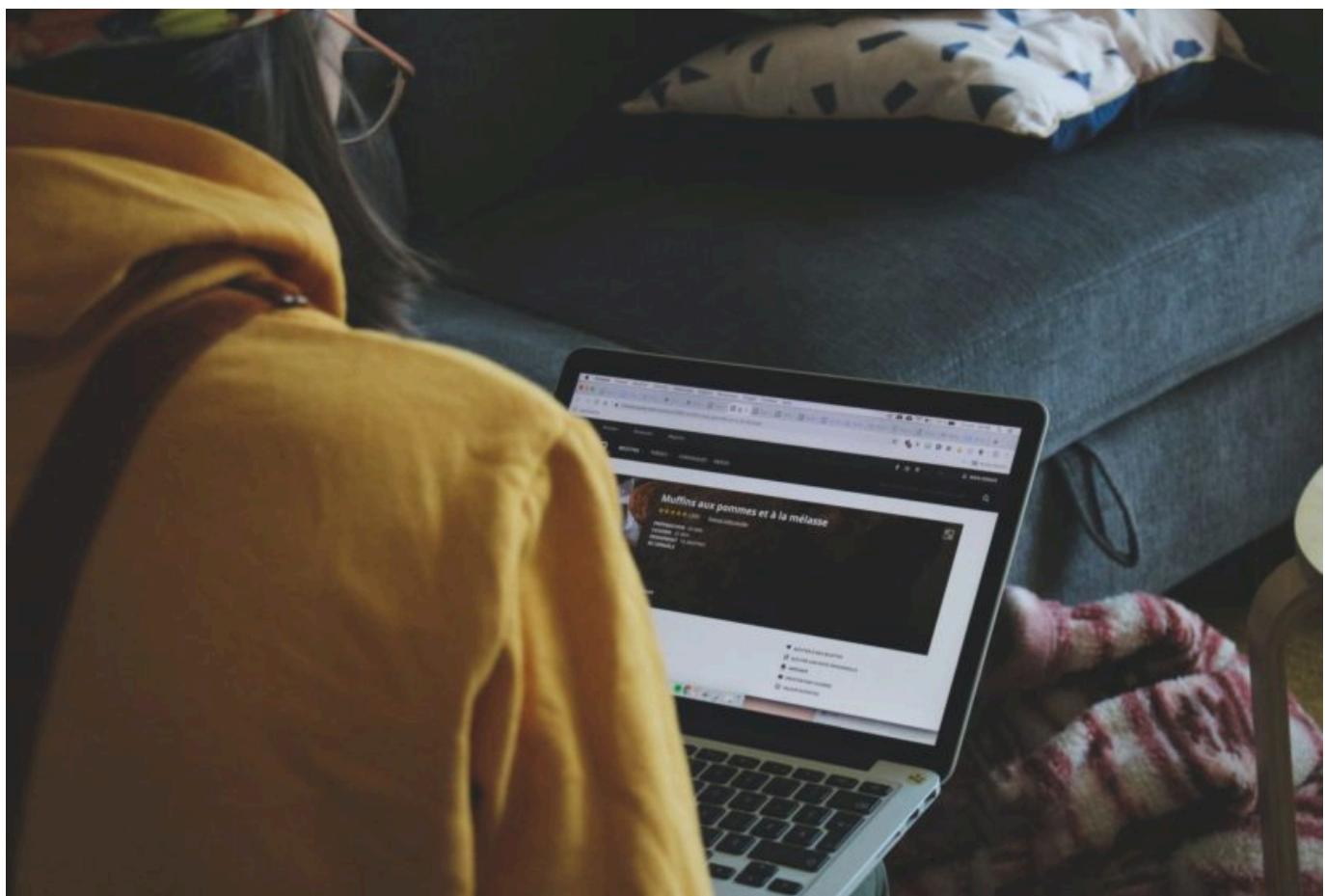


All search engines are effectively controlled by the U.S. government

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Because it has become widely known that Google search-results exclude any find that proves the falsehood of the U.S. government's key allegations regarding international relations (such as the U.S. government's allegation that Ukraine's government is *not* controlled by racist fascists or "nazis" as it [actually is](#) and has been [ever since February 2014](#)), many researchers have started using *other* search-engines, such as DuckDuckGo, which advertises on America's neoconservative liberal National Public Radio (NPR) network as being an alternative to Google. However, on March 9th, DuckDuckGo's CEO & Founder, Gabriel Weinberg, issued a [tweet](#) saying "Like so many others I am sickened by Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the gigantic humanitarian crisis it continues to create. #StandWithUkraine. At DuckDuckGo, we've been rolling out search updates that down-rank sites associated with Russian disinformation."

