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5	DREW MORGAN and MARY HARGIS PLAINT	IFFS
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7	MATT G. BEVIN, in his official capacity as Governor of Kentucky DEFEND	DANT
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13	DEPOSITION OF	
14	WOODROW "WOODY" WILSON MAGLINGER, III	
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1 believe, 12 pages attached. 2 Α Uh-huh. 3 It's a copy of the front page as of, I believe, today or yesterday Governor Bevin's official home 4 5 page --6 Yes. Α 7 -- is that correct? And how do we know that it's Q 8 his official home page? 9 It looks like his home page to me just because of 10 my recognition of seeing this. But then also the 11 blue verified checkmark is always something that I 12 know that denotes that. But I recognize the 13 header up here (indicating) as well as just the 14 general layout of it. 15 Q Okay. And so what does the blue checkmark mean? I believe it means that we are a verified account 16 Α 17 as opposed to, I guess, the vast majority of 18 people that are just an ordinary or regular 19 account but someone that Twitter has verified as a 20 government official or an official account. 21 Q And there's a link on there that says 22 "governor.ky.gov" on the left-hand side; 23 do you see that? 24 Yes, sir. Α 25 And where does that page link to? 18

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1	Α	That link would take you to our official
2		Governor's web page, which is where our
3		information resides as far as the Governor's
4		office and also press releases and so forth.
5	Q	And what does it say under his user name for his
6		bio? Do you see where his user name is?
7	Α	Okay. I'm sorry.
8	Q	Well, let's just go through it.
9	Α	Okay.
10	Q	So it says, "Governor Matt Bevin." That's his
11		name that he uses to identify himself, correct?
12	Α	Yes.
13	Q	And then there's an @GovMattBevin. What is that
14		referred to as?
15	Α	That is his Twitter handle that is specific to our
16		account there that on Twitter it identifies him.
17	Q	And then below that, it identifies him as what?
18	Α	The Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
19	Q	Okay.
20		(Exhibit 3 marked)
21	Q	I'm handing you what has been marked as Exhibit
22		No. 3.
23	Α	Thank you.
24	Q	Okay. And I will represent that this is several
25		pages of screenshots of Governor Bevin's official
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1 Facebook page; is that correct? 2 Α Yes. 3 And there's also a blue check next to 4 Governor Matt Bevin's name at the top left-hand 5 corner; do you see that? 6 Yes, sir. Α 7 And what does that checkmark mean? Q 8 I believe that is very similar to the Twitter Α 9 verified, in that for higher profile users that 10 that is a verified account so that individuals 11 know that that person is -- is indeed who they 12 represent themselves as. 13 Q Okay. And what is listed under contact info? 14 I believe it is on the left-hand side --15 right-hand side. 16 Right-hand side. Contact info, would that be our Α 17 website again and linking to that Governor --18 Hold on. Actually, it might not be on that page. Q 19 But let's talk about what is on there. 20 Sure. Α 21 Q So on the community it suggests that there are 22 127,000 people, approximately, that have liked 23 this. What does that mean? 24 My understanding is that would be anyone who is a Α 25 Facebook user them self who chose to click "like" 20

1 their point of view. 2 Q What do you mean by "advocacy groups"? Just for an example, I don't know -- recall if 3 4 this was a specific one recently we've had, but 5 there's a very active contingent of legalization 6 of marijuana, for example. And a lot of times, 7 you know, those posts will be multiple posts on 8 the same one. Again, if it is adoption and foster 9 care, within that discussion you will just see 10 from the same person, you know, three or four or 11 five posts in a row with the exact same text copy 12 and posted in there -- copy and pasted in there. 13 Q So if I were this new person, what I should be 14 looking for is something within the same post? 15 And usually, my experience has been, they will almost certainly be just copied and pasted. 16 17 There won't be individual nuance to them. It will 18 be the exact same post over and over again within 19 the same post or within the same day, just 20 multiple times. It kind of sticks out to you 21 because you can see that as you are scrolling 22 pretty easily. 23 Q I want to talk a little bit about your 24 understanding of the process for posting a tweet 25 by Governor Bevin.

1	Q	(Moved head up and down).
2	Α	Gosh. I'm trying to think in my mind. I I
3		believe I know on Twitter there is a feed that
4		you can see. On Facebook we have notifications
5		that will come in, so you can see a portion of
6		them, not all at once but you do see a portion
7		when you get the notification up here that there
8		are new comments.
9	Q	But with respect to the actual Twitter page, when
10		you first go to the Governor Matt
11		@GovMattBevin's official Twitter page, those
12		possibly offending replies don't show up, correct?
13	Α	Correct. It would it would be a matter of
14		clicking here (indicating) to expand and see
15		what's below.
16	Q	Okay. After you capture the screenshot, left
17		click and click block, are there any other steps
18		in the process of blocking somebody?
19	Α	No, no.
20	Q	Do you tell anybody else that, "Hey, I blocked x
21		number of people today"?
22	Α	No. No. To be quite honest with you, it's not
23		one of my favorite things. It's that can be a
24		pretty dingy place sometimes. And it is not my
25		favorite thing. I kind of like to move on to the
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Α	There is I am not as familiar on the Facebook
	side as Twitter. But there is an actual block or
	ban ability on that if a person is violating that,
	similar to Twitter.
Q	And are you aware there is also like a hide or
	delete a comment?
Α	Yes. I have seen that on there as well before.
Q	And so how do you distinguish between hide,
	delete, block?
Α	As far as, I believe, that our filter will
	automatically hide some comments that have that.
	But as as any computer program, I don't believe
	it does catch everything and so there are things
	that slip through sometimes.
Q	So there's an automatic filter, you are saying?
Α	Yes.
Q	Okay. And did you set that automatic filter?
Α	No, I did not.
Q	Did someone in your office set that?
Α	Yes. I believe that has been set up since before
	I arrived.
Q	Do you know who set that up?
Α	I do not know the answer to that.
Q	And so if it is triggered by that automatic
	filter, what happens to the comment?
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The comment will be grayed out. You can still see Α it as you are scrolling through. But it is grayed out, where I'm assuming it is not visible to the public if it's been blocked. Q So when you say you can see it, you mean you the --As the administrator, yes, sir. Q Okay. Thank you. And then if there is one that's not grayed out, a comment that is not grayed out but you still think meets a criteria of either blocking, hiding, or deleting, how do you distinguish between whether you want to hide that comment, delete that comment, or block the individual permanently? On that? What I usually do, if it's -- I kind of go by the same guidelines as Twitter. If it is someone who is violating, I will go ahead and hide the comment. But then I will also block the user, similar to Facebook that way. Or ban I guess is the terminology of Facebook. Q And if you were to just hide the comment, would that have any other effect on that user; do you know? Α I don't think so. I don't know the answer. 66

1	Q	When you are using the computer for Facebook or
2		Twitter, is that a State-issued computer?
3	Α	Yes, it is.
4	Q	Okay. And when you said sometimes you do it over
5		the phone, is that a State-issued phone?
6	Α	Yes. I have a State-issued phone that is logged
7		into our Twitter account. And then also our
8		Facebook admin on that, too. So I can view those.
9	Q	And the work that you have been describing with
10		respect to Facebook and Twitter, those are all
11		done during work hours?
12	Α	Yes. There are times, just because of the nature
13		of it, that, you know, we do them outside of work
14		hours. I try to keep track as best I can of the
15		hours. But in the evenings and a lot of times on
16		weekends we still do need to check.
17	Q	And if you do check, you're considering that is
18		part of your work?
19	Α	Yes. Yep.
20		(Exhibits 5 and 6 marked)
21	Q	Okay. I have handed you what has been marked as
22		Plaintiff's Deposition Exhibits 5 and 6.
23		Exhibit 5 is Defendant's Responses to Plaintiffs'
24		First Set of Discovery Requests. And Exhibit 6 is
25		Defendant's Supplemental Responses to Plaintiffs'
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1 It then lists 18 individuals? Q 2 Α Yes. That looks to be correct. 3 Q Okay. 4 Just counting real quick. 5 Yes. Q Go ahead. I want you to make sure. 6 (Witness reviews document) 7 Yes, sir, 18 individuals. Α 8 Q Okay. And it indicates -- the response indicates 9 that they were involved in three possible topics; 10 correct? 11 Uh-huh. Yes. Posting, blocking or banning and 12 having deleted or hidden off-topic comments. 13 Q Okay. I want to just go through each of these 18 14 and give me your understanding of what they did of those three and the nature of their involvement. 15 Sure. 16 Α So let's talk about Blake Brickman. He is the 17 Q 18 chief of staff? 19 Chief of staff, yes, sir. Α 20 And he has been in that role for the entirety 21 of --22 Yes, sir. 23 Q -- the time frame at issue here? 24 I believe so. I know that he was brought on early Α 25 on, my understanding. I did not join the 74

1 administration until April of '16. But I believe 2 Blake has been here since the inception. 3 And was he involved in posting content? Okay. 4 Not to my knowledge, no. Α 5 And what about blocking or banning accounts? Q 6 Again, not to my knowledge that he had involvement Α 7 in that. 8 Q And what about deleting or hid an off-topic? 9 Α Not to my knowledge is that something that he has 10 been involved with. 11 So what is your understanding of his involvement Q 12 with the Governor's official Facebook or Twitter 13 page? I don't know that I would be able to answer a 14 Α 15 direct involvement on what he would do, per se, other than just as chief of staff obviously 16 17 having, you know, direct oversight of all our 18 departments. 19 But I am not familiar with his role in 20 actually posting, deleting, or hiding anything on 21 either of our accounts. 22 Q Okay. And if at any point for these you don't 23 know, that's okay. 24 Α Okay. 25 Q I want to know what you know. 75

1	Α	0kay.
2	Q	And if there is somebody who would know, let me
3		know
4	Α	0kay.
5	Q	okay?
6	Α	0kay.
7	Q	So who would know what Blake's involvement with
8		maintaining the Governor's official Facebook or
9		Twitter accounts would be, other than Blake
10		himself?
11	Α	I was going to say Blake is the only one I would
12		know for sure.
13	Q	Would the Governor know?
14	Α	There was about I guess there was almost a full
15		year between or there was a full year between
16		the administration beginning and when I came on
17		board up here, so I couldn't speak to that time
18		before. But I wouldn't know besides Blake himself
19		on that.
20	Q	And would the Governor know?
21	Α	I don't know the answer to that, either.
22	Q	Okay. Would Amanda know?
23	Α	I I don't know. I I apologize. I don't
24		know the answer to that, either.
25	Q	Okay. We'll move on.
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1		Nicole Burton, what is your understanding of
2		her involvement?
3	Α	Nicole would be involved in all three aspects of
4		that, the posting, blocking, and or is it
5		is there a third one? I'm sorry.
6	Q	So let's
7	Α	Deleting, hiding. Sorry.
8	Q	Just to make it clear what we're looking at, for
9		purposes of this one let's just look at Exhibit 6.
10	Α	Okay. Posting, blocking, and deleting, yes, that
11		would Nicole would be involved in all three
12		aspects.
13	Q	Okay. And Jessica Ditto?
14	Α	I would not be able to speak to her, either.
15		She had departed by the time I was hired here.
16	Q	And what was her role before you departed?
17	Α	She was the communications director prior to
18		Amanda Stamper.
19	Q	Okay. Is it your understanding that she would
20		have been involved in developing some of the
21		criteria that we had discussed before about what
22		led to people being blocked?
23	Α	I don't know the answer to that, either. She had
24		departed probably three months at least before I
25		arrived, so I do not know the answer to that.
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1	Q	Catherine Easley?
2	Α	She also preceded my time. She was, I believe, a
3		deputy chief of staff for external communications,
4		if I'm remembering her title correctly. But,
5		again, had departed before I arrived.
6	Q	So you don't know what her involvement was with
7		maintaining the Governor's official Facebook or
8		Twitter accounts?
9	Α	No, sir. I am not familiar with that.
10	Q	And can you just repeat her
11	Α	Sure.
12	Q	title again?
13	Α	I hope I'm telling you all right. But I do
14		believe she was the deputy chief of staff for
15		external communications. External affairs,
16		perhaps.
17	Q	That's okay.
18	Α	Let me add a few more words to that.
19		MR. MEREDITH: I think it was
20		external affairs.
21		MR. SHAPIRO: That's fine.
22		THE WITNESS: I think that's right.
23		MR. SHAPIRO: This isn't a test. I
24		didn't realize there would be so many words
25		in one person's title.
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1	Q	And who would know?
2	Α	I would not know, honestly, other than just
3		Catherine herself
4	Q	0kay.
5	Α	or Jessica, who who would know the answers
6		to that.
7	Q	And when did she depart, approximately?
8	Α	I don't know the answer to that, either.
9	Q	If you don't know, that's fine.
10	Α	I arrived in Decem mid-December of '16. And I
11		know she had departed before then. But how much
12		before, I am not sure.
13	Q	That's fine. John Hodgson?
14	Α	He is our operations manager. I would have the
15		same answer for him as Blake. I don't know him to
16		have involvement in those three areas. But that
17		would be something I would have to defer to him.
18		I don't know know his responsibilities.
19	Q	And he has been operations manager the entire time
20		you have been here?
21	Α	Yes, sir.
22	Q	Who does he report to; do you know?
23	Α	I would assume I'm a little rusty on our org
24		chart. But I guess Blake Brickman as chief of
25		staff would be at the top of our org chart. But
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1		John is operations manager that works with human
2		relations and hiring on boards and commissions and
3		those things.
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4	Q	Okay. Andrew King?
5	Α	Andrew is no longer with us. He was that deputy
6		digital director I referenced earlier under Chase.
7		Again, I apologize for the time frame. But I'm
8		thinking it was definitely well, I thought I
9		was going to be able to say early '18. I was
10		thinking late '17 into early 2018 that he was with
11		us. But my understanding was from working
12		concurrently, the same time as him, that he would
13		not have been involved in the posting but would
14		have helped us with blocking, perhaps, from time
15		to time.
16	Q	And he left approximately when? If you don't
17		know, just
18	Α	I do not know. I'm sorry.
19	Q	That's fine.
20	Α	I'm sorry.
21	Q	That's fine.
22	Α	I don't.
23	Q	I don't want to make this a struggle.
24	Α	It was 2018. But I
25	Q	Sometimes you know when people leave; sometimes
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1 you don't. I don't want to make this a struggle. I don't know his term. 2 Yeah. I'm sorry. 3 That's fine. Elizabeth Kuhn? 4 Elizabeth's our current director, joined us in 5 mid-January of this year, in 2018. She would be similar to myself and Nicole with posting, 6 7 blocking, and deleting. 8 Q Okay. And you are listed? 9 Yes, sir. 10 () Chris Skates? Chris is our communications adviser. He serves as 11 12 far as helping with a lot of correspondence that 13 goes out as well as helping us just on different 14 projects, grants, and things like that. I believe 15 he would be just in -- in the same category there 16 as Andrew I mentioned, that he would just help 17 with blocking occasionally from time to time. So did you mention Chris Skates as a member of the 18 Q 19 communications department earlier? 20 I didn't. And he would be so sad. Α I'm sorry I 21 left him out. He is actually across the hall. 22 would take great offense to that. But he is 23 definitely a member of our team. But he moved to 24 an office across the hall. He's our long form 25 writer, and so he likes to have, I think, less 81

