## **Common Sense**

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Ron Paul vs. Fauci, YouTube vs. You

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It's new news but also, unfortunately, old news.

Tech-giant providers of forums for public discussion keep banning

discussion of the issues of the day. The latest victim: Ron Paul, medical doctor, former congressman and presidential candidate, father of U.S. Senator Rand Paul.

Alphabet/Google/YouTube has pulled a video from Dr. Paul's YouTube channel in which he criticized Fauci for, among other things, reversing

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his advice about wearing masks to combat COVID-19. YouTube warns of further suppression if this kind of thing (debate, I guess) continues. You can still watch the video, since there are competitors to YouTube (and we hope there will be many more). SoundCloud has it.

Paul linked to an image of the YouTube



communiqué. "Your content was removed due to a violation of our Community Guidelines. . . . Medical misinformation."

"If this happens again," Paul's channel will be hobbled for a week.

And if even then he still speaks freely, like any red-blooded American would? Still more sanctions, presumably.

Alas, there are many examples of these obnoxious policies.

We've recently complained about YouTube's removal of a Mises Institute talk — once again, for failure to follow the pandemic panic party line. We've also complained about how WordPress buzz-sawed The Conservative Treehouse blog for nebulous violations of policy, violations suddenly discovered after years of hosting the blog.

We could go on. We probably will. Like the proverbial "broken record."

When're we gonna stop?

Well, right after the tech giants stop their accelerating efforts to suppress debate.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.