C-11 to Regulate Canada's Internet

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[Bill C-11](#), the Online Streaming Act, will enable the government to further control what media Canadians see on social media.

According to the Bill, search engines, like Google, will be required to boost news organizations that promote "racialized communities, cultural and linguistic minorities, LGBTQ2+ communities, and persons with disabilities." Consequently, non-compliant news publishers not focusing on such progressive topics will be punished by receiving lower rankings in searches.

Trusted organizations like The Counter Signal, True North, Rebel News, and The Post Millennial will be shuffled to the last page of search results.

In addition to Bill C-11, Trudeau has now issued a notice that he will also be tabling a new act to regulate the online news industry in the country.

As Law professor Michael Geist points out, "In my post today, I make the case that the government's defence of Bill C-11 has been "cartoonishly misleading." Assurances that only companies are regulated or that platforms will choose how to contribute mislead on the bill's implications."

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— Michael Geist (@mgeist) [March 30, 2022](#)

Of course, the Trudeau government is trying fruitlessly to spin this as a positive action, one that will help “oppressed communities,” and “strengthen trusted news sources in Canada.”

In reality, this is more tyrannical action to boost ideologically friendly content and punish critical news organizations.

In a somewhat goofy video, Heritage Minister Pablo Rodriguez tells Canadians what Bill C-11 is supposedly intended to do:

1. Make it easier to find Canadian stories and music.
2. Support Canadian artists and create jobs.
3. Support racialized and Indigenous creators.
4. Make more accessible content.
5. Make sure streaming services contribute to Canadian culture.

[@OurCommons](#) is debating the Online Streaming Act today. What does it do?
5 things! [#cdnpoli](#) [#C11](#) pic.twitter.com/6OwH6GQjPN

— Pablo Rodriguez (@pablorodriguez) [March 29, 2022](#)

According to Rodriguez, all this will do is make Facebook and Google promote more Canadian news organizations and content creators. Obviously, that is not the whole truth.

The question is which Canadian news organizations will be promoted? And the answer is, of course, [government-approved news organizations](#).

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