1		noise. And so the first opportunity he had to
2		move across the hall, he took it.
3		MS. GATNAREK: Our lips are sealed.
4		THE WITNESS: Thank you.
5	Α	But he is very much a part of our team, yes.
6	Q	And he has been with the team the whole time?
7	Α	He precedes me. I don't believe he has been here
8		since the advent of the administration. But he
9		definitely precedes me, when I came on board in
10		December of '16.
11	Q	And he was blocking when you arrived? He had
12		already been doing some of that?
13	Α	Yes. Yes. I believe he was helping in that area,
14		in that role.
15	Q	You may have already told me this, and we may be
16		getting to that person on this list. But who was
17		the press secretary before you?
18	Α	Amanda was. I'm sorry. Amanda Stamper, who
19		became communications director, she was the press
20		secretary under Jessica Ditto.
21	Q	And then when Jessica left, she moved up and you
22		became the press secretary?
23	Α	The press secretary, exactly.
24	Q	I got it. Thank you. Chris Skates.
25		Ben Goldey?
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1 I have met Ben before, but do not know him well. Α 2 He actually departed, I think literally, just a 3 week or so before I arrived, if I remember 4 correctly. I believe he was in an intern capacity 5 or a part-time capacity. So I couldn't really 6 speak to what his role was, either. I met him 7 briefly, but that is the extent of my inaction 8 with him. 9 Q Do you know, if you know, was he involved with 10 helping with the blocking? 11 I don't know the answer to that. 12 Q And Jordan Morgan? 13 Jordan served as deputy press secretary when I Α 14 She helped us a lot with proclamation 15 requests and having those executed. Also kept up 16 with a lot of our news clippings that we'll try to 17 send around to administration folks so we can keep 18 up with what is happening in the news. And also 19 had a role in helping us as well when she was 20 here with -- I would say her role would be more 21 along the blocking lines as well, my knowledge. Ι 22 don't remember her posting. But helping on 23 blocking would have been her role. 24 Taylor Sears? Q 0kay. 25 Taylor was the Governor's personal assistant Α 83

1 and/or body man, we called him, when I arrived 2 He, I believe, was just one who would help 3 block from time to time. If there were extremely 4 high traffic and we were needing some extra help 5 on that, Taylor may have helped us. 6 departed for a different position not long after I 7 began. 8 Q So who did he report to? 9 His office was actually there in the 10 communications office with us. His role is 11 primarily to accompany the Governor to events and 12 make sure to make connections with folks who are 13 needing to get business cards to the Governor, 14 contacts, follow-ups, that sort of thing. But he 15 did actually have an office there in our 16 communications suite. 17 Q But he wasn't sort of a part of, in terms of the 18 organizational chart, reporting to anybody in the 19 communications department? 20 I would say maybe informally. I don't know that I Α 21 know exactly what the structure would look like on 22 a piece of paper. But we definitely -- he -- we 23 had regular communications with him since he 24 traveled with the Governor and would help him get 25 information he needed and talking points and 84

1 things like that. We interacted a lot with 2 Taylor. 3 Did you ever talk to him about who should be 4 blocked or the criteria for blocking people or 5 deleting comments? 6 Α I never remember having a conversation with 7 Taylor about that. 8 Q Who did he get this sort of direction from as to 9 what the criteria were for blocking or deleting 10 comments? 11 I would have to say I don't know on that one 12 because he was here before I was, so that was not 13 a conversation I either witnessed or took part in, so I don't know the answer to that. 14 15 Did you ever see him sort of talk to Amanda about 16 a question she might have had, the way you 17 described earlier about people shooting some ideas 18 or questions about whether somebody should be 19 blocked? 20 I do not recall that, no. He -- most of his time 21 was spent actually on the road with the Governor 22 at events. But in the times when he was in the 23 office, I never recall any conversations. 24 Q So would he have been blocking while he was with 25 the Governor? 85

1 Again, that's something I would have no knowledge Α 2 When he would actually do that, I wouldn't 3 know. 4 Q Kathryn Snavely? 5 Α Kathryn is currently with us. And, I 6 apologize, I don't know her exact title. 7 is very active in helping us prepare the executive 8 summaries for different events that we participate 9 in and ceremonies and things like that, gathering 10 information from the contacts there in the 11 community and with the Cabinets. And she would 12 have a role in the blocking as well. Not on the 13 posting side, but on blocking. 14 And so you don't know her exact title. Where does 15 she fit in the sort of organizational hierarchy? 16 She would be alongside, I would say, with --Α 17 with -- currently we have Elizabeth as the 18 director and then myself as deputy and Nicole as 19 our press secretary. And she would be in a 20 straight line with us. 21 Q Okay. 22 External events. I am not sure. I would be 23 speculating her title. I need to know them a 24 little better, don't I? 25 Q No. It's fine. You're good. 86

1	Α	I may not know, but I can learn.
2		MR. MEREDITH: I will give you a
3		quiz next week.
4		THE WITNESS: And I will fail it.
5		I will fail it.
6		MR. SHAPIRO: All of those charts
7		and everything.
8	Q	Amanda Stamper?
9	Α	My former boss, communications director during my
10		I intersected with her from December of 2016
11		until January of this year, 2018.
12	Q	And
13	Α	And she would have all three of those, posting,
14		blocking, and deleting or hiding.
15	Q	Okay. And do you recall having a conversation
16		with her about questionable comments, whether to
17		block either on Twitter or Facebook?
18	Α	Not a lot. As as we discussed earlier, I'm
19		sure that early on in late 2016, early 2017, as I
20		was starting to do that, I probably on a couple of
21		them showed her, just said, "Hey, I'm going to
22		block this. Is this okay?" And, you know, she
23		would say yes and I would go ahead and do that.
24	Q	Are there any specific examples you can recall?
25	Α	Oh goodness. Honestly, I do not recall. They all
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kind of run together to me, to be honest with you. I don't recall ever even -- I'm just thinking we probably did have discussions in the fact that I was learning how to do that. But I don't recall a particular account or individual or even what the topic would have been. What about with anyone else? Do you recall Q anything, like just hit you, yeah, I remember a couple of months ago we had this one where I couldn't decide whether to block him or not or her? Α Honestly, it's been quite a while for me that I really had a discussion about what was -- these would have -- these conversations probably would have come very early on in my tenure. I honestly don't remember a specific I would -- I would -- I would have to instance. say I don't know specifically a good example of one while I'm sitting here. What about an example of when someone came to you with a question? With a question? I am not recalling anything off the top of my head. I'm very sorry. recall a specific instance of that, either, of what I could give you an example of on that. 88

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Yeah, I -- I'm sure when I began with Amanda, you know, as I was blocking them I felt a little nervous having the keys to the controls of blocking and I wanted to make absolutely sure. my recollection is, I would have probably in an abundance of caution just said, "I'm going to block this account here because of this. I just want to make sure it is okay." And of course, you know, if I remember correctly, the answer would have been, yeah, that's what we were talking about, and it would have proceeded there. since then it more has just been something that has been internalized. And you don't have sort of -- I know when I'm training somebody, I will sort of use a specific sort of hypothetical or a real case example as a way of teaching somebody. Do you have one that is sort of a routine example that you say, "Here is a tricky one and here is a way to sort of think about it"? Not to my knowledge. I don't recall really having a lot of, like I say, official training type I would assume the conversations I would have had with a new person would have been similar to what I did with Amanda, just, you know, someone 89

1 wanting to be absolutely sure as they are starting 2 out, "Hey, am I doing the right thing?" And we 3 would look and say, "Yes, that is spam. That is abusive. 4 That is something that is objectionable, 5 like vulgarity." But, no, I don't have a good 6 like gory details or something that I can give a 7 story and say, "This is an example of one like 8 that." Sorry. 9 Q Okay. Leeann Veatch? 10 Α Veatch (pronouncing). 11 Q Veatch. 12 Α She is -- apologies on, again, not Uh-huh. 13 knowing her exact title. But she is our liaison 14 in Washington, D.C. that assists with 15 communications with Congressional offices up there, with the different federal bureaucracy, for 16 17 when the Governor's had meetings up there, she 18 will help with arrangements there. 19 She precedes me, too. And I am not aware of 20 what her role would be in this, either. I am not 21 sure what her role would be. She's not someone we 22 consult to post, so I am not sure what her role 23 would be. 24 Okay. Jenna Williams? Q 25 Α Jenna was our former receptionist that was down 90

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the hall here in Room 100, the main office for the Governor's suite, who was the receptionist to greet guests as they arrived. And my time intersecting with Jenna, she was not helping on the posting side but would just help us with some blocking, because she had some time when she was up there that she would be able to help scroll through and be of assistance to us. So that was Jenna's role. Q And who provided the guidance to Jenna about the criteria for blocking? I did not do that, so I am not sure. I'm assuming Α Amanda Stamper, but I would not -- that was not me personally. John Zurowski? Q Α John is our graphics director that I referenced earlier. He primarily does our graphic design and layout and helps a lot with the video team as well, putting those together. And John does not post. He does create items we put in the posts, as far as when you see the graphics information or things like that, photos sometimes. He helps us with those. But his role would be more on the blocking side. Q And do you know who provided John with an 91

1 explanation of the criteria for blocking? 2 I do not know the answer to that, either. 3 And John has been here for how long? 4 We began almost simultaneously. I believe I was 5 December 16th, and I think he came in maybe the 2nd or 3rd day of January following. 6 7 And Matthew G. Bevin? Q 8 Obviously the Governor and the accounts that bear Α 9 his name. As I mentioned before, there are times 10 that he will post content, with those being his 11 And particularly on the Twitter side. account. 12 I am not as familiar on Facebook, but I do know he 13 will post from time to time on -- on the Twitter 14 account. 15 I do not know the nature or extent of either 16 blocking or deleting, anything like that. 17 know that he will post from time to time. And he 18 will sometimes directly do that and other times if 19 he has an idea, like for his shave or grow 20 fundraiser we were putting on, he would direct us 21 in what direction to go with that and we would 22 work on that. But then other times, like Saturday 23 night, more of just a post on his own he 24 initiated. 25 And what about the second and third areas? Q 92

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I am not aware of the nature or if -- if he does Α that or how he does that. I've not had discussions with him about how he does that. And who would know? Q I would assume he would himself. But I don't know Α anyone else that does. Q Have you ever had any conversations with the Governor about blocking or banning people? Α The only conversations I've ever had with him would have been if he noticed someone on there that we had missed that he may, you know, say, "Hey, you need to check out, you know, this person is being vulgar on there and that sort of thing." That has been a very limited number of times. I can recall just a very few handful of times where he's mentioned seeing an account on there and wanting us to go and make sure, if they were behaving inappropriately to take care of that. Q Are there any in particular that you remember? The one that pops out to me from -- from my discussions with him was in regards to we had done a video feature on a lady in the Fort Knox area, I believe, who had -- I think she made pies for the outgoing and incoming, maybe, officers there at Fort Knox. And we had posted a video and he 93

1 had happened to notice, I think over the weekend 2 or something, that someone was using vulgarity on 3 And I think I remember that just because 4 with her being a pie lady. But I do remember her 5 mentioning -- him mentioning that someone was on there being really vulgar on that particular post. 6 7 But that's honestly the only one that sticks 8 out to me. It's not a common occurrence. But 9 there has been a couple of times where he has seen 10 something and been concerned that it was on there. 11 Q Any other ones you recall? 12 Α I don't remember any other specifics. 13 the pie lady one, just sticks out in my mind. 14 other than that, I just -- you know, it would have 15 been along the same lines of just someone being vulgar on there and we had not done our good job 16 17 of sweeping it early enough and seeing that. 18 Q Any times when he made a suggestion and you went 19 back and you weren't sure whether it really met 20 the criteria? 21 The -- especially on that example, he was --Α 22 there was no doubt when I saw that one. If I 23 remember, the F word was used maybe a handful of 24 times, two or three times on that post. And so it 25 was obviously one that had stood out and we had 94

1 just missed when we were going through it 2 manually. 3 So that one sort of fits the vulgarity bucket? Uh-huh. 4 Α 5 Has he ever asked you to look at one or Q 6 specifically to block somebody who fit the abusive 7 bucket? 8 I don't remember an abusive one that he brought to Α I remember the vulgarity one. 9 our attention. 10 And I believe there was one time when someone was 11 spamming and he had noticed over the weekend that 12 they were posting it time after time after time. 13 And, again, it is just something that we had 14 And I remember him directing us to that. 15 But I don't remember specifically an abusive one that I had had a conversation with him about. 16 17 Q So you remember one about in the -- I think you 18 jumped ahead to my next question, which was --19 Α The next category? 20 The next category. Q 21 Α Yeah. I do, I do. I don't recall what the 22 specific spam was. I just know that he had been reviewing over the weekend and had noticed there 23 24 were a particular account that continued to post 25 time after time and we had missed it. I don't 95

1 remember if it was Facebook or Twitter. But he 2 just was helping to direct us to that. 3 And when you say "spam," you had sort of put a 4 couple of different items under the spam bucket --5 Sure. Α 6 Q -- was this a solicitation for some sort of a 7 commercial venture? 8 I don't remember. I'm sorry. That has been quite Α 9 a while ago. I don't remember if it was a commercial venture or if it was someone just 10 copying and pasting over and over. I don't 11 12 remember which one of those it was. 13 Q Okay. Any other instances that you can recall 14 where the Governor came to you with somebody that 15 should possibly be blocked? It is a -- it is a -- it is a very infrequent 16 No. Α 17 thing. So those two stand out to me. But, no, I 18 don't -- I don't recall other specifics of -- of 19 ones that he would have asked about. 20 And do you recall overhearing or seeing the Q 21 Governor have similar interactions with others in 22 the communications department? 23 Α Because of the positioning in my office, one or 24 both of those, I am not sure which, but he likely 25 would have walked through and mentioned that to 96

1 myself and to Amanda or maybe even Nicole there in our little Bermuda Triangle there. And so in the 2 3 context of that, probably yes, where there might 4 have been more than one of us that heard it. But 5 I don't know that I just overheard -- I've ever overheard him talking to someone else about that. 6 7 It was just letting us know that, hey, you all 8 need to check this out, this is a problem. 9 Q Okay. Let's go back to our discovery responses, 10 which is Exhibit 5. 11 Α Okay. 12 Q So if you turn to page five. 13 (Witness so complies). Α 14 We asked you to identify all employees, interns, 15 or other personnel involved in blocking. 16 That list of 18, there is no one else that 17 you are aware of that was involved in blocking 18 individuals from the Governor's official Facebook 19 page? 20 That would cover everyone that I would 21 possibly think would be on that list, yes. 22 Q There is one person that you have mentioned 23 that I don't think is on that list. Chase. 24 Chase Scott, our digital director? 25 Q Yeah. Would he have been involved in blocking? 97

1 block somebody? I don't recall him coming to chat with us 2 3 about that. Usually he will come down and bring 4 either, you know, letters or we will send those 5 his way. Primarily we correspond that way and he will -- basically, is the front-facing office of 6 7 handling constituent inquiries. 8 Q So in number -- let's see. Let's talk Okay. 9 about the Facebook page. What is your understanding of who is 10 11 expected -- who you all expect are going to read 12 the Facebook posts on the Governor's official 13 Facebook page? 14 I would say the, what was it, Α 15 eighty-some-odd-thousand that are subscribed, or that's the wrong word, I guess like the page or 16 17 follow the page. It would be people just 18 interested, I assume, in having the communications 19 of the Governor, being able to view those. 20 So does that include the news media? Q 0kav. 21 I believe we have -- I know on Twitter we do 22 and I believe on Facebook we do have some media. 23 Twitter might be a little higher presence of 24 media members that follow that. But I believe 25 there are media also on Facebook. 99

