

WAL News Episode Outline

Intro - 5 min

Segment 1: Main Headline Block - 30 min

Segment devoted to the biggest news story of the day.

How The Media Creates a Crisis

Alex Jones banned from Twitter for saying this: <https://www.mediamatters.org/video/2018/08/14/pericope-alex-jones-tells-supporters-get-their-battle-rifles-ready-against-antifa-mainstream-media/220995>

Examine the clip.

So how does the media react? Like this:

Lester Holt Clip: <https://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news/video/extended-interview-twitter-ceo-jack-dorsey-talks-alex-jones-and-election-security-1299864131511?v=raila>

Reliable Sources with Brian Steltzer - <https://www.cnn.com/videos/tv/2018/08/19/twitter-ceo-explains-time-out-for-alex-jones-rs.cnn/video/playlists/reliable-sources-highlights/>

Examine what Dorsey says - <https://www.cnn.com/videos/tv/2018/08/19/jack-dorsey-speaks-about-twitters-problems-rs.cnn/video/playlists/reliable-sources-highlights/>

Twitter suspends Alex Jones for urging people to keep “battle rifles” ready - <https://arstechnica.com/gadgets/2018/08/twitter-gives-alex-jones-one-week-time-out-for-inciting-violence/>

Facebook Apologizes for Removing Conservative Site’s Posts - <https://www.mediaite.com/online/facebook-apologizes-for-removing-conservative-sites-posts/>

Marco Arment and Overcast Removes NRA and Alex Jones - <http://atp.fm/episodes/286>

Patreon and Mastercard ban Robert Spencer without explanation - <https://www.jihadwatch.org/2018/08/patreon-and-mastercard-ban-robert-spencer-without-explanation>

A few weeks ago the great David Wood swung by my office and helped me set up a Patreon account. We made a video in which I explained that I had come into possession of what once had been a working TV studio, and that I hoped to make it into a working studio again for regular Jihad Watch videos.

The whole endeavor had barely gotten off the ground, however, when I received this email yesterday afternoon:

April (Patreon)

Aug 14, 3:20 PM PDT

Hi Robert,

My name is April and I’m on the Trust & Safety team here at Patreon. I’ve been notified by Mastercard that we must remove your account from Patreon, effective immediately.

accounts of their choosing. This is in line with their terms of service, which means it's something we have to comply by.

I have paid out your remaining creator balance of \$475.22 to you via direct deposit.

I'm sorry for the inconvenience and frustration this might cause.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns — I'm here to help.

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I'd been given no warning before this of anything amiss with my account, which at the time consisted of that single video announcing the initiative, along with a note announcing that I would be starting a livestream (I had planned weekly livestreams, "This Week In Jihad," and recorded one and a half, the second one being cut short by a bad hotel connection. This nascent series will now, of course, be discontinued). That was it. So what violated their rules? They hadn't explained. But when I went to my Patreon account, I got this:

So I wrote back to April:

I see my account was also disabled. Explanation, please.

No answer. Later on Twitter, however, when I announced this, Patreon responded:

I've been axed from Patreon, without explanation, warning or notice -- no doubt as part of the ongoing efforts of the Left to deny all platforms to those who reject its agenda. To those who supported me there, thank you, and I'm sorry we couldn't follow through on plans. pic.twitter.com/rJ8kaUNqYI

@Patreon

Hi Robert, we emailed you earlier today which explained that unfortunately Mastercard required us to remove your account. You replied to us but if you have further questions we're happy to keep emailing.

This was plainly disingenuous. They had not “been emailing” with me, never explained why MasterCard objected to my account or why they had to comply with MasterCard’s wishes, and didn’t answer my request for an explanation. I don’t have a MasterCard and didn’t have one attached to my Patreon account, so MasterCard really wasn’t involved — unless it owns Patreon, which is apparently the case.

Of course, what is almost certainly going on here is that MasterCard/Patreon is deleting accounts that have been smeared by the hard-Left propaganda hate group the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), despite the fact that the SPLC has been resoundingly discredited. The SPLC defames me as a “hate group leader” and “anti-Muslim extremist.” Here, for the record, is my response to their charges, offered despite the fact that Patreon offered no chance to appeal or rebut whatever charges got me banned.

Mastercard Forces Patreon to Blacklist Jihad Watch's Robert Spencer - <https://www.breitbart.com/tech/2018/08/15/mastercard-forces-patreon-to-kick-off-jihad-watches-robert-spencer/>

Update — A Mastercard spokesperson responded to a Breitbart News request for comment with the following statement. “As part of our normal process, we share information about websites that may have illegal content with the acquirer – or merchant’s bank – that connects them to our network to accept card payments. The acquirer would then review the site for compliance with legal

what action to take. In this case, the acquirer advised us that they decided to terminate acceptance.”

