

## The Latest Fake Mystery

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We Americans want to have our say, speak our piece — we do not wish to be gagged. No mystery to that. No puzzle. No strange, arcane, unexpected turn of our temper.

But that's how it must seem to Nathan Bomey, author of "Parler, MeWe, Gab gain momentum as conservative social media alternatives in post-Trump age," gracing the pages of *USA Today*.

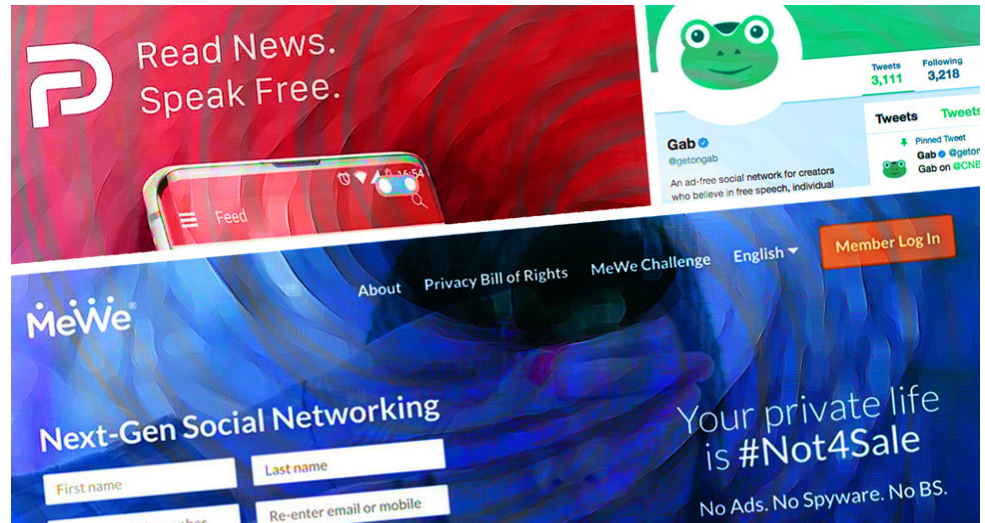
"America's crisis of political segregation — we increasingly don't live alongside, associate with or even marry people who think differently from us — is increasingly

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leading conservatives to congregate together on social media outlets designed specifically for people who think like them."

This is a passage of surpassing dumbness.

To pick one fundamental ideological divide at random: capitalist twitterers have never had



any problem with posting tweets "alongside" socialist twitterers. The problem is the growing censorship of tweets that officials and employees at tech giants like Twitter, Facebook, and Google happened to dislike or disagree with for any reason.

This censorship was revved up during the recent election.

Bomey does mention claims of censorship by the persons being censored, but treats these as the ravings of "the extremist crowd." He adds: "Experts on political polarization say [the rise of alternative social media] is a natural outgrowth of our divided culture. . . ."

Again: a major reason the alternatives to Twitter etc. are gaining such traction is *the censorship*. People are leaving the Big-Tech-sponsored discourse because they are being *censored*.

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This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.