1	Q	And Kentucky citizens?
2	Α	Yes, Kentucky citizens. And and I know just
3		from my experience on there we also have people
4		outside of the state of Kentucky as well that
5		follow.
6	Q	Voters?
7	Α	Voters?
8	Q	(Moved head up and down).
9	Α	I would assume. I don't know the answer to that
10		specifically. But I do know a lot.
11	Q	But you expect voters are going to read the
12		Facebook posts?
13	Α	I hope so.
14	Q	0kay.
15	Α	I hope so.
16	Q	Conservatives?
17	Α	I would love well, I would love for all
18		Kentuckians. Just as the deputy communications
19		director, I would love for all four million folks
20		to keep up with civics and what is going on up
21		here in Frankfort. I would love that.
22	Q	Conservatives?
23	Α	We definitely have conservatives, liberals.
24		I would say we have a pretty good mix on there,
25		from my my viewing.
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1	Q	Independents?
2	Α	Definitely independents, yes.
3	Q	Republicans?
4	Α	Republicans.
5	Q	Democrats?
6	Α	Libertarians.
7	Q	Socialists?
8	Α	I'd say we probably have a little bit of everybody
9		on there.
10	Q	And where does that, your understanding of that,
11		sort of this broad view of who is expected who
12		you expect to read the Facebook posts, where does
13		that understanding come from?
14		MR. MEREDITH: Object to the form.
15		But go ahead, if you understand the question.
16	Α	No, no. And I would ask if you could just I
17		would be glad to try to answer your question if
18	Q	Sure.
19	Α	you clarify it.
20	Q	You know, we just talked about various different
21		types of people who you expect are going to be
22		reading these posts. So my question is: How did
23		you come up with that understanding?
24		MR. MEREDITH: When you say that he
25		expects, are you talking about his own
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1 I know last week one of the ones I posted was 2 for the Find Help Now for the opioid crisis. 3 We're trying to let people know that if they're 4 needing immediate assistance, they don't have to, 5 you know, wait on-line, on a hotline, something 6 like that, we can try and connect them with a 7 Different public services, things like facility. 8 that, put that information out there so people can 9 see it. 10 Q Is it fair to say that another purpose is also to 11 encourage dialogue among constituents over these 12 issues? 13 What I would say about that, that's a good 14 question, I would say that's not our primary 15 That is, obviously, a byproduct of that. 16 And a certain amount of that definitely can be useful to us. We can scan through and, you know, 17 18 see, maybe, ideas, trends, things like that. 19 But that's not our primary aim in having it. 20 It is more to just let people know, hear his 21 voice, if they want to, and to hear what his 22 policy ideas are and kind of what his vision for 23 Kentucky is, is our main idea. 24 And so another -- as part of that, another Q 25 byproduct of using Twitter, you also are able to 110

1 obtain feedback from constituents on certain 2 topics --3 To a limited -- I'm sorry to interrupt. 4 Q That's okay. 5 Α To a limited amount. I will say, just because of 6 the rapid-fire nature of our jobs and just as 7 we've been discussing here, just the innovation of 8 proliferation of posts, it's not something where 9 we're able to just go through and, you know, just 10 line by line see everyone's concern. But, sure, 11 definitely scrolling through I can get a flavor 12 for what is a hot topic, what is something people 13 like, don't like, that sort of thing in a general 14 sense. 15 And we talked about your understanding of who is 16 expected to read tweets. I think it is the same broad group that we 17 18 talked about with Facebook, news media, citizens. 19 Α Uh-huh. Yeah. We --20 Q Yeah. 21 -- we absolutely invite anyone that wants to 22 subscribe. My understanding is, you know, there 23 is a broad range, just from reviewing those. 24 There are definitely folks that are supportive of 25 what we're doing, there are folks on the other 111

1 side and everywhere in-between, honestly, quite 2 frankly. 3 And similarly to with Facebook, where does your 4 understanding of who that intended audience is, 5 where does that come from? 6 My only, I guess, specific thoughts on that would Α 7 just be from hearing the Governor himself on 8 different occasions on videos he made encouraging 9 people to go on and follow those so they can see 10 what's happening. You know, for instance, for 11 this shave or grow fundraiser he was doing for the 12 foster kids, he would invite people to go to that 13 page and vote and that sort of thing. And it was 14 a platform for him to be able to share that 15 widely, rather than us, you know, say, putting out just a press release and relying on just, you 16 17 know, a variety of media sources across the state 18 to cover it. 19 MR. MEREDITH: Can we just take a 20 quick break? 21 MR. SHAPIRO: Sure. Absolutely. 22 (3:55 p.m. BREAK 4:24 p.m.) 23 (Exhibit 7 marked) BY MR. SHAPIRO: 24 25 Mr. Maglinger, I've given you what has been marked 112

1 Α Yes. And he or she will see a few comments underneath? 2 3 To the best of my recollection, you do see a 4 couple of comments at least before they are 5 truncated there. 6 Q And so this exhibit that has multiple pages with 7 multiple comments, a user would not see those 8 immediately, they would first have to click 9 "see more comments," correct? 10 Α I believe that is the case. 11 Q And with respect to those comments, are those 12 comments written by the Governor or the 13 Governor's staff? 14 The comments, no, sir. Those would be -- appears Α 15 to be from users, Facebook users, accounts who are 16 interacting with our account. 17 Q And how is somebody able to distinguish between 18 the Governor's -- whether it is coming from the 19 Governor versus whether it is coming from a user? 20 It would be, again, through that profile picture Α 21 and name there. So, for example, the Governor's 22 face there beside "Governor Matt Bevin" as opposed 23 to maybe "Sherri Matthews Stolle" there with her 24 picture, that would differentiate who the user 25 was.

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1 Q And there is no approval process set up before a 2 comment appears? 3 No, sir. Α 4 Q So anybody can post a comment and it immediately 5 shows up --6 Yes. Α 7 -- after posting that comment? Q 8 Yes. I believe that is the case. Α 9 Q Okay. And the individual user decides what the 10 content is that's included in his or her comment? 11 Α Yes, sir. 12 And, for example, there's 138 comments. If you 13 look on the first page it indicates there are 138 14 comments; is that correct? 15 Α Yes. And the Governor's ability to make another post is 16 Q 17 not impacted by whether there's 138 comments or 18 100,000 comments; is that correct? 19 Α Correct. 20 Q You are not aware of any limitation on the number 21 of comments that can be put on the Governor's 22 official Facebook page before he can no longer 23 access it? 24 I have no knowledge of any limit that there is. Α 25 Q Okay. Let's put that away. 116

1 picture associated with the text of the tweet, correct? 2 3 Correct. 4 Q And we know for the reply that there is a user 5 image and a user name associated with each of the -- the text of each reply, correct? 6 7 That is correct. Α 8 Q And the user is able to understand exactly who the 9 author of the text is? 10 Α Yes. 11 And, in fact, it even says it is replying Q Okav. 12 to Governor Matt Bevin? 13 Α Yes. Does the Governor's staff or the Governor ever 14 15 reply to comments within a reply? Not regularly. I don't recall myself ever doing 16 Α 17 I don't believe that is a regular practice, that. 18 that we do reply back, as a standard -- in a 19 standard day. I don't think we do that. 20 But there are times when someone does? 21 I believe I would probably have to defer to my 22 colleagues, if they had done that. But I have not 23 personally ever replied back to anyone. 24 Q But are you aware of times that you have seen when 25 someone on the staff or the Governor himself has 118

1		replied to a reply?
2	Α	Yes. I have seen that on very rather occasion.
3	Q	Okay. As with Twitter as with Facebook
4		strike that.
5		There's no prior approval required for
6		someone to post a reply on Twitter, correct?
7	Α	Correct.
8	Q	And it shows up instantaneously, correct?
9	Α	Yes. Correct.
10	Q	And the user is the one who decides the content of
11		their reply?
12	Α	Yes. That is correct.
13	Q	And with this one, it doesn't there are 13
14		re-tweets or 13 replies; is that correct?
15	Α	Yes. Thirteen replies it shows.
16	Q	And are you aware of any limitations if there are
17		a large number of replies?
18	Α	I am not aware of any limitation.
19	Q	Okay. And whether there is 100 replies or 1,000
20		replies or 5 replies, the Governor still is able
21		to post on or you all or the Governor are still
22		able to post on the Governor's official Twitter
23		page?
24	Α	Yes. That is my understanding.
25	Q	Okay. Earlier you said that you sometimes will
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1		it in context for this deposition, did you?
2		THE WITNESS: No, not for the
3		deposition. This was before the I was
4		aware of a deposition.
5		MR. SHAPIRO: But you looked at
6		all right.
7	BY	MR. SHAPIRO:
8	Q	Okay. So if you were looking at this post that
9		doesn't necessarily have a discernible topic and
10		you are looking for repeated off-topic comments,
11		is there a threshold number that you consider to
12		be a threshold?
13	Α	No. I don't have just a magic number on that.
14		I don't. It it usually becomes pretty readily
15		apparent when that's someone's intent and it is
16		pretty easy to see.
17	Q	Was it more than two?
18	Α	Yes.
19	Q	More than three?
20	Α	I would say once you once there are multiples,
21		once you get to three, that's where that's
22		where I would start looking at spam, particularly
23		on one single one, yes.
24	Q	Okay. So less than three would be acceptable?
25	Α	Unless it was a persistent thing on going forward
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1 from different posts, you know, that were 2 continued on. But if you are talking in the 3 context of one, one or two, at least I could speak for myself specifically, I would not block that. 4 5 So others may have a different numerical Q 6 threshold? 7 I would say you would have to ask that question of Α 8 them. I don't know. 9 Q But you are not aware that it is a consistent 10 number for everybody? 11 The threshold that we kind of always just talked 12 about is that general statement we talked about 13 earlier with the continuous off-topic and 14 persistent. 15 Let's talk about the process for reinstating someone's account. What is your understanding of 16 17 that process? We have, at least I know in one instance in my 18 Α 19 experience, had a gentleman who contacted us. 20 I believe the initial inquiry came in through 21 constituent services, Mr. Park I mentioned 22 earlier, had either I guess sent an e-mail or a 23 letter just asking to be unlocked. And so I made 24 contact with that individual and e-mailed him and 25 let him know that if he was willing to abide by 130

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the standard of what we were asking, that we would be happy to unblock him with the understanding that if he were to break those rules again that he would be blocked. And he did reply back and agree to those rules. And so I went through the process of unblocking him. And to my knowledge, he's still an active participant on our page. Q And who created the policy of what you need to do to be unblocked? We put out a statement to the media whenever this case came -- came to light and news outlets were requesting comment from us. And, so, we worked on a statement to put out. And I used that general language to reply back to the gentleman, just let him know essentially what we're talking about, those three things were what we blocked for and that was the reason he had been blocked, but that if he was willing not to participate in those activities anymore we would be happy to unblock him. Q So prior to the initial news media reports about this, was there any policy in terms of getting unblocked from either Twitter or Facebook? I don't know of a written policy. We definitely, Α like I say, since my time with the Governor's 131

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY CENTRAL DIVISION AT FRANKFORT

DREW MORGAN and MARY HARGIS,

Plaintiffs,

Case No. 3:17cv00060

v.

MATT G. BEVIN, in his official capacity as Governor of Kentucky,

Defendant.

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DEFENDANT'S SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSES TO PLAINTIFFS' FIRST SET OF DISCOVERY REQUESTS

Pursuant to Rules 26, 33, and 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Office of the Governor (hereinafter, the "Defendant") hereby provides the following supplemental responses to the Plaintiffs' First Set of Interrogatories and First Set of Requests for Production of Documents:

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

- 1. The Defendant objects to the Plaintiffs' Definitions and Instructions to the extent they are inconsistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 2. These responses are made solely for the purpose of this action. Each response is subject to all objections as to competence, relevance, materiality, propriety, and admissibility, and any and all other objections on grounds that would require the exclusion of any statement contained herein if any request was

asked of, or any statement contained herein was made by, a witness present and testifying at trial.

- 3. Except for the facts expressly admitted, no incidental or implied admissions are intended. The fact that the Defendant has responded or objected to any discovery or any part thereof should not be taken as an admission that the Defendant accepts or admits the existence of any facts set forth or assumed by such discovery or that such response or objection constitutes admissible evidence. The fact that the Defendant has not responded to part or all of any discovery is not intended, and shall not be construed to be, a waiver by the Defendant of all or any part of any objection to any discovery propounded herein.
- 4. The Defendant objects to each Interrogatory to the extent it seeks the production of information that was prepared in anticipation of litigation, constitutes attorney work-product, discloses mental impressions, conclusions, opinions, or legal theories of any attorney for, or other representative of, the Defendant, contains attorney-client communications, or is otherwise protected from disclosure under applicable privileges, laws, or rules because such information is not properly discoverable under the applicable civil rules. Any disclosure of such protected or privileged information in any response is inadvertent and shall not constitute a waiver of such privilege, protection, or immunity.
- 5. The Defendant objects to each Interrogatory to the extent it seeks information that is publicly available, is as equally available to, and/or is as readily accessible to the Plaintiffs as it is to the Defendant.

- 6. The Defendant objects to each Interrogatory to the extent it is duplicative of any information that the Plaintiffs already possess. The Defendant denies any obligation to collect information from any third parties in responding to each Interrogatory.
- 7. The Defendant objects to each Interrogatory to the extent it seeks information that is not within the scope of the civil rules.
- 8. The Defendant objects to each Interrogatory to the extent it is unduly burdensome or calculated to unreasonably burden or harass the Defendant.
- 9. The following responses are provided without prejudice to the production of subsequently discovered facts or evidence, reevaluation of the existing evidence, or evaluation of the existing evidence in light of newly discovered evidence. The Defendant reserves the right to supplement these responses.
- 10. These General Objections shall be deemed continuing throughout the Defendant's Responses to Plaintiff's Interrogatories, even if not specifically referenced in a response. Furthermore, if any particular response contains certain general objections, that fact shall not be construed as limiting the effect of any of these General Objections.

INTERROGATORIES

INTERROGATORY NO. 2: Please identify all employees, interns, or other personnel who have, from December 8, 2015, to present, had any involvement in

maintaining Governor Bevin's official Facebook ("GovMattBevin") or Twitter ("@GovMattBevin") accounts, and indicate the nature of that involvement.

RESPONSE: The Defendant objects to this Interrogatory to the extent that it requests the disclosure of attorney-client communications between the Defendant and his attorneys. Subject to that objection, the following individuals have been involved, at one time or another, in monitoring the Governor's social media accounts since December 8, 2015: Blake Brickman, Nicole Burton, Jessica Ditto, Catherine Easley, John Hodgson, Andrew King, Elizabeth Kuhn, Woody Maglinger, Chris Skates, Ben Goldey, Jordan Morgan, Taylor Sears, Kathryn Snavely, Amanda Stamper, Leeann Veatch, Jenna Williams, John Zurowski, and Matthew G. Bevin. These individuals have been involved in: (1) posting content to the Governor's official Facebook and/or Twitter accounts, (2) blocking or banning accounts that have made obscene, abusive, and/or off-topic comments on the Governor's official Facebook and/or Twitter accounts, and/or (3) have deleted and/or hidden off-topic or inappropriate comments on the Governor's official Facebook account.

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VERIFICATION

The foregoing Responses to Plaintiff's First Set of Interrogatories are true to the best of my current knowledge.

Nicole Burton

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

Subscribed, sworn to, and acknowledged before me by Nicole Burton on this

 $\sqrt{2}$ day of August, 2018.

