

## Gate-Keepers: Internet "Delisting" Just Another Word for Censorship and Dictatorship

By Jerome Irwin

Global Research, January 13, 2024

Region: <u>USA</u>
Theme: Media Disinformation

All Global Research articles can be read in 51 languages by activating the Translate Website button below the author's name (only available in desktop version).

To receive Global Research's Daily Newsletter (selected articles), click here.

Click the share button above to email/forward this article to your friends and colleagues. Follow us on <u>Instagram</u> and <u>Twitter</u> and subscribe to our <u>Telegram Channel</u>. Feel free to repost and share widely Global Research articles.

New Year Donation Drive: Global Research Is Committed to the "Unspoken Truth"

\*\*\*

"Morality is the basis of things & truth the substance of morality." - Mahatma Gandhi

Fascism and the violation of First Amendment Rights always starts with a bought-out corporate mainstream press, news media and Internet that doesn't allow all the truth that's fit to print to actually be told and brought to the public's attention and conscious awareness. Corporate news empires commonly have editors, editorial boards and independently-wealthy private owners, invisible to the public's eyes, who carefully screen from the general awareness and consciousness, whatever particularly skewed ideological bent dictates what truths or untruths will be told or not told. Uncomfortable geo-political news items, truths or perspectives that the powers-that-be don't approve of, and don't want to see shared with their readership, are routinely screened out by their designated gate-keepers, lookout's and sentinel's.

Therefore, "all the truth that's fit to print", isn't necessarily the 'high bar' standard set by the appointed gate-keepers of the corporate press, even if they claim to be, whether it be Google who controls the Internet or whomever are all the other main gatekeepers of public awareness of every political social, cultural, religious, persuasion in every country, worldwide.

What follows in almost every case of an already closed, or budding, fascist system of government, is that if the at first friendly' censuring doesn't duly work to muzzle the undeterred writer-journalist of whatever truth is making the powers-that-be increasingly more uncomfortable, there then eventually comes the anonymous warning phone calls at all hours or unsigned messages slipped under the door or left on the answering service, that warn the writer to stop and desist from pursuing whatever line of investigation is unwelcomed.

If that doesn't work, there then comes the proverbial final knock on the door in the dead of night and the writer either totally stops their writing, or in some cases they're conveniently 'disappeared'. End of the story.

But a completely free and open press is the only means in the world that the individual freelance journalist, who genuinely seeks to speak-truth-to-power, has at their means to tell "the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help them God" to the best of their ability, especially when they lack the necessary funds or wherewithal to otherwise do so on their own.

So, when this writer recently released his latest controversial article, "Jewish Lobby Behind War Mongering in Gaza & War Threat in Middle East", on which he had diligently and extensively worked to expose what some of the main causes are that remain either hidden, or less openly and freely talked about concerning some of the less-well-known causes of the war in Gaza, the West Bank and Gaza Strip; it wasn't long before it was initially picked up and published by an independent source, he was elated and proud that he had accomplished the goal he had set out to do.

But he quickly became crestfallen when he realized that no sooner had the article begun to circulate, worldwide, then, unexplainably, it had suddenly totally disappeared from the Internet, nowhere to be found. It had been *de-listed* by unknown parties who held the power to do so.

Several expectant readers searching for the article reported that, "Sadly, it appears you've just been victimized by parties unknown. But so-called 'de-listing' is just a more pleasant way to say to the victimized writer-human being, of whatever stature or status, that, "Sorry! You've just become another victim of censorship, and your basic human and civil rights woefully violated by some unknown ruthless, dictatorial power, without any recourse, whatsoever." Some explained it away as "It's just one of those Google things."

Another frustrated would-be reader, said, "Check out who Jared Cohen is, and how he might figure into this blacklisting by Google." A cursory check of who Cohen is soon proved as fascinating as it was enlightening.

## Jared Cohen, Braintrust of Google and Man of Many Talents

After even a cursory perusal of Cohen's awesome biography and professional vitae on the web, one comes away wondering how one individual could accomplish, in a single lifetime what would seem the equivalent of five or even ten industrious, aggressive individuals.