There was immediate blowback from researchers who hate Google because it does what DuckDuckGo had just admitted there that DuckDuckGo ALSO does: filter out information that the U.S. government doesn't want the public to know (such as that Ukraine's nazis control Ukraine and [are backed by the U.S. government](#)).

So, Weinberg quickly followed up with "In addition to down-ranking sites associated with disinformation, we also often place news modules and information boxes at the top of DuckDuckGo search results (where they are seen and clicked the most) to highlight quality information for rapidly unfolding topics."

That didn't quell the blowback; so, on April 17 he [tweeted](#) that "there is a completely made up headline going around this weekend. We are not 'purging' any media outlets from results. Anyone can verify this by searching for an outlet and see it comes up in results."

That response from him was assuming what he undoubtedly knew to be false: that the users' concern was whether or not a given "outlet" that's being searched-for by a

user will be found if specifically searched-for on DuckDuckGo. He's not so stupid as to actually *believe* that *that* is what users are actually rebelling against — he knows that *instead* they are rebelling against having a search-engine, whether Google or DuckDuckGo or any other, *pretend* to be able to predetermine which allegations or types of allegations that are accessible through the Web are true, and which are false (or 'low quality'). Obviously, no search-engine can do that; any that *pretend to* are committing fraud. But that sadly includes every search-engine.

Any intelligent user of the internet knows that ANY censorship on the Web is dictatorial, NOT democratic. It's at least as dictatorial if it is coming from billionaires such as Gabriel Weinberg, or Jack Dorsey, or Mark Zuckerberg, or their agents, as it is if it comes from the government itself — which the user can vote against at election-time *without needing* to purchase shares of stock in some corporation in order to become enabled to vote against its CEO and other officials. Corporate dictatorship is what Mussolini proudly advocated for in 1920s Italy and called alternatively "fascism" and "corporatism." That's what we've now got in the U.S. and its allied countries.

One of the U.S. government's mouthpieces, the neoconservative liberal website *Slate* ([owned by](#) the neoconservative liberal Donald Graham who had sold the neoconservative liberal *Washington Post* to the neoconservative liberal Jeff Bezos), headlined on March 15th "[The DuckDuckGo Users Furious at Its Response to the War in Ukraine](#)", and tried to marginalize the opponents of censorship by pretending that all of them are far-rightwingers:

More than 30,000 users on Twitter have responded to Weinberg's post with largely negative comments about the decision, accusing the company of engaging in censorship and injecting bias into search results. Breitbart ran a piece attacking DuckDuckGo as "Diet Google," and high-profile [libertarian YouTubers](#) have also told their followers to stop using it.

DuckDuckGo's executives have been trying to quell the unrest. "The whole point of DuckDuckGo is privacy," Weinberg [wrote back](#) to one of his critics. "The whole point of the search engine is to show more relevant content over less relevant content, and that is what we continue to do." The company also released [an official statement](#), which read in part, "It's also important to note that down-ranking is different from censorship. We are simply using the fact that that these sites are engaging in active disinformation campaigns as a ranking signal that the content they produce is of lower quality, just like there are signals for spammy sites and other lower-quality content."

DuckDuckGo didn't originally set out to be a conservative-friendly "free speech" platform, even though many of its users seem to see it that way.

On March 10th, a thread was started at Reddit titled "[Whelp no more DDG for me](#)" and users were asking there for recommendations of search-engines that are NOT being controlled by agents of the U.S. government. Allegations were made there that the Brave Browser's Brave search-engine isn't censoring its finds. However, I have consistently found that the Brave search-engine is just as cleansed of finds that are in sites that America's billionaires and the government they control blacklist as is Google and DuckDuckGo. Someone instead recommended — and it was seconded — "Yandex." That is a Russian search-engine, but — at least in America — it rides on the back of Google and thereby excludes finds that U.S. billionaires and their agents blacklist. I have tried other search-engines as well, but never yet found one that doesn't censor-out almost all of the sites that publish (or have published) my articles. In fact, I know that some excellent sites that publish or did publish my articles were closed down by the FBI, and that others have told me that they received warnings from Google to stop publishing articles from me. Almost all of the sites that publish my articles fail to show up in any search-engine when the article's title is web-searched. Instead, mirror-sites that automatically republish from sites that publish me show up, and sometimes ONLY such mirror-sites show up in a web-search for an

article from me. You can try it yourself (such as by web-searching the title — including the quotation-marks surrounding it — of the first linked-to source in the present article, “Zelensky’s Secret CIA-Nazi Ukrainian government”). Most of the finds are mirror-sites, not sites that actually accepted and published the article that I had submitted. The U.S. regime doesn’t seem to be trying to crush mirror-sites, but only to crush independent publishers. And, so, independent publishers, in U.S.-and-allied countries, tend not to last very long, because they are blacklisted, by the billionaires and their government.

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