My commission expires on

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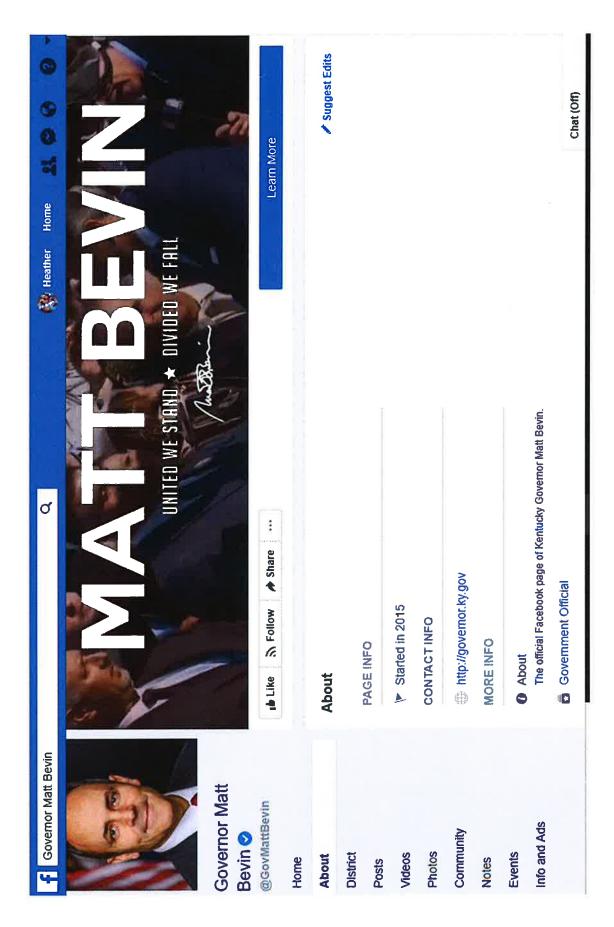
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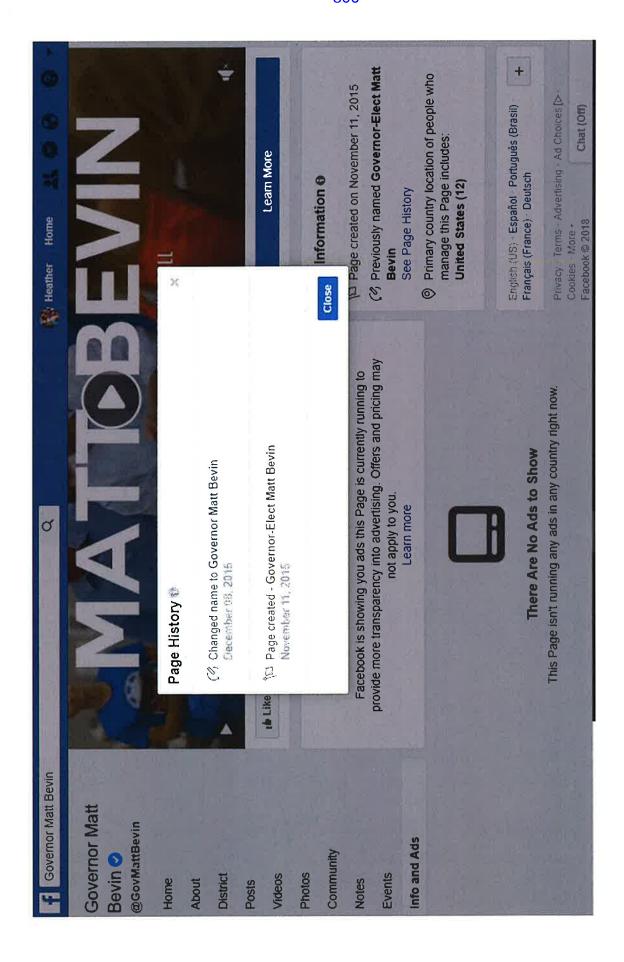
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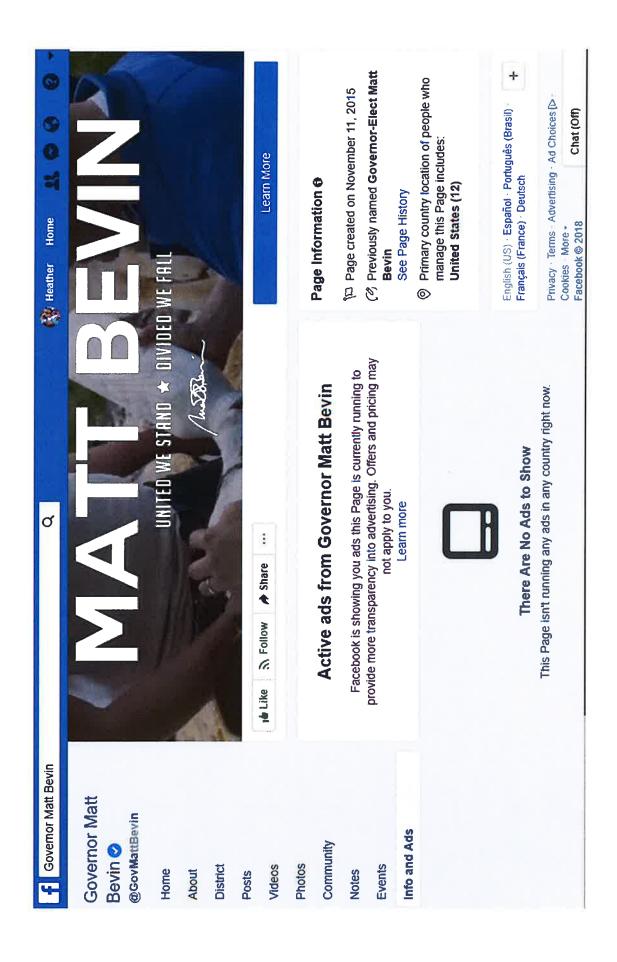
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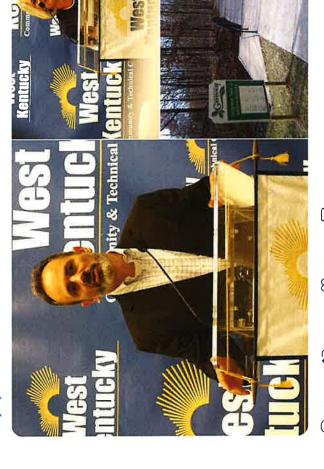
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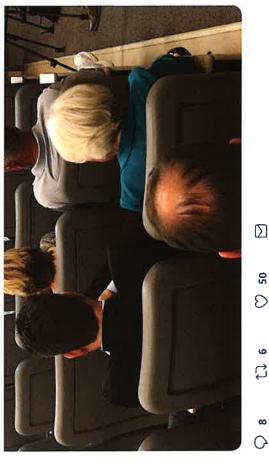
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DREW MORGAN and MARY HARGIS,

Plaintiffs,

Case No. 3:17cv00060

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MATT G. BEVIN, in his official capacity as Governor of Kentucky,

Defendant.

DEFENDANT'S RESPONSES TO PLAINTIFFS' FIRST SET OF DISCOVERY REQUESTS

Pursuant to Rules 26, 33, and 34 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Office of the Governor (hereinafter, the "Defendant") hereby provides the following responses to the Plaintiffs' First Set of Interrogatories and First Set of Requests for Production of Documents:

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

- 1. The Defendant objects to the Plaintiffs' Definitions and Instructions to the extent they are inconsistent with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
- 2. These responses are made solely for the purpose of this action. Each response is subject to all objections as to competence, relevance, materiality, propriety, and admissibility, and any and all other objections on grounds that would require the exclusion of any statement contained herein if any request was

asked of, or any statement contained herein was made by, a witness present and testifying at trial.

- 3. Except for the facts expressly admitted, no incidental or implied admissions are intended. The fact that the Defendant has responded or objected to any discovery or any part thereof should not be taken as an admission that the Defendant accepts or admits the existence of any facts set forth or assumed by such discovery or that such response or objection constitutes admissible evidence. The fact that the Defendant has not responded to part or all of any discovery is not intended, and shall not be construed to be, a waiver by the Defendant of all or any part of any objection to any discovery propounded herein.
- 4. The Defendant objects to each Interrogatory to the extent it seeks the production of information that was prepared in anticipation of litigation, constitutes attorney work-product, discloses mental impressions, conclusions, opinions, or legal theories of any attorney for, or other representative of, the Defendant, contains attorney-client communications, or is otherwise protected from disclosure under applicable privileges, laws, or rules because such information is not properly discoverable under the applicable civil rules. Any disclosure of such protected or privileged information in any response is inadvertent and shall not constitute a waiver of such privilege, protection, or immunity.
- 5. The Defendant objects to each Interrogatory to the extent it seeks information that is publicly available, is as equally available to, and/or is as readily accessible to the Plaintiffs as it is to the Defendant.

- 6. The Defendant objects to each Interrogatory to the extent it is duplicative of any information that the Plaintiffs already possess. The Defendant denies any obligation to collect information from any third parties in responding to each Interrogatory.
- 7. The Defendant objects to each Interrogatory to the extent it seeks information that is not within the scope of the civil rules.
- 8. The Defendant objects to each Interrogatory to the extent it is unduly burdensome or calculated to unreasonably burden or harass the Defendant.
- 9. The following responses are provided without prejudice to the production of subsequently discovered facts or evidence, reevaluation of the existing evidence, or evaluation of the existing evidence in light of newly discovered evidence. The Defendant reserves the right to supplement these responses.
- 10. These General Objections shall be deemed continuing throughout the Defendant's Responses to Plaintiff's Interrogatories, even if not specifically referenced in a response. Furthermore, if any particular response contains certain general objections, that fact shall not be construed as limiting the effect of any of these General Objections.

INTERROGATORIES

INTERROGATORY NO. 1: Please identify every person who assisted in the preparation of the responses to these discovery requests and provide each person's name, address, and telephone number.

RESPONSE: Woody Maglinger 700 Capitol Ave., Suite 102, Frankfort, KY 40601, 502-234-4888, with assistance of counsel; and Nicole Burton 700 Capitol Ave., Suite 102, Frankfort, KY 40601, 502-234-4699, with assistance of counsel. These individuals are employees of the Office of the Governor and may only be contacted through Defense counsel.

INTERROGATORY NO. 2: Please identify all employees, interns, or other personnel who have, from December 8, 2015, to present, had any involvement in maintaining Governor Bevin's official Facebook ("GovMattBevin") or Twitter ("@GovMattBevin") accounts, and indicate the nature of that involvement.

RESPONSE: The Defendant objects to this Interrogatory to the extent that it requests the disclosure of attorney-client communications between the Defendant and his attorneys. Subject to that objection, the following individuals have been involved, at one time or another, in monitoring the Governor's social media accounts since December 8, 2015: Blake Brickman, Nicole Burton, Jessica Ditto, Catherine Easley, John Hodgson, Andrew King, Elizabeth Kuhn, Woody Maglinger, Chris Skates, Ben Goldey, Jordan Morgan, Taylor Sears, Kathryn Snavely, Amanda Stamper, Leeann Veatch, Jenna Williams, John Zurowski. These individuals have been involved in: (1) posting content to the Governor's official Facebook and/or Twitter accounts, (2) blocking or banning accounts that have made obscene, abusive, and/or off-topic comments on the Governor's official Facebook and/or Twitter

accounts, and/or (3) have deleted and/or hidden off-topic or inappropriate comments on the Governor's official Facebook account.

INTERROGATORY NO. 3: Please identify all employees, interns, or other personnel who have, from December 8, 2015, to present, been involved in blocking individuals from Governor Bevin's official Facebook page.

RESPONSE: Please see the response to Interrogatory No. 2 above.

INTERROGATORY NO. 4: Please identify all employees, interns, or other personnel who have, from December 8, 2015, to present, been involved in blocking individuals from Governor Bevin's official Twitter page.

RESPONSE: Please see the response to Interrogatory No. 2 above.

INTERROGATORY NO. 5: Please identify any policy, written or otherwise, promulgated by or followed by your office governing individual users' activity on Governor Bevin's official Facebook page, and how that policy was relayed to Facebook users.

RESPONSE: The Governor's Office has a policy of disallowing comments that are obscene, abusive, or clearly off topic or spam.

In July 2017, the Governor's Office issued the following official statement:

"As we've said many times before, Gov. Bevin is a strong advocate of constructive dialogue, and he welcomes thoughtful input from all viewpoints on his

social media platforms. Unfortunately, a small number of users misuse those outlets

by posting obscene and abusive language or images, or repeated off-topic comments

and spam. Constituents of all ages should be able to engage in civil discourse with

Gov. Bevin via his social media platforms without being subjected to vulgarity or

abusive trolls. Blocking individuals from engaging in such inappropriate conduct on

social media in no way violates their right to free speech under the U.S. or Kentucky

Constitutions, nor does it prohibit them from expressing their opinion in an open

forum."

Additionally, the Governor made the following statements on Facebook addressing

social media:

July 1, 2017:

https://www.facebook.com/GovMattBevin/videos/1719065218393364/

August 10, 2017:

https://www.facebook.com/GovMattBevin/videos/1735771666722719/

INTERROGATORY NO. 6: Please identify any policy, written or otherwise,

promulgated by or followed by your office governing individual users' activity on

Governor Bevin's official Twitter page, and how that policy was relayed to Twitter

users.

RESPONSE: Please see the response to Interrogatory No. 5 above.

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INTERROGATORY NO. 7: Please identify the process by which an individual Facebook user may be blocked from Governor Bevin's official Facebook page, including: how a decision is made to block the individual and who makes that decision; how or whether the individual is notified that they've been blocked; whether and how any record is maintained indicating why the user was blocked.

RESPONSE: The personnel who maintain Governor Bevin's Facebook page review the posts on the Governor's Facebook account, and if any comments to those posts are obscene or abusive, then the account that made the comments will be banned. If any comments are clearly off topic, they are hidden. However, if an account makes repeated off-topic comments, that account will be banned. If the social media user cannot see the Governor's Facebook page when logged into a particular Facebook account, then they know that the account has been banned from viewing the Governor's Facebook page. The Governor's Office possesses screenshots of many comments that resulted in an account being banned, but it does not possess any records indicating why the Plaintiffs' accounts were banned.

INTERROGATORY NO. 8: Please identify the process by which an individual Twitter user may be blocked from Governor Bevin's official Twitter page, including: how a decision is made to block the individual and who makes that decision; how or whether the individual is notified that they've been blocked; whether and how any record is maintained indicating why the user was blocked.

RESPONSE: The personnel who maintain Governor Bevin's Twitter account review the comments to the Governor's tweets, and if any of the comments violate the policy described above in response to Interrogatory No. 5, then the account that made such comment or comments will be blocked. If a social media user's Twitter account is blocked by the Governor's Twitter page, then the user will be informed of that fact when the user tries to view the Governor's Twitter page while logged into the blocked account. The Governor's Office possesses screenshots of many comments that resulted in an account being blocked, but it does not possess any records indicating why the Plaintiffs' accounts were blocked.

INTERROGATORY NO. 9: Please provide all information relating to the act of blocking Drew Morgan from Governor Bevin's official Twitter page, including, but not limited to, the bases for that action, the date he was blocked, and all persons involved in that action.

RESPONSE: Because this lawsuit was not filed until roughly six months after Mr. Morgan's account was allegedly blocked, the Defendant has no recollection of any facts indicating what specifically resulted in Mr. Morgan's account being blocked. Due to the passage of time, the Defendant is also unaware of who made the decision to block Mr. Morgan's account.

INTERROGATORY NO. 10: Please provide all information relating to the act of blocking Mary Hargis from Governor Bevin's official Facebook page, including, but

not limited to, the bases for that action, the date she was blocked, and all persons involved in that action.

RESPONSE: Because this lawsuit was not filed until roughly six months after Ms. Hargis's account was allegedly banned, the Defendant has no recollection of any facts indicating what specifically resulted in Ms. Hargis's account being banned. Due to the passage of time, the Defendant is also unaware of who made the decision to ban Ms. Hargis's account.

