

## Chirp Meets Buzz

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The *Babylon Bee* won't cooperate with Twitter's censorship of the *Babylon Bee*.

When instructed to remove tweets in order to recover account access, people tend to comply.

Not always, but often.

Hard to blame them. But it does mean that Twitter gets away with all kinds of egregious censorship that the social media "platform" shouldn't get away with.



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The *Bee*'s latest sin? Bestowing upon HHS Assistant Secretary for Health Rachel Levine — who had just been dubbed a Woman of the Year by *USA Today* because Levine "identifies as" a woman — the title Man of the Year.

Twitter has locked the *Babylon Bee* out of its Twitter account. The platform literally "can't take a joke." And Twitter demands the *Bee* must delete

the tweet to regain access.

"We're not deleting anything," says *Bee* CEO Seth Dillon. "If the cost of telling the truth is the loss of our Twitter account, then so be it."

Dillon notes that account holders are not only expected to remove offending tweets but also to repentantly check a box to renounce the censored viewpoint. "You have to deny that you meant it. . . . They're forcing you to grovel and adopt an ideological position that you don't actually hold."

The *Babylon Bee* is routinely assailed by Internet censors. Satire, parody, pastiche, lampoon, spoof, sarcasm, irony, etc. are all allegedly forms of "misinformation" and "hate speech," thwarting of which is the rationalization du decade for stopping people from talking to each other.

In response, the *Babylon Bee* is thankfully taking a stand and, let's hope and trust, won't back down.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.