

The YouTubification of China

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The speech-repressing Chinese government and the speech-repressing tech firm Google are apparently taking cues from each other.

Busy Google unit YouTube has been working overtime to cripple the YouTube channel China Uncensored, which is too brutal in its criticism of the Chinazi government.

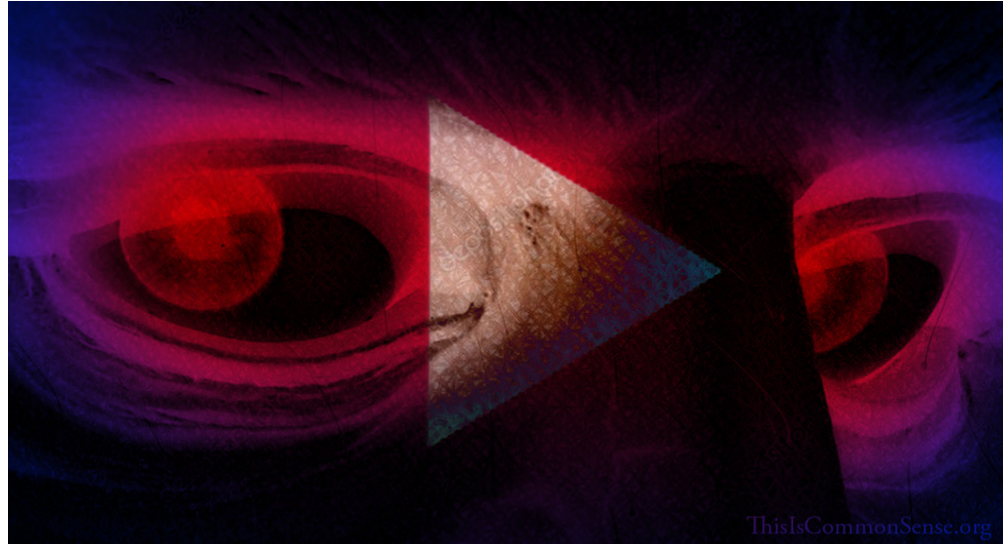
YouTube has demonetized the channel's latest video, "YouTube Helps Cover Up China's Atrocities." According to channel publisher

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America Uncovered LLC, the videos that tend to get penalized are those with footage "that makes the Communist Party look bad."

Google often does much more to repress speech than flag and demonetize. But Google doesn't want to always be super-blatant. So China Uncensored is still a YouTube channel. For now.

In contrast, the Chinese government usually



goes full Chinazi. Its latest project is a snitch app to help neighbors turn in neighbors for voicing "wrong" opinions.

It's about correcting misinformation. China's Cyberspace Administration says the app will help counter online statements that are "maliciously distorting, slandering and denying Party, national and military history in an attempt to confuse people's thinking,"

Ah, disagreement, a.k.a. "misinformation," the too-steep cost of freedom! And who alone is qualified to determine which information is correct?

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Deviate from the party line about the party, the pandemic, an election, lack of elections, or anything else, and supposedly it's right and just to muzzle you.

Wrong.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.