INTERROGATORY NO. 11: Identify all individuals who have been blocked from Governor Bevin's official Facebook page and the reason for the block. For each individual, provide the information in the format provided below.

RESPONSE: Objection. This interrogatory is irrelevant, overly broad, unduly burdensome, would require the defendant to speculate as to the actions of former employees, and is not proportional to the needs of the case. This is not a class action. Rather, it is simply a case with two plaintiffs. The only facts that are discoverable here are facts pertaining to the claims of those two particular individuals.

INTERROGATORY NO. 12: Identify all individuals who have been blocked from Governor Bevin's official Twitter page and the reason for the block. For each individual, provide the information in the format provided below.

RESPONSE: Objection. This interrogatory is irrelevant, overly broad, unduly burdensome, would require the defendant to speculate as to the actions of former

employees, and is not proportional to the needs of the case. This is not a class action. Rather, it is simply a case with two plaintiffs. The only facts that are discoverable here are facts pertaining to the claims of those two particular individuals.

REQUESTS TO PRODUCE

REQUEST NO. 1: A current list of all individuals blocked from Governor Bevin's official Facebook page.

RESPONSE: Objection. This Request is irrelevant, overly broad, and not proportional to the needs of the case.

REQUEST NO. 2: A current list of all individuals blocked Governor Bevin's official Twitter page.

RESPONSE: Objection. This Request is irrelevant, overly broad, and not proportional to the needs of the case.

REQUEST NO. 3: All documents, including, but not limited to, any communications, text messages, Facebook direct messages, or Twitter direct messages, relating to censorship practices on Governor Bevin's official Facebook page.

RESPONSE: Objection. The Defendant is unsure what the term "censorship practices" means. This request is vague, overly broad, and is not proportional to the needs of the case.

REQUEST NO. 4: All documents, including, but not limited to, any communications, text messages, Facebook direct messages, or Twitter direct messages, relating to censorship practices on Governor Bevin's official Twitter page.

RESPONSE: Objection. The Defendant is unsure what the term "censorship practices" means. This request is vague, overly broad, and is not proportional to the needs of the case.

REQUEST NO. 5: All documents, including, but not limited to, any communications, text messages, Facebook direct messages, or Twitter direct messages, relating to activity on Governor Bevin's official Facebook page by users other than Defendant or Defendant's employees.

RESPONSE: Objection. Responding to this request would potentially entail gathering tens of thousands of comments and searching through two-and-a-half years' worth of Facebook and Twitter comments. This Request is a fishing expedition, not a serious request for specific documents. If the Plaintiffs have a request for specific documents or a specific category of documents that pertain to their claims, the Defendant will be glad to consider such a request provided that it is consistent with the Rules of Civil Procedure. As it stands, this Request is vague, overly broad, unduly burdensome, and not proportional to the needs of the case.

REQUEST NO. 6: All documents, including, but not limited to, any communications, text messages, Facebook direct messages, or Twitter direct messages, relating to

activity on Governor Bevin's official Twitter page by users other than Defendant or Defendant's employees.

RESPONSE: Objection. Responding to this request would potentially entail gathering tens of thousands of comments and searching through two-and-a-half years' worth of Facebook and Twitter comments. This Request is a fishing expedition, not a serious request for specific documents. If the Plaintiffs have a request for specific documents or a specific category of documents that pertain to their claims, the Defendant will be glad to consider such a request provided that it is consistent with the Rules of Civil Procedure. As it stands, this Request is vague, overly broad, unduly burdensome, and not proportional to the needs of the case.

REQUEST NO. 7: All documents, including, but not limited to, any communications, text messages, Facebook direct messages, or Twitter direct messages, relating to decisions to block individual users from Governor Bevin's official Twitter page.

RESPONSE: Objection. This Request is irrelevant, overly broad, and not proportional to the needs of the case. The only issue in this case is whether the Defendant violated the First Amendment rights of the Plaintiffs by blocking or banning particular Facebook and Twitter accounts allegedly associated with them. The resolution of this issue is not informed in any way by the decision to block or ban any other accounts. This is an action brought by two particular Plaintiffs acting on behalf of themselves only, not a class. Thus, the only facts that are relevant are the facts pertaining to the blocking or banning of the Plaintiffs.

REQUEST NO. 8: All documents, including, but not limited to, any communications,

text messages, Facebook direct messages, or Twitter direct messages, relating to

decisions to block individual users from Governor Bevin's official Facebook page.

RESPONSE: Objection. This Request is irrelevant, overly broad, and not

proportional to the needs of the case. The only issue in this case is whether the

Defendant violated the First Amendment rights of the Plaintiffs by blocking or

banning particular Facebook and Twitter accounts allegedly associated with them.

The resolution of this issue is not informed in any way by the decision to block or ban

any other accounts. This is an action brought by two particular Plaintiffs acting on

behalf of themselves only, not a class. Thus, the only facts that are relevant are the

facts pertaining to the blocking or banning of the Plaintiffs.

REQUEST NO. 9: All documents, including, but not limited to, any communications,

text messages, Facebook direct messages, or Twitter direct messages, relating to the

decision to block Mary Hargis from Governor Bevin's official Facebook page.

RESPONSE: The Defendant does not possess any responsive documents.

All documents, including, but not limited to, any REQUEST NO. 10:

communications, text messages, Facebook direct messages, or Twitter direct

messages, relating to the decision to block Drew Morgan from Governor Bevin's

official Twitter page.

RESPONSE: The Defendant does not possess any responsive documents.

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REQUEST NO. 11: All documents, including, but not limited to, any communications, text messages, Facebook direct messages, or Twitter direct messages, relating to any actions taken in connection with blocking Drew Morgan from Governor Bevin's official Twitter page.

RESPONSE: The Defendant does not possess any responsive documents.

REQUEST NO. 12: All documents, including, but not limited to, any communications, text messages, Facebook direct messages, or Twitter direct messages, relating to any actions taken in connection with blocking Mary Hargis from Governor Bevin's official Facebook page.

RESPONSE: The Defendant does not possess any responsive documents.

REQUEST NO. 13: The specific posts or writings made by Drew Morgan that caused Defendant to block Drew Morgan from Governor Bevin's official Twitter page.

RESPONSE: Objection. Because this lawsuit was not filed until roughly six months after Mr. Morgan alleges his account was blocked, the Defendant has no recollection of any facts indicating what specifically resulted in Mr. Morgan's account being blocked. Therefore, the Defendant is unable to respond to this request.

REQUEST NO. 14: The specific posts or writings made by Mary Hargis that caused Defendant to block Mary Hargis from Governor Bevin's official Facebook page.

RESPONSE: Objection. Because this lawsuit was not filed until roughly six months after Ms. Hargis alleges her account was banned, the Defendant has no recollection of any facts indicating what specifically resulted in Ms. Hargis's account being banned. Therefore, the Defendant is unable to respond to this request.

REQUEST NO. 15: All documents, including, but not limited to, any communications, text messages, Facebook direct messages, or Twitter direct messages, relating to any policies, procedures, or guidelines regarding Governor Bevin's official social media pages.

RESPONSE: Please see the response to Interrogatory No. 5 above.

REQUEST NO. 16: All documents, including, but not limited to, any communications, text messages, Facebook direct messages, or Twitter direct messages, relating to terms or words used to filter or block users from Governor Bevin's official Twitter page, including any lists of the terms or words themselves.

RESPONSE: The Defendant has no responsive documents.

REQUEST NO. 17: All documents, including, but not limited to, any communications, text messages, Facebook direct messages, or Twitter direct messages, relating to terms or words used to filter or block users from Governor Bevin's official Facebook page, including any lists of the terms or words themselves.

RESPONSE: Objection. This Request is irrelevant. The Defendant uses the Facebook word filter function, but that is the only fact that is relevant to the Plaintiffs' case. The specific words that are used in the filter are not relevant.

REQUEST NO. 18: All documents referenced in, relied on, or relating to, your responses to the Interrogatories.

RESPONSE: Objection. No such documents are relevant to the Plaintiffs' claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

The foregoing Responses to Plaintiff's First Set of Interrogatories are true to the best of my current knowledge.

Nicole Burton

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COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

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1	A	I understand that, yeah.
2	Q	Fair enough, thank you. Okay, Mr.
3	Morgan, what	is your educational background?
4	A	Some college.
5	Q	Okay.
6	A	I did a semester at University of
7	Kentucky in t	he mid '90s, a couple semesters at
8	Jefferson Com	munity Technical College.
9	Q	And where did you go to high school?
10	A	Ballard High School here in Louisville.
11	Q	And what did you study at UK?
12	A	Business management.
13	Q	Okay. And did you get any degree from
14	the community	college?
15	A	I did not.
16	Q	And what did you study there?
17	A	Business management also.
18	Q	Where do you live now?
19	A	In Jeffersontown. Louisville. East
20	end.	
21	Q	In Jefferson County?
22	A	Jeffersontown, yeah.
23	Q	And Mr. Morgan, what is your occupation?
24	A	I am a patient care assistant and unit
25	coordinator a	t Norton Children's Medical Center.

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     you have to information that you are going to look at
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     mixed in with a whole bunch of information that is
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     completely irrelevant to you?
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                    MR. SHAPIRO: Objection. Lack of
     foundation. Calls for speculation.
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     Governor's office in the IT department or whoever's in
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     charge of Twitter.
                    Mr. Morgan, how has being blocked harmed
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     you?
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                    I can't engage with the Governor.
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     can't see his posts unless I log out of my Twitter
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     account. Even if I log out, I can't reply to his posts
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                    You can call the Governor's office,
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     right?
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1	A	I was not.
2	Q	Then why didn't you take any steps to
3	get unblocked?	
4	A	I didn't know how at the time.
5	Q	So are you telling me that you thought
6	that filing a	lawsuit would be easier than anything
7	else you could	do to get unblocked?
8		MR. SHAPIRO: Objection. Asked and
9	answered.	
10	A	Nothing is easier than one thing or the
11	other. I don'	t understand your question here. If
12	you're trying	to get to the fact that I'm looking for
13	attention or s	omething, that's not the case.
14	Q	Why did you file the lawsuit?
15	A	Because my First Amendment was blocked
16	by Governor Be	vin. He's done it to multiple people in
17	this state.	
18	Q	When did you get blocked?
19	A	February 8th, 2017.
20	Q	When was the lawsuit filed?
21	A	Was it July of 2017? June, July of
22	2017.	
23	Q	So how many months is that from
24	February?	
25	A	What, five?



July 11, 2017

Matthew G. Bevin, Governor Commonwealth of Kentucky 700 Capital Avenue, Suite 100 Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 fax: (502) 564-2517

Via first-class mail and facsimile transmission

RE: Request pertaining to use of social media

Dear Governor Bevin,

On behalf of the ACLU OF KENTUCKY and several affected Kentuckians, we write concerning your practice of permanently banning or blocking individuals from accessing or commenting on your official social media accounts. We believe that this practice, even if unrelated to the viewpoints expressed by those individuals, violates the free speech guarantees of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and § 8 of the Ky. Constitution. Accordingly, we ask that you immediately cease permanently blocking or banning individuals from being able to engage in political speech on your official social media pages (your official "Governor Matt Bevin" Facebook page and your official @GovMattBevin Twitter account), and that you reinstate access to the hundreds of individuals who have already been blocked from those forums, 1

Specifically, while the use of social media is a relatively new phenomenon, it has quickly become a platform for individuals "to engage in a wide array of protected First Amendment activity on topics as diverse as human thought."²

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Packingham v. North Carolina, 198 L.Ed.2d 273, 280 (U.S. June 19, 2017) (internal quotations and citation omitted).

Recognizing the popularity and power of social media, you yourself have stated your intention to use it to connect with the public directly in lieu of utilizing traditional media outlets.³

However, in this medium, as in other public forum contexts, the Constitution protects individuals' speech rights and conversely limits government's ability to engage in content or viewpoint discrimination.⁴ This is particularly true for those individuals who access your social media pages to engage in political speech, which lies at the heart of the First Amendment's protections as does their right to receive the information you disseminate.⁵ Thus, because your official Facebook and Twitter pages are government-created public forums⁶ set aside for individuals to engage in and receive speech, you lack the authority to censor or otherwise block individuals from participating in these public forums simply because you disagree with the viewpoints they express.

Your spokesperson, Woody Maglinger, has indicated to a senior reporter for ProPublica that the decision to block individuals from these official online forums is not based on their expressed viewpoints, but rather because of posts that contain "obscene and abusive language or images, or repeated off-topic comments and

See e.g. GOVERNOR MATT BEVIN, "Media Exposed (Part One)" and "Media Exposed (Part Two)" videos, posted on June 15, 2017, both available at https://www.facebook.com/pg/GovMattBevin/videos/?ref=page_internal.

See Packingham, 198 L.Ed.2d at 282 ("In sum, to foreclose access to social media altogether is to prevent the user from engaging in the legitimate exercise of First Amendment rights."); Perry Educ. Ass'n v. Perry Loc. Educators' Ass'n, 460 U.S. 37 (1983); Rosenberger v. Rector and Visitors of University of Virginia, 515 U.S. 819 (1994).

Snyder v. Phelps, 562 U.S. 443, 451-52 (2011) ("[S]peech on matters of public concern... is at the heart of the First Amendment's protection."); Stanley v. Georgia, 394 U.S. 557 (1969) (First Amendment protects right to receive information); Neinast v. Bd. of Trs. of the Columbus Metro. Library, 346 F.3d 585 (6th Cir. 2003).

Though some have argued that government-created social media accounts do not constitute designated or limited public forums for which First Amendment protections would apply, we disagree. See Davison v. Loudoun County, 2016 WL 4801617 at *7 (E.D. Va. Sept. 14, 2016) ("Once it has opened a limited forum, the State must respect the lawful boundaries it has itself set'... This rule applies as much to Defendants' Facebook page as to any other limited public forum.").

spam." First, even if true, we do not think that has always been the case. Take, for example, the case of Drew Morgan. In early February, 2017, news broke regarding the property taxes owed on your Cherokee Gardens home. Mr. Morgan, a Kentuckian and former follower of your official Twitter account, commented on a number of your Twitter posts and inquired about the status of those property taxes. Then, on February 8, 2017, you (or someone acting on your behalf) permanently blocked him from your official Twitter account, and he remains blocked as of this date. None of Mr. Morgan's comments on your Twitter account were obscene, abusive, or defamatory, nor were they "off-topic." Instead, it appears that your office permanently blocked Mr. Morgan from your official Twitter account simply because of his viewpoint and the questions he posed. This resulted in Mr. Morgan being unable to engage in political speech on your official account, and being unable to share (or re-Tweet) your officials posts.

Similarly, Tristan Williams was blocked from your official Twitter account in early January, 2017. Just prior to being blocked, Ms. Williams had expressed her concerns about your policies about women's health, particularly concerning reproductive health care. And in response to your Tweet encouraging protection for the unborn, Ms. Williams criticized, in a non-threatening, non-obscene, and non-defamatory way, your administration's policies relating to children who have already been born. Ms. Williams first noticed that she was blocked from your official Twitter account on January 7th, and she, too, has been blocked ever since.

Moreover, Kentuckians Against Matt Bevin is a public Facebook page on which political articles, blogs, and commentary are gathered. Currently, 1,827 people "like" the page, which means they follow this page and its posts appear in their timelines. The page began on April 1, 2016, but it was blocked from your official Facebook page less than a month later. Although quite clearly critical of

Posting of CHARLES ORNSTEIN to Twitter, https://twitter.com/charlesornstein/status/874707071572168704 (June 13, 2017, 12:26 EST).