Ad or Promo Stop 1: Patreon - 2 Min

Short break for ad or promo. Music bed underneath.

This is the number one way to help the show so join now at WeAreLibertarians.com or patreon.com/WeAreLibertarians.

Segment 2: Path To Libertarianism (Philosophy Block) - 20 Min

Chris Cuomo says that Antifa has greater morality than Klansmen. Not all punches equal.

Clip - <https://www.cnn.com/videos/us/2018/08/14/closing-argument-nazi-antifa-equivalency-cpt-vpx.cnn>

Antifa Broke My Camera - <https://newrepublic.com/article/144659/antifa-broke-camera>

Ford Fischer - https://twitter.com/FordFischer/status/1026255134886514689?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwterm%5E1026255134886514689&ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.conservativereview.com%2Fnews%2Fwatch-berkeley-antifa-mob-breaks-windows-at-marine-corps-recruiting-office%2F

Non-Aggression Principle

What you should know about the Non-Aggression Principle - <http://www.learnliberty.org/blog/what-you-should-know-about-the-non-aggression-principle/>

Murray Rothbard:

The fundamental axiom of libertarian theory is that no one may threaten or commit violence (“aggress”) against another man’s person or property. Violence may be employed only against the man who commits such violence; that is, only defensively against the aggressive violence of another.

In short, no violence may be employed against a nonaggressor. Here is the fundamental rule from which can be deduced the entire corpus of libertarian theory.

Ron Paul on the NAP - <https://youtu.be/k-tboAPACMI>

Speech is not violence.

Your right to yell “FIRE!” in a theater - <http://blog.kentforliberty.com/2018/08/your-right-to-yell-fire-in-theater.html>

“In almost any rant calculated to justify any government violation of a natural human right (especially those specifically mentioned in the Bill of Rights; in particular the right to own and to carry weapons) someone will invariably bring up the belief that rights can be limited because ‘you can’t yell ‘FIRE!’ in a crowded theater.’ This belief is based on one Supreme Courtjester’s tired old lie, used to justify another lie. Yes, you actually can yell ‘FIRE!’ in a crowded theater, especially if it’s on fire.”

Ad or Promo Stop 2: WAL Store - 1 Min

Short break for ad or promo. Music bed underneath.

Uncovered News - 10 Min

Segment devoted to minor headlines.

“The mainstream media has discovered their profit centers, and that leaves many important issues uncovered. In Uncovered News, we bring you information that you need to know!”

- Establish what who, what, when, where.
- Offer short libertarian viewpoints.

NM: Poll finds Johnson running ahead of GOP Senate candidate

Source: The Hill

“Libertarian Party Senate candidate Gary Johnson is polling at 21 percent in New Mexico, behind Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) but with nearly twice the support shown for GOP candidate Mick Rich in the poll. An Emerson College poll released Monday showed Heinrich winning 39 percent on the sample ballot while Rich only took 11 percent. Thirty percent of those polled were undecided. Johnson has high name recognition in the state. He’s a former governor and won attention for his presidential run in 2016.” (08/20/18)

<http://thehill.com/homenews/senate/402715-poll-gary-johnson-at-21-in-senate-race-nearly-twice-as-much-as-gop-nominee>

Venezuela: Regime lops five zeros off its currency in bid to tackle hyperinflation

Source: Independent [UK]

“Venezuela is launching a new currency that slashes five zeros off the country’s fast-depreciating bills, in a bid to tackle the country’s accelerating hyperinflation. President Nicolas Maduro has also announced a 3,000 per cent hike in the minimum wage and a rise in the price of fuel to international levels, in changes

measures will only make conditions worse in Venezuela, which has already seen hyperinflation at more than 40,000 per cent and a rapidly contracting economy. Opposition leaders seized on tension among residents, calling for a nationwide strike and protests on Tuesday.” (08/20/18)

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/venezuela-hyperinflation-economy-nicolas-maduro-sovereign-bolivar-money-socialism-a8499241.html>

Brazil: Regime forces sent to Venezuela border after migrant clashes

Source: Bloomberg

“Brazil will send additional forces to a city on the Venezuelan border after a revenge attack on migrants that followed the alleged robbery and assault of a business owner. President Michel Temer decided to send 120 more troops from the National Force to remote Roraima, the country’s least-populous state, after meeting with cabinet ministers on Sunday, according to the presidency’s press office. The decision came after tension erupted in the city of Pacaraima on Saturday. Four Venezuelans allegedly robbed and beat a store owner, according to media reports, prompting local residents to demonstrate against Venezuelans and destroy camps where some of them are living in the city.” (08/19/18)