Or, furthermore, how the scribbles of this lowly writer could even remotely begin to threaten someone like himself or his lofty Google brain trust; by going so far as to arbitrarily delist and censure/assassinate his work; when the stature, power and prestige of someone like himself and Google would otherwise seem to be to instead extend some sense of *Noblesse oblige* to those of a lesser status beneath them.

Jared Cohen is indeed a very interesting character. A graduate of Stanford University, with a MPhil in International Relations from the University of Oxford where he studied as Rhodes Scholar, who speaks fluent Swahili. His accolades run long.

He is a former: US Diplomat President of Global Affairs; Co-head of the Office of Applied

Innovation; a Protégé of former Google CEO Eric Schmidt; founder of Jigsaw, an incubator at the giant tech firm; a member of *Gen Next*; a World Economic Forum Young Global Leader; Founder and CEO of Jigsaw, an independent unit of Google-focused on how to address global security challenges; an adjunct senior fellow at the Council of Foreign Affairs (CFR); an advisor to RAND, and; member of the National Counter-Terrorism Centre and Anti-Slavery Collective; co-head of Office of Applied Innovation and President of Global Affairs, and a partner at Goldman Sachs.

Cohen is also the founder of *Alphabet, Inc,* that focuses on applying cutting-edge technology to whatever challenges Alphabet deems destabilizing to the Internet, including cyberattacks, dis/misinformation; mainstream geo-political extremism and conspiracy theories. He also, as well, has served as closer advisors in the White House to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Hillary Clinton. Upon leaving the White House, before his tenure began at Google, he spent time in Iran and Azerbaijan when the killing of Iranian scientists began.

Additionally, Cohen's career includes being a best-selling author of five books that includes: Children of Jihad, and; One Hundred Days of Silence; America and the Rwanda Genocide. His writings also have appeared in innumerable venues, such as: Foreign Affairs; Foreign Policy; New York Times; Wall Street Journal, and; the Washington Post. He was named, as well, to Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People;n Foreign Policy's Top 100 Global Thinkers, and: Vanity Fair's New Establishment.

Well, this one remained breathless after this cursory check of the facts. The only still unanswered question this schmuck of a writer was left with at that point was, as one who only ever seeks to speak the simplest of self-evident truths to power, by comparison, besides being a piece of low-lying fruit, easy to pick off by whomever dislikes the simple self-evident truths to which he would call the public's attention, is still the \$64,000 dollar question: Why would unnamed parties even waste their time with him?

Why has the Almighty Google and/or Jared Cohen, or whomever the case may be, indeed been responsible for de-listing this writer's latest article, "Jewish Lobby Behind War Mongering in Gaza & War Threat in Middle East?" Especially, when there exists so many bigger fish than he to fry? While already possessing so much power, what do they fear most? Losing control? Becoming impotent? Thinking more deeply?

\*

Note to readers: Please click the share button above. Follow us on Instagram and Twitter and subscribe to our Telegram Channel. Feel free to repost and share widely Global Research articles.

The writer Jerome Irwin is a Canadian-American writer who originally was a Criminology student working in one of America's local police departments. For decades, Irwin has sought to call world attention to problems of environmental degradation and unsustainability caused by a host of environmental-ecological-spiritual issues that exist between the conflicting world philosophies of indigenous and non-indigenous peoples.

Irwin is the author of the book, "The Wild Gentle Ones; A Turtle Island Odyssey" (<a href="www.turtle-island-odyssey.com">www.turtle-island-odyssey.com</a>), a spiritual odyssey among the native peoples of North America that has led to numerous articles pertaining to: Ireland's Fenian Movement; native

peoples Dakota Access Pipeline Resistance Movement; AIPAC, Israel & the U.S. Congress anti-BDS Movement; the historic Battle for Palestine & Siege of Gaza, as well as; the many violations constantly being waged by industrial-corporate-military-propaganda interests against the World's Collective Soul. The author and his wife are long-time residents on the North Shore of British Columbia.

He is a regular contributor to Global Research.

Featured image: A US government propaganda poster from the 1940s (Source: Multipolarista)

The original source of this article is Global Research Copyright © Jerome Irwin, Global Research, 2024

## **Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page**

## **Become a Member of Global Research**

Articles by: Jerome Irwin

**Disclaimer:** The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: <a href="mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca">publications@globalresearch.ca</a>

www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: <a href="mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca">publications@globalresearch.ca</a>