See e.g. MATTHEW GLOWICKI, Records: Gov. Bevin, Wife Owe \$11K in 2016 Property Taxes, Courier-Journal, Feb. 8, 2017. Available at http://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/politics/2017/02/08/ kentucky-governor-matt-bevin-wife-owe-11k-2016-property-taxes/97652528/ (last accessed July 6, 2017).

⁹ See attached Exhibit 1.

¹⁰ Id. at 2.

¹¹ See attached Exhibit 2.

your administration, the posts on this page were not (and are not) vulgar, obscene, or abusive. Rather, this page engages in core political speech that is fully protected by the Constitution notwithstanding that it is critical of your administration's policies.

We think these examples fairly establish your office has, in fact, blocked individuals' access to your official social media accounts because of a disagreement with the messages they expressed. However, even crediting your office with blocking individuals for reasons wholly unrelated to the viewpoints they have expressed, permanently banning those individuals from engaging in the public forum nonetheless violates the First Amendment because a permanent ban lacks the requisite narrow tailoring for any legitimate speech restriction, and because it is tantamount to an unlawful prior restraint on speech.¹⁸

As Governor, you have made clear how highly you value direct engagement with constituents across the state. You certainly can appreciate, therefore, the importance of not unlawfully (or permanently) blocking individuals' access to the very platforms that you use to do so. Where public forums such as your Facebook and Twitter pages have been opened, traditional First Amendment protections apply and must be protected. Permanently blocking or banning users such as Mr. Morgan, Ms. Williams, and Kentuckians Against Matt Bevin (whether based on the viewpoints they express or for any other reason) violates the First Amendment, and we ask that you immediately unblock these three, and the hundreds of others who have likewise been blocked. We further request that your office adopt, and publicize, a constitutionally-sound policy regarding the moderation of these online public forums.

See attached Exhibit 3.

^{(&}quot;Those courts that have confronted this issue in the context of a challenge to a prohibition on future expression because of past unlawful conduct have found such prohibitions unlawful."); Cyr v. Addison Rutland Supervisory Union, 60 F. Supp. 3d 536, 548 (D. Vt. 2014) ("A categorical ban of a single individual from open school board meetings, however, is not narrowly tailored and does not leave open ample alternative channels of communication."); Brown v. City of Jacksonville, 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 8162, 2006 WL 385085 (M.D.Fla. 2006) (granting preliminary injunction barring City Council from enforcing three-month attendance ban against plaintiff from attending City Council meetings). See also Huminski v. Corsones, 396 F.3d 53, 92 (2d Cir. 2004) ("categorical ban on expressive speech singling out an individual does not even satisfy the lower threshold of reasonableness review" for a nonpublic forum).

Because of the importance of individuals' speech rights, we request that you notify us, in writing, within ten (10) days of the date of this letter regarding whether (or not) your office will: 1) unblock all of the hundreds of individuals who have been blocked from your official Twitter and Facebook forums; 2) abandon the policy of permanently blocking individuals from these forums; and 3) develop and publicize written criteria for how your administration will moderate these online forums moving forward. Failure to respond within that timeframe will be construed as a rejection of our requests. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to your reply.

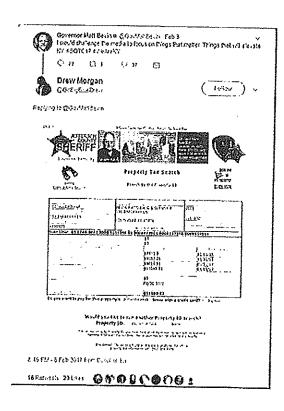
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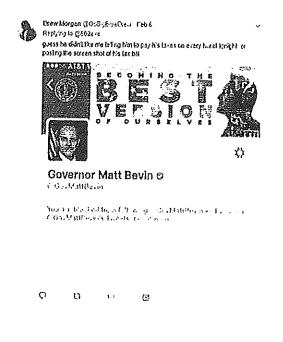
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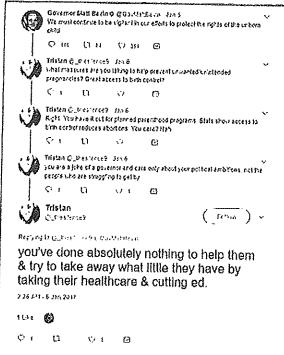
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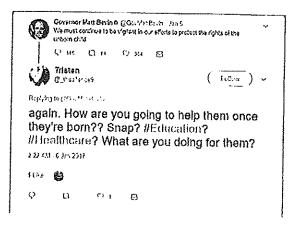


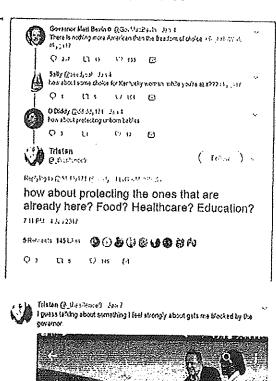




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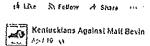
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Our Governor wants to altract business and bring Improvements to the economy that we desperately need. But Instead of bringing in outsiders, we have the option to invest in ourserves. We can write a budget that puts our tax dotters to work in our local lowns, where everyday Kenhuckians can take the lead in shaping our communities.

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If this concerns you, I encourage you to make your voice heard. GsEng your legislators is a place to start. So is taking with your families, friends, and neighbors about what you'd the to see happen in the state of Kentucky. Get to know your city councils, or join grassroots groups than Kentuckians for the Commonwealth. Kentuckians are doing amazing things every day, and I know we have the about to create thinking communities.

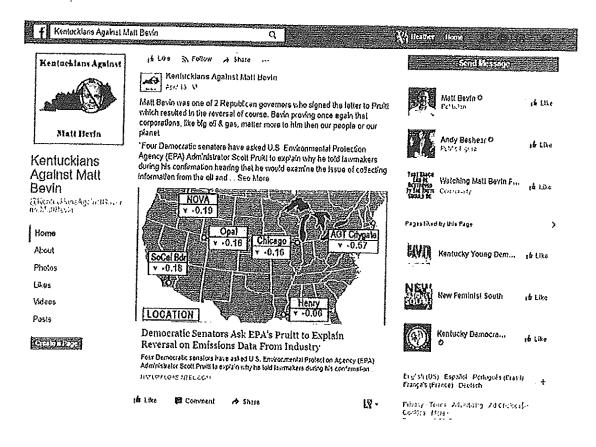
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY CENTRAL DIVISION AT FRANKFORT No. 3:17-CV-60-GFVT

DEPOSITION OF MARY DEANA SHARP HARGIS

DREW MORGAN and MARY HARGIS

PLAINTIFFS

v.

MATT G. BEVIN, in his official capacity DEFENDANT as Governor of Kentucky

The deposition of MARY DEANA SHARP HARGIS was taken on behalf of the defendant before Rebecca Fella, Registered Professional Reporter and Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of Kentucky at Large, at the office of Ransdell, Roach & Royse, PLLC, 176 Pasadena Drive, Building I, Lexington, Kentucky, on Thursday, November 1, 2018, beginning at the hour of 1:00 p.m. The deposition was taken by notice and shall be used for any and all purposes allowed by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, including use at trial.

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1	Morehead?	
2	A. I	've been in Morehead since 1975, when I
3	got married.	
4	Q. 0	kay. And what do you do for a living,
5	Ms. Hargis?	
6	A. I	'm a retired Kentucky State employee.
7	Q. A	nd how long did you work for the State?
8	A. T	wenty-seven years.
9	Q. A	nd when did you retire?
10	A. 2	008, May 31st.
11	Q. O	kay. And what did you do for the State?
12	A. I	was a clerical support person for the
13	Commission for	Children With Special Health Care Needs,
14	part of the Cab	pinet for Health and Family Services.
15	Q. A	nd did you work in an office in Morehead
16	or did you driv	e to Frankfort
17	A. N	O
18	Q	- every day?
19	A	- in Morehead.
20	Q. O	kay.
21	A. T	he home office was in Louisville.
22	Q. S	o you said you worked 27 years, so does
23	that mean then	that you started working there in 1981?
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25	A. I	worked previously at the health

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1	representation.		
2	You cannot you cannot make an		
3	unsolicited email privileged.		
4	MR. SHAPIRO: I am objecting to the		
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6	Q. Ms. Hargis, what did the email say?		
7	A. Just that		
8	MR. SHAPIRO: You can answer the		
9	question.		
10	THE WITNESS: Huh?		
11	MR. SHAPIRO: You can answer that		
12	question.		
13	A. It was that I was on a list of blocked		
14	people from the governor's page and that would I be		
15	interested in trying to be able to become involved.		
16	Q. Prior to that point, had you had you		
17	contemplated filing a lawsuit?		
18	A. I didn't know I was blocked until a couple		
19	of days prior to that.		
20	Q. So you weren't you didn't even know you		
21	were blocked until you got that email?		
22	A. No, I knew I didn't understand that I		
23	was blocked. I only knew that I could share. So I I		
24	wasn't aware of what that meant at that time, but then		
25	when I found out I was actually blocked, then I		

understood that was why I could only share. 1 And how did you find out you were blocked? 2 Q. 3 Α. Through the ACLU. 4 Was it that email or another communication? 0. 5 When I say that email, I mean the email 6 from Ms. Gatnarek on the 24th. 7 Α. Through --8 Ο. Through that --9 -- that email. Α. 10 Okay. So that was the first time you Ο. 11 understood that you were blocked? 12 That I actually understood that I was Α. 13 blocked, yes. 14 0. Okay. 15 Α. I didn't understand the process prior to that because I'd never been blocked from anything, and 16 17 so when all I could do was share, I was -- I didn't 18 understand why. 19 But there's no way to question that on 20 Facebook when you see that unless you know or are aware 2.1 of what that means, and I didn't -- I was unaware of 22 what that meant. Did you respond to Ms. Gatnarek's email? 23 Q. 24 MR. SHAPIRO: I'm going to object to 25 the -- you can answer that question.

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JAMES BLAKE BRICKMAN, called by the
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       Plaintiff, having been first duly sworn, testified
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       as follows:
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       BY MS. GATNAREK:
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             (Proceedings Commenced at 8:08 a.m.)
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            Could you introduce yourself for the record,
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       please?
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             James Blake Brickman.
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             And your last name is spelled as it sounds?
       Q.
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              Great. Have you ever been deposed or
       Q.
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       testified before, Mr. Brickman?
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       Α.
              No.
              This is the first time?
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       Q.
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              First time.
       Α.
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              Great. Are you here with counsel today?
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              I am.
              And is that Mr. Meredith and Mr. Kuhn --
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       Q.
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       Α.
              Yes.
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       Q.
              -- sitting to your right?
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              Yes.
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              Excellent. Let me just go over a few basics
       Q.
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of the deposition, and then we can get started.

First of all, we have a court reporter here today, who is making a transcript. So we need affirmative answers to questions, a yes or a no as opposed to a head shake or a head nod.

If any question that I ask you is unclear or if you don't understand what I mean, please let me know or ask me to clarify. I'm very happy to do that, and it's probably because I have not asked the question correctly or appropriately.

Because we have a court reporter who's making a record, it's important that we not talk over each other, we let each other finish before the other one speaks. Otherwise, that garbles the record.

If you need to speak with your attorneys, you are free to do so. I just ask that you answer the question that is pending first, before requesting time to speak with your attorneys. So don't leave a question pending.

And the same is true with breaks. If you ever need a break, please let us know. We can do that. Just please don't leave a question pending before the break.

And is there any reason that you cannot answer -- or cannot testify truthfully today, any

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Q. -- would impact that? Okay.

And, Mr. Brickman, you are here today as the governor's 30(b)(6) designee; is that correct?

- A. Yes.
- Q. So you're here to give official testimony on behalf of the office of the governor; is that correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- Q. Because you haven't testified as -- in a
 deposition before, I take it that you have not
 testified as a corporate designee before; is that
 correct?
 - A. Correct.
- Q. Okay. I will mark as Exhibit -- I think
 we're on 28, we've done these consecutively -- a
 document that we will mark as Exhibit 28.
- 19 (EXHIBIT 28 WAS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)
- Q. And I'll hand this to you to take a look at and ask if you've seen this document before?
- 22 A. I have.
- Q. And this is the notice of your deposition here today; is that correct?
- 25 A. Yes.

- Q. And then you'll see, starting on page 2,
 there are a list of topics, and they go from page 2
 onto page 3.
 - Do you see those?
 - A. Yes.

- Q. Great. Mr. Brickman, when did you become
 aware that you would be representing the governor as
 the corporate designee in this case?
- 9 A. Last week.
- Q. Okay. And how much time did you spend preparing for this deposition today?
- 12 A. Three hours, at least.
- Q. What did you do to prepare?
- And I'm not asking for -- well, what did you do to prepare?
- MR. MEREDITH: Objection to the extent it

 calls for disclosure of attorney-client

 communications.
- 19 A. I reviewed this document.
- Q. Did you review any other documents?
- 21 A. I reviewed the answer to the complaint.
- Q. Anything else?
- 23 A. I reviewed the response to interrogatories.
- Q. Do you know if those were the defendant's
- responses to interrogatories, or the plaintiffs'?

- 1 A. They were the defendant's responses.
- Q. Did you review anything else?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. And who did you speak to in order to prepare
- for today's deposition?
- 6 A. I spoke with the governor.
- 7 Q. Okay. For how long did you speak to the
- 8 governor?
- 9 A. 30 minutes.
- 10 Q. Anyone else?
- 11 A. And I talked to our attorneys, but --
- 12 Q. Anyone else?
- 13 A. I spoke with our communications director.
- Q. And who is that?
- 15 A. Elizabeth Kuhn.
- Q. How long did you speak to Ms. Kuhn for?
- 17 A. When? I speak to Ms. Kuhn daily.
- 18 Q. In preparation for this deposition.
- 19 A. I'm not sure I talked to her about the
- 20 deposition. I mean, I speak to Ms. Kuhn in my
- 21 regular role daily, multiple times a day.
- Q. Have you spoken to her about this deposition
- every day since you learned you'd be the designee?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. So how many days have you spoken to her about

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- A. I haven't spoken to her directly about the deposition.
- Q. Have you spoken to her about the topics identified in the notice of deposition?
 - A. Yes.

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- 7 Q. When?
 - A. Yesterday.
- 9 Q. For how long?
- 10 A. At least 30 minutes.
- 11 Q. In addition to the governor, counsel, and
- 12 Ms. Kuhn, have you spoken to anybody else in
- preparation for today's deposition?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Let's take a look at that document, what
- we've now marked as Exhibit 28.
- And I will, as a preliminary matter, show you
- what we've marked previously as Exhibit --
- Deposition Exhibits 2 and 3.
- 20 MS. GATNAREK: Do you-all need copies of
- 21 these again?
- 22 MR. MEREDITH: Yeah, if you don't mind.
- Thank you.
- MS. GATNAREK: You're welcome.
- Q. Mr. Brickman, you understand that this case

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regards the governor's official social media pages?
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Q. So when we discuss the governor's official social media pages, I want to make sure that we're all talking about the same thing.

Deposition Exhibit Number 2, can you just identify this document for us, if you're able?

- A. It looks like a screenshot of the governor's official Twitter page.
- Q. And how do you know it's the governor's official Twitter page?
- 12 A. It's the @GovMattBevin Twitter handle.
- Q. Okay. Because the governor also has a personal Twitter page; is that correct?
- 15 A. It is.
- Q. And I just want to be clear, that's not what this is; this is his official --
- 18 A. This is the official Twitter account.
- Q. Great. If you could take a look at the
 Exhibit 3 underneath it and identify it for us, if
 you're able?
- A. This looks like the governor's official Facebook page.
- Q. And again, how do you know that's the governor's official Facebook page?

- A. It's the @GovMattBevin Facebook page.
- Q. Does he also have a personal Facebook page?
 - A. He does.