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-08-19/brazil-to-send-troops-to-venezuelan-border-after-migrant-clashes>

Man sues over Google’s “location history” fiasco; case could affect millions

Source: Ars Technica

“Google is facing new scrutiny in the wake of revelations that it stores users’ location data even when ‘Location History’ is turned off. Last Friday, Google quietly edited its description of the

practice on its own website — while continuing said practice — to clarify that ‘some location data may be saved as part of your activity on other services, like Search and Maps.’ As a result of the previously unknown practice, which was first exposed by the Associated Press last week, Google has now been sued by a man in San Diego. Simultaneously, activists in Washington, DC are urging the Federal Trade Commission to examine whether the company is in breach of its 2011 consent decree with the agency.” (08/20/18)

<https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2018/08/did-google-violate-users-privacy-when-it-secretly-kept-location-data/>

Did Ridesharing Kill the D.C. Metro? We Crunched The Numbers.

Reason

<https://reason.com/blog/2018/08/20/did-ridesharing-kill-the-dc-metro>

When the city council in Washington, D.C., approved a plan this year to spend more than \$178 million in new annual funding for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), the money had to come from somewhere. To fund the new transit obligations, the city hiked taxes on ridesharing services such as Uber and Lyft by 500 percent, along with more modest increases to the city's general sales and alcohol taxes.

Critics complained that the ridesharing tax was unfair: Why should someone who is choosing not to use the D.C. Metro or WMATA buses have to foot the bill for those services? But the city council claimed there was a causal link between the rise of ridesharing and a decline in Metro ridership.

In comments to Reason, Ly argues that the ridership decline could have other causes. She points to the fact that it's more common for people to work from home these days, and she

notes the rise of alternative commuting options such as bikesharing and rental scooters. But telecommuting and e-scooters are hardly exclusive to D.C., so they don't really answer the question of why the Metro has seen a sharper drop-off than other, similarly sized systems. In any case, the existence of multiple potential causes undermines rather than reinforces the decision to pin the blame on ridesharing and hike taxes on Uber and Lyft users.

And there's another potential culprit here.

"The biggest driver of Metro's ridership decline is Metro itself," says John Kartch, vice president at Americans for Tax Reform. "People have places to go and things to do, and they do not see Metro as reliable, safe, convenient, or even affordable in some cases. People need to get to work on time, and there are only so many broken escalators, long delays, and hot cars they can take before looking elsewhere."

Why we need an LGBTQIA-inclusive safer sex guide

<https://www.healthline.com/health/lgbtqia-safe-sex-guide#consent>

Sex education resources often use videos, pictures, and diagrams as a way to convey important information, though these images and videos have historically failed to reflect or provide information about same-sex and queer relationships. In fact, the GLSEN 2015 National School Climate Survey shows that only about 5 percent of LGBTQ students saw LGBTQ representation in health class.

These guides also often unnecessarily gender body parts as being "male parts" and "female parts" and refer to "sex with women" or "sex with men," excluding those who identify as nonbinary. Many individuals don't see body parts as having a

And as a result, the notion that a penis is exclusively a male body part and a vulva is exclusively a female body part is inaccurate. By using the word “parts” to talk about genitals and using medical terms for anatomy without attaching a gender to it, we become much more able to effectively discuss safe sex in a way that’s clear and inclusive.

For the purposes of this guide, we’ll refer to the vagina as the “front hole” instead of solely using the medical term “vagina.” This is gender-inclusive language that’s considerate of the fact that some trans people don’t identify with the labels the medical community attaches to their genitals.

We Are Libertarians Mailbag - 10 Min

Re-introduce. Segment answering a listener question.

Dear Dear Leader,

The coverage of the LPNC really interested me as I have been considering joining the party for a little while now. And after what I’m calling “The Influx of 2018”, I was wondering how you’re feeling about the party generally (after a seemingly successful convention) and how this flood of libertarians who have at one point expressed the uselessness of the LP will affect the party. Also, keep up the great work, I love the book recommendations and can’t wait for you and Harry to get back behind the mics. Thanks dude.

Zach Tucker

Final Thoughts From Cohosts - 5 Min

Open floor for cohosts. Plugs.

Corrections, Thank Yous and Promos - 5 Min

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- Chris Spangle Show