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Q. So today as we're discussing the official Facebook and Twitter pages, I will be referring to these accounts, and I just want to make sure that you're in agreement that that's what we mean by official Facebook and Twitter page.

Do you agree?

- A. Yes.
- Q. Excellent. When were the governor's official Facebook and Twitter accounts created?
- 13 A. I don't know.
- Q. Who would know?
- 15 A. I don't know.
- 16 Q. Did you ask anybody when they were created?
- A. My understanding is they were created before he became governor.
- 19 Q. Where does that understanding come from?
- A. Because the @GovMattBevin Twitter handle on the very page you handed me says it was created in April of 2015. He was not governor until December
- of 2015.
- Q. Okay. So you don't know who, in April of
- 25 2015, created the governor's official Facebook page?

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1 A. No, I don't.
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- Q. And do you know who would know who created
- 3 this page?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Did you ask Ms. Kuhn if she knows who created
- 6 that page?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. Did you ask the governor who created the
- 9 page?
- 10 A. He didn't know.
- 11 Q. So you did ask him?
- 12 A. I did.
- Q. And he didn't know who created that?
- A. (Witness shook head.)
- Q. Did you ask anyone else besides the governor
- or Ms. Kuhn --
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. -- who created the page?
- 19 A. Again, it was created in April of 2015,
- 20 before I ever worked for the governor when he was --
- 21 before he was governor.
- Q. I understand. But you are here as the
- 30(b)(6) designee to answer questions on behalf of
- the governor's office, correct?
- MR. MEREDITH: Objection to the extent you're

asking him to testify about things that happened before the inauguration and, therefore, were not official state business.

- Q. Do you know who was involved in the decision to create these pages?
- A. No.

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- Q. Do you know who would know that?
- 8 A. No.
 - Q. Did you ask the governor?
- A. No. He didn't know. I mean, I didn't -- he created -- these were created before we ever became employees of the governor's office. So I have no idea who created them.
- Q. So you did ask the governor if he knew who was involved in creating them?
- 16 A. He had no recollection of creating these.
- 17 Q. How long have you worked for the governor?
 - A. Since day one of the administration.
- Q. Do you have access to these official accounts yourself?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. Who was working for the governor at the time
 this Facebook page was created that may know -- that
 may be able to answer questions about it?
- 25 A. I don't know.

- Q. Did you work for the governor's campaign?
- A. No.

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Q. You don't know anyone else who worked for the governor's campaign?

MR. MEREDITH: Objection to the form.

Objection to the extent you're asking him to testify about things beyond the scope of the 30(b)(6) deposition.

- Q. Do you know who worked for the governor during the campaign, when this page was created?
- MR. MEREDITH: Same objection, because none of that pertains to official government business.
- 13 A. I did not work on the campaign.
- 14 Q. I understand that.
- Do you know who did in April of 2015?
- 16 A. No.
- MR. MEREDITH: Same objection. That's all beyond the scope of the 30(b)(6) deposition.
- Q. Do you know if the governor's official Facebook and Twitter pages have been active continuously since they were created?
- MR. MEREDITH: Same objection.
- Q. Do you know?
- 24 A. I don't know.
- O. Who would know?

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A. I don't know.
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- Q. Did you ask the governor?
- MR. MEREDITH: Same objection.
 - A. What is your question?
- Q. Did you ask the governor if the official

 Facebook and the official Twitter pages have been

 active continuously since they were created?

MR. MEREDITH: Objection. That's all beyond the scope of anything that's happened since the time the governor was inaugurated, which is the only scope of the 30(b)(6) deposition here.

- Q. You can answer.
- 13 A. No.

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- Q. No, you didn't ask him if he knew who had --
- 15 A. Can you ask the question again?
- Q. Did you ask the governor if he knows whether
 the official Facebook and the official Twitter pages
 have been active continuously since they were
 created?
- MR. MEREDITH: Same objection.
- 21 A. No.
- Q. Do you know who is now responsible for those accounts?
- 24 A. I do.
- 25 Q. Who?

- 1 A. For which account?
- Q. Let's start with the Facebook.
- MR. MEREDITH: Objection. When you say
- 4 "responsible," what do you mean?
 - Q. Who is responsible for it?
- Who's in charge of it?
 - A. What do you mean "responsible"?
- 8 Q. Is there one person who has ultimate
- 9 authority over the governor's Facebook page,
- 10 official Facebook page?
- 11 A. The communications director's in charge of
- all communications in the governor's office.
- Q. And that would be Ms. Kuhn; is that correct?
- 14 A. Yes.

- Q. Okay. Do you know if anybody else monitors
- the governor's official Facebook page?
- A. What do you mean by "monitor"?
- 18 O. I mean has access to it as either an
- 19 administrator or a moderator?
- 20 A. What is an administrator?
- 21 Q. Do you know who has access to post on the
- 22 governor's official Facebook page?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Who?
- 25 A. Currently?

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- A. And you're asking about Facebook?
- 3 Q. Yes, I am.
 - A. Who can post content?
- 5 Q. Yes.
- 6 A. That's a current employee?
- 7 Q. Yes.
- 8 A. Nicole Burton, Elizabeth Kuhn, Woody
- 9 Maglinger, John Zurowski.
- 10 Q. Anybody else?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Okay. May I ask what it is that you're
- referring to?
- 14 A. A sheet of people in our office that have
- access to the governor's Facebook account.
- Q. Did you create that document?
- 17 A. Yes.
- MS. GATNAREK: May we have a copy of what the
- 19 witness is referring to?
- MR. MEREDITH: Sure. You can see it.
- MS. GATNAREK: Thank you.
- 22 Q. When did you create this document,
- 23 Mr. Brickman?
- A. Yesterday.
- Q. Can you tell me how you created it?

- A. When you say I -- I did not create the document.
 - Q. Okay. Who did?

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- A. The document was created and given to me.
- Q. Do you know who created it?
- 6 A. I don't. I think counsel did.
- 7 MR. MEREDITH: I don't think that's -- I don't think that's correct, no.
 - A. Did Ms. -- maybe Ms. Kuhn -- I think Ms. Kuhn created this for me.
- Q. Is Ms. Kuhn the one who gave it to you?

 MR. KUHN: I'll represent that Ms. Burton

 created the document.
 - Q. Did you ask her to create a document like this?
- 16 A. I did.
- 17 Q. What did you ask her in particular?
- A. Well, one of the questions you asked was who
 had access to this. So I asked to create a document
 of who had access to it so I could answer your
- 21 questions.
- Q. And do you know how she created it, created this document?
- MR. MEREDITH: Objection. You're asking him literally, like, what kind of word processer she

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used or whether she was using her own personal knowledge, or what?

- Q. I mean more whether she was referring to her own personal knowledge or something else, where she gathered -- how she gathered this information.
- A. I can't tell you definitively how she gathered the information.
 - Q. Would she know if I ask her that guestion?
 - A. I can't answer what somebody else would or wouldn't know. I assume that any type of social media platform has an administrator that can show who has access to do this.
- Q. Is it your understanding that Ms. Burton is an administrator like that?
- A. Ms. Burton has access to our official Twitter and our official Facebook pages.
- Q. And she has access that you do not; is that correct?
- 19 A. I don't have any access.
- 20 MS. GATNAREK: We will mark this as
- 21 Exhibit -- I think we're on 29.
- 22 (EXHIBIT 29 WAS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)
- MS. GATNAREK: And I'm sure we'll refer back to it.
- Q. Do you know how people within the governor's

- office are added to the Facebook page as administrators?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. Do you -- who would know that?
- 5 A. Ms. Kuhn.
- Q. Do you know who makes the decision who will be added to the governor's official Facebook and
- 8 Twitter page?
- 9 A. The communications director is responsible for all the governor's communications.
- 11 Q. I understand.
- 12 A. So she would make that decision.
- Q. Do you know how she decides?
- 14 A. No.
- Q. Do you know who had access to the governor's official social media accounts on day one of the
- administration, when you started?
- A. No. I mean, you're asking me do I know
- who -- everyone that had access on day one? The
- answer is no.
- Q. Who would know?
- 22 A. On day one?
- 23 Q. Uh-huh.
- 24 A. Jessica Ditto was here on day one. I don't
- 25 know if she would know or not, but she was here on

1 day one.

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- Q. Okay. Do you know if the governor knows who had access on day one?
 - A. I don't. I don't know.
 - Q. Did you ask him that question?
 - A. No.
- 7 Q. Do you know if he had access on day one?
- 8 A. I don't know.
- 9 Q. Did you ask him that question?
- 10 A. No.
- Q. You were previously referring to document -what we've now marked as Exhibit 29, you were
 previously explaining who had access to post on the
 governor's official Facebook page. I would like to
 ask you the same question with regard to Twitter.
- Who in the governor's office currently has access to post on the governor's Twitter page?
 - A. Nicole Burton, Elizabeth Kuhn, Woody Maglinger, John Zurowski, Governor Bevin.
 - Q. And I suppose just so that the record is clear, the document that we're looking at that Ms. Burton created for you, which we've marked as Exhibit 29, has what looks like a key up at the top with 1, 2, and 3; is that correct?
- A. I don't know what a key is.

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Q. Well, up at the top of this document there are the numbers 1, 2, and 3.
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Do you see those?

- A. I do.
- Q. And next to number 1 it says, "Equals post content"; is that correct?
- A. Yep.

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- 8 Q. Next to number 2 it says, "Equals block or 9 ban based upon policy."
- Do you see that?
- 11 A. I do.
- Q. And then number 3, next to it says, "Delete or hide off-topic or inappropriate Facebook comments."
- Do you see that?
- 16 A. I do.
- Q. Can you explain to me what those numbers mean on this document?
- 19 A. What what numbers mean?
- Q. What the numbers 1, 2, and 3 up at the top
 mean on this document.
- A. Well, there's names on the document with

 numbers next to each name. And whoever has access

 to do 1, 2, or 3 is listed as having access to do 1,

 2, or 3.

Q. So in that way these numbers are a key because we can look at a person's name and see, for instance, Nicole Burton, next to her name is a 1, 2, 3, that means she has access to do all of those listed up at the top; is that correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. Can you flip to the second page of that document, please, and just explain to me what the -- what that means?

It says at the top, "Current Twitter access" with a list of names, and halfway down it says "Current Facebook access" with a list of names.

Can you explain what that means?

- A. Are you talking about Twitter or Facebook?
- Q. Well, let's start with Twitter.

What does that mean, "Current Twitter access"?

- A. These are the current employees in the governor's office that can do either 1, 2, or 3 in what you describe as a key.
- Q. I'm confused because on the first page, under Twitter, there is a longer list of names, many of whom have numbers next to them, and they don't all seem to be listed under current Twitter access on the back.

So for instance -- well, can you explain to

me why that might be, if you know?

- A. There are people -- what is your question?
- Q. Why are there more people listed on the first page under Twitter, with numbers next to their names, than there are on the back under "Current Twitter access"?
- A. Some of these people no longer work for the governor.
 - Q. Okay. And does that hold true for "Current Facebook access" on the back there, as well?
- A. I don't understand your question.
- Q. You see there's a list of names under

 "Current Facebook access" on page 2 -- or I'm sorry.

 They're not numbered. On the reverse side.
 - Do you see that list of names on the reverse side of this document?
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- 18 Q. Under "Current Facebook access."
- 19 A. I see the names.
- Q. Right. And then on the front of the -- the
 front page of this document, there are more names
 listed under Facebook with numbers next to them, and
 it looks like there are more names listed on the
 front, and I was wondering if you could explain the
 difference there as well.

- A. Some of these people no longer work in the governor's office.
 - Q. Okay. What is the governor's office official policy about who can post on his official social media accounts?
- 6 MR. MEREDITH: Objection. Are you asking who
 7 has access or --
 - MS. GATNAREK: No.
- 9 Q. I'm asking: What is the policy of the 10 governor's office as to who can post on his account?
- 11 A. I'm not sure there is a policy.
- Q. Well, not everybody in the governor's office can post on his accounts; is that correct?
- 14 A. Correct.

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- Q. So I'm wondering what the policy is to determine who gets that access.
- A. The communications director makes that determination.
- 19 Q. Do you know how she makes that determination?
- 20 A. I don't.
- 21 Q. Do you know who would know?
- 22 A. She would.
- Q. Did you ask her that in preparation for
- today's deposition?
- 25 A. Did I ask her what?

- Q. What the governor's office official policy is regarding who posts on his official social media pages.
 - A. There is not an office policy. She makes that determination.
- Q. She is the communications director of the governor's office, correct?
- A. Correct.

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- 9 Q. So if she has a policy or practice, that
 10 would be the policy or practice of the governor's
 11 office; is that correct?
- 12 A. I don't understand your question.
- 13 Q. Let me rephrase.
- She makes that decision in her official capacity as the governor's communications director, right?
- 17 A. Makes what decision?
- Q. Who has access to post on the social media accounts.
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Did you ask her what that policy or practice is?
- 23 A. No.
- MR. MEREDITH: Object. Are you asking
 whether there's some written-down policy beyond what

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MS. GATNAREK: I'm asking what's pretty clearly marked as topic number 3 in our notice of 30(b)(6) deposition here.

MR. MEREDITH: Are you asking if there's something beyond her own discretion?

MS. GATNAREK: Yes.

MR. MEREDITH: Okay.

- A. No.
- Q. And do you understand what her -- how her discretion works or what she takes into account to make those decisions?
- A. I don't understand your question. I mean, there's not a written policy.
- Q. I understand there's not a written policy. I
 do believe that there would be a practice, though;
 is that correct?

She does make decisions about who gets access?

- A. The communications director makes decisions about who gets access.
- Q. Right. What kinds of things does she take into consideration in deciding whether someone gets access?
- A. I don't know.
- Q. Did you ask her?

1 A. No.

- Q. Who oversees posts that are made to the
- 3 governor's official social media accounts?
 - A. What do you mean by "oversee"?
- 5 Q. Is there someone who is in charge of
- 6 deciding -- of making the ultimate decision what is
- 7 posted to these accounts?
- 8 A. The communications director.
- 9 Q. What is the official policy or practice by
- 10 which those decisions are made?
- 11 A. What decisions?
- 12 Q. What gets posted to the governor's official
- 13 social media accounts?
- 14 A. It's up to the discretion of the
- communications director.
- Q. Do you know how that discretion works or what
- 17 considerations she takes into account?
- 18 A. I don't.
- 19 Q. Who would know?
- A. She would.
- 21 Q. And did you ask her about that?
- A. About what?
- Q. About how she oversees or makes ultimate
- decisions about what gets posted to the official
- 25 accounts?

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Q. Do you know if -- strike that.

Since the governor has been in office, have there been any changes made to the internal policy or practice regarding who has access to post on the official social media accounts?

MR. MEREDITH: Object to the form of the question.

- A. Was that a question?
- Q. Yes, I think so.
- MS. GATNAREK: Could you read that back, please?

(Reporter read from the record as requested.)

MR. MEREDITH: Object to the form of the question to the extent it lacks foundation and assumes that there is some policy or practice other than what he's already testified to.

MS. GATNAREK: He is the 30(b)(6) designee, so I don't know that the lack of foundation is applicable here.

- Q. But please answer.
- A. I still don't understand the question. I mean, there was like three questions in there. What was your question?
- Q. There was one question.

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MS. GATNAREK: Could you read that back, please?
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(Reporter read from the record as requested.)

MR. MEREDITH: Object to the form of the question again, because I think it assumes that there is a policy, and I think he's testified that there is not a policy. It's just at the discretion of the communications director.

- A. The communications director has always had the discretion over who posts.
- Q. Ms. Kuhn hasn't always been communications director during the governor's administration; is that correct?
- 14 A. Correct.

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- Q. Who filled that role prior to Ms. Kuhn?
- 16 A. Amanda Stamper.
- 17 Q. And who filled it prior to Amanda Stamper?
- 18 A. Jessica Ditto.
- Q. And did anyone fill that role prior to Jessica Ditto?
- A. Catherine Easley was also involved in communications.
- Q. How was she involved in communications?
- A. She was the communications director for a short period of time.

- Q. Do you know when that period of time was?
- A. I don't recall, exactly.

they overlapped.

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- Q. Do you recall if it was prior to Ms. Ditto?
 - A. I'm trying to remember the timeline of -we've had people come and go, and I can't remember
 the exact timeline of Catherine and Jessica, when
- Q. Okay. Besides Ms. Stamper, Ms. Ditto, and
 Ms. Easley, has anyone else filled the role of
 communications director in Governor Bevin's
 administration?
- A. No. I'm not sure Jessica Ditto was ever communications director. I think she may have been press secretary. That's right.
- Q. Did your counsel just clarify for you the role?
- 17 A. Yeah. I forgot, sorry. We've had --
- 18 Q. That's quite all right.
- So is it true that Jessica Ditto was

 communications director, or was -- did she have a

 different role?
- A. No, she was communications director. I'm sorry.
- Q. That's all right. Thank you.
- Now, that gives us four people who have

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served as communications director at some point?
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- A. Catherine Easley was never communications director. She was deputy chief of staff for external affairs. I'm going to correct that.
- Q. Deputy chief of staff for external affairs; is that right?
 - A. I think that was her title. I'm not 100 percent positive, but I think that was her title.
 - Q. Did she ever have discretion over what posts are posted to the governor's official social media pages?
- A. No. I think that was the communications director that always had that position.
- Q. Okay. So those would be Jessica Ditto,

 Amanda Stamper, and Elizabeth Kuhn; is that correct?
 - A. That's correct.

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- Q. Is there anybody else that we're missing in that list?
- A. No. Sorry, just to make sure I understand your question, that have been communications director? Is that your question?
- Q. Yes. Although, if anybody has filled a role
 within the governor's office similar to
 communications director but without that title, I
 would like to know that too.

- A. The only three communications directors that the governor has had were Jessica Ditto, Amanda Stamper, and Elizabeth Kuhn.
- Q. So let me just ask one clarifying question, then.

Has anybody else besides those three individuals ever had discretion over what posts are made to the governor's official social media pages?

A. No.

Q. So when I was asking you before if any changes had been made to the governor's office practice over what posts are made to his official social media accounts, I think we got a little bit confused talking about that question.

I'm curious if there has ever been a change in practice -- so this doesn't have to be a written-down policy.

Has there ever been a change in practice within the governor's office as to who has ultimate discretion over what posts are made to the official social media accounts?

MR. MEREDITH: Objection to the form.

- A. Not to my knowledge.
- Q. Who would know?
- A. Again, you're asking about -- there's not a

written policy. The practice is the communications director is responsible for the content on the official Facebook and Twitter accounts, and that's always been the case.

- Q. When you say "always been the case," do you mean since day one of the administration?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Is there a written job description for communications director?
- A. No.

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Q. We've talked about individuals who have access to post content on the governor's official social media pages.

What is the governor's office policy or practice regarding who has access to monitor the governor's official social media pages?

- A. Discretion of the communications director.
- Q. So it is up to the communications director at the time to decide which governor's employees will have access to monitor the official social media accounts?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Do you know what kinds of considerations go into making that decision?
- 25 A. No.

- 1 Q. Who would know?
- 2 A. She would.
- Q. When you say "she," who do you mean?
- 4 A. The communications director.
- 5 Q. Which is currently Elizabeth Kuhn?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Did you ask Ms. Kuhn, in preparation for today's deposition, the policy or practice by which someone would get access to monitor?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. Do you know -- I'm sorry. Strike that.
- When an employee of the governor's office is
 given access to monitor the official social media
 pages, what training do they receive in how to do
 that?
- 16 A. I don't know.
- 17 Q. Who would know?
- 18 A. The communications director.
- Q. Did you ask her about training in preparation for today's deposition?
- 21 A. No.
- Q. Okay. Do you know if there have been any changes to the governor's office policy or practice regarding who has access to monitor the official
- 25 social media accounts?

- MR. MEREDITH: Objection to the form of the question because it assumes that there is a policy beyond the communications director's discretion.
- A. It's the discretion of the communications director.
- Q. And it has always been the discretion of the communications director?
- A. What has?
- 9 Q. Making the decisions about who has access to monitor the official social media accounts.
- 11 A. Yes.

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- Q. Do you know if there is any -- the communications director has changed over time, we've established that, correct?
- A. The person in the role of the communications director?
- 17 Q. Yes.
- 18 A. Has changed.
- Q. Do you know if there's any guidance as to the policy or practice that we're referring to here regarding who has access to monitor the official social media pages, do you know if there's any guidance given to the communications directors as those individuals change roles?
- 25 A. I don't understand your question.

- Q. So when one communications director leaves and another comes in, is there any guidance given to the incoming communications director regarding making a decision about who has access to monitor the governor's social media accounts?
- A. The only guidance is it's up to the discretion of the communications director to make that decision.
 - Q. Is there any written policy about that?
- 10 A. No.

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- 11 Q. Are there any emails exchanged regarding that?
- 13 A. I don't know.
- Q. Did you look for any emails regarding that --
- 15 A. Regarding what?
- Q. -- in preparation for today's deposition?

 Regarding the discretion of the
- communications director to decide who has access to monitor the official social media pages?
- 20 A. What is your question?
- Q. Did you look for any emails regarding the discretion that the communications director has to determine who has access to monitor the governor's social media pages?
- 25 A. Did I?

- 1 Q. Uh-huh.
- 2 A. No.
- 3 Q. Do you know if anybody did?
- 4 A. I don't know.
- 5 Q. Did you ask anybody to?
- 6 A. No.

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- Q. What is the governor's office policy about when a user is blocked from the defendant's official
- 9 social media accounts?
- 11 O. Let's talk about Facebook first. Facebook.
- 12 A. What is your question?

Which account?

- Q. What is the governor's office policy about
- when a user is blocked from the defendant's official
- 15 Facebook account?
- 16 A. A person may be blocked from the official
- 17 Facebook account if they post obscene content,
- abusive content, or they are repeatedly off topic.
- 19 Q. Is that the official policy of the governor's
- 20 office?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. How was that policy created?
- A. I don't know. How was it created?
- Q. Who was the first person to come up with the
- idea that individuals who post obscene content

- 1 should be blocked from the defendant's official
- 2 Facebook page?

- A. I don't know.
- 4 Q. Who would know?
- 5 A. I don't know.
- 6 Q. Would the governor know?
- 7 A. Would he know what?
- Q. Who developed the policy that we're referring to here.
- 10 A. I don't know. I don't think so.
- 11 Q. Would Ms. Ditto know?
- 12 A. I don't know.
- Q. You can't think of anyone else in the
- qovernor's office who would know the answer to that
- 15 question?
- 16 A. The answer to what question?
- Q. Who developed that policy.
- A. Who developed the policy? We stated what the
- policy was very clearly in July of 2017.
- 20 Q. And the governor had been governor for over a
- 21 year and a half prior to that; is that correct?
- 22 A. Prior to when?
- 23 Q. July of 2017.
- A. He's been governor since December of 2015.
- Q. Yes. So was that policy created prior to

July 2017?

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- A. That's always been the way the governor's office has treated this issue. If you post abuse -- I mean, obscene, abusive, or repeatedly off-topic comments, you will be blocked.
- Q. The governor's official social media pages are managed by human beings, though, correct?

 They don't manage themselves?
- A. Is that a question?
- 10 Q. Yes. They don't manage themselves, do they?
- 11 A. Are you asking me if a page manages itself?
- 12 Q. Yes.
- A. I don't even know what that means.
- Q. So do you agree that humans monitor -- I'm sorry.
 - Do you agree that humans manage the governor's official social media pages?
- A. If you're asking me if human beings manage
 the accounts, yes. There are human beings that are
 involved in these Facebook pages and Twitter pages.
 - Q. And that has been the case since they were created; is that right?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. So which of those humans was the first to decide that individuals who post obscene,

abusive, or repeated off-topic comments should be blocked from the defendant's official Facebook page?

A. I don't know who the first person to do it was. I mean, the communications director has always done this. That's the way the governor's office has always operated.

If you post obscene, abusive, or repeatedly off-topic comments, you will be blocked.

- Q. But you don't know who developed that policy?

 MR. MEREDITH: Objection, asked and answered.
- 11 A. That's always been the policy.
- 12 Q. Since day one of the administration?
- 13 A. Yeah.

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- Q. And you don't know -- so you've said that you don't know who created that policy.
- Do you know who would know?
- 17 A. No.
- Q. Do you know who would know who would know the answer to that question?
- 20 A. Is that a question?
- 21 Q. Yes.
- A. Do I know who would know?
- 23 It's always been the policy, since day one of the administration.
- Q. But it was a policy developed by a person,

some person, correct?

And I want to know who that person is.

- A. I mean, you're asking -- you're asking about something that happened three years ago.
- Q. Uh-huh.

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- A. And what is your question?

 I mean, that's always been the policy.
- Q. I understand it's always been the policy.

 I wonder who the person was that created it.
- A. I don't know.
- Q. And I'm asking if you can tell me any information about who would know --
- MR. MEREDITH: Objection.
- Q. -- or who would know who would know.
- MR. MEREDITH: Objection, asked and answered.
- 16 A. I don't know.
 - Q. Okay. How does the governor's office define what is an obscene comment -- oh, I'm sorry. Strike that, and let me ask another question.

You identified what would get a user blocked from the defendant's official Facebook account, and that is if someone posts an obscene, abusive, or repeated off-topic comment; is that correct?

- A. Yes.
- Q. What is the governor's official policy about

what gets a user blocked from the governor's official Twitter account?

- A. It's the same policy.
- Q. So when we talk about this policy and when we talk about definitions of the words, is it going to be the same definition of the word obscene for both Facebook and Twitter?
- A. Yes.

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- 9 Q. Will it be the same definition of abusive for both Facebook and Twitter?
- 11 A. Yes.
- Q. And will it be the same definition of repeated off-topic comments for both Facebook and Twitter?
- 15 A. Yes.
- Q. So as we discuss those three -- obscene,
 abusive, and repeated off topic -- I won't
 necessarily refer to Facebook or Twitter, unless you
 think it's necessary for some question.
- Is that -- can we agree on that?
- 21 A. Yep.
- Q. I think that will save some time.
- But let me ask if you know who created that

 policy, that obscene, abusive, or repeated off-topic

 comments will get you blocked from the defendant's

Twitter account.

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Do you know who created that policy?

- A. That's always been the policy, since day one.
- Q. And do you know who the person was on day one who developed that policy for Governor Bevin's Twitter?
- A. Jessica Ditto was the communications director on day one.
 - Q. Do you know if she developed that policy?
- 10 A. I don't. It's always been the policy, since day one. That's all I know.
- Q. And Ms. Ditto was not one of the individuals
 you spoke to in preparation for today's deposition;
 is that correct?
- 15 A. I have not talked to Ms. Ditto about this.
- Q. Okay. Let's go back to the question I

 previously asked, which was: What is the governor's

 office definition of the word obscene as it relates

 to a comment that will get you blocked from his

 social media accounts?
- 21 A. You're asking me to define obscenity?
- 22 Q. Yes.
- A. I don't know how to define obscenity. You know it when you see it.
- Q. What are the governor's employees told to

- look for when they are looking to see if a comment is obscene on the governor's official social media accounts?
 - A. I don't know.
 - Q. Who would know?
 - A. Communications director, she may know.
- Q. So does the governor's office have an official policy about what kinds of comments are obscene?
- 10 A. A written policy?
- 11 Q. Or unwritten. Let's start with written.

 12 Does the governor's office --
- 13 A. No.

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- Q. -- have a written policy as to what kinds of comments are obscene?
- 16 A. No.
- Q. Does the governor's office have an unwritten policy as to what kinds of comments are obscene?
- MR. MEREDITH: Object to the form of the question.
- A. You're asking -- obscene is what it is. It's obscene. That's the policy.
- Q. And how are employees in the governor's
 office who are monitoring the social media accounts
 trained in what to look for?

- 1 A. I don't know.
- Q. Who would know?
- 3 A. Communications director.
 - Q. Did you ask her, in preparation for today's
- 5 deposition, about that?
- 6 A. Did I ask her what?
- 7 Q. What kinds of comments are considered
- 8 obscene.

- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Who decides -- who within the governor's
- office decides whether a comment is obscene?
- 12 A. I don't know.
- Q. Who would know?
- 14 A. The communications director.
- 15 Q. Did you ask her about that in preparation for
- 16 today's deposition?
- 17 A. Did I ask her about what?
- 18 O. Who decides whether a comment is obscene.
- 19 A. No. But this -- we've already been over who
- 20 can -- I mean, who has access to these accounts.
- 21 Q. Okay. How is that related to this question,
- 22 who decides whether a comment is obscene?
- 23 A. You would have to ask the communications
- 24 director.
- 25 Q. So does the governor's office have an

official policy about who decides whether a comment is obscene?

- A. I think you've asked me that like three times. No.
- Q. I previously asked you if the governor's office had an official policy about the definition of obscene, but this is specifically with regard to who within the governor office decides whether a comment is obscene.

So given that framework, does the governor's office have an official policy about who decides whether a comment is obscene?

MR. MEREDITH: Objection, form of the question.

A. I didn't even understand the question.

MS. GATNAREK: Could you read that back, please?

(Reporter read from the record as requested.)

MR. MEREDITH: Objection to the form of the question. I mean, I think that he's testified that the communications director gives people access to and enables them to enforce the policy of blocking obscene comments, but I'm not -- I think he's already answered that question, but I'm not sure what you're asking --

- MS. GATNAREK: I don't know that we do have an answer to it.
 - Q. I mean, who decides whether a comment on the governor's official social media accounts is obscene?
 - A. I don't.

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- Q. Who does?
- MR. MEREDITH: Are you asking who does the blocking or -- I'm not sure --
- MS. GATNAREK: Well, I mean, that's next.

 That's next.
- Q. Before a person is blocked for having written
 an obscene comment, there first has to be an obscene
 comment, I think.
 - And my question is: Who decides whether that comment is obscene?
- 17 A. I don't know.
- Q. And I think I previously asked you who would know, and you said Elizabeth Kuhn; is that correct?
 - A. I said the communications director.
- 21 O. You said the communications director. Yeah.
- 22 A. Who is currently Elizabeth Kuhn.
- Q. That's correct. I'm sorry.
- And that's not a question that you asked her
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- A. Again, when you start asking all these questions at the same time, I can't follow which ones you're talking about.
- Q. Okay. So I certainly don't mean to put any words in your mouth.

Did you ask Ms. Kuhn, in preparation for today's deposition, who decides whether a comment is obscene?

- A. No.
- 11 Q. Is there a review process before an
 12 individual is blocked for having made an obscene
 13 comment?
- 14 A. I don't know.
 - MR. MEREDITH: Objection, form of the question. What you mean "review process"? What exactly are you talking about?
 - MS. GATNAREK: Any kind of review or approval process.
 - MR. MEREDITH: Do you mean other than the person who blocked them looking at it?
 - MS. GATNAREK: Well, I'm not sure that we've established that that even happens.
 - Q. But is there a review or approval process about whether a comment is obscene before an

- 1 individual is blocked?
- 2 A. I don't know.
- 3 Q. Who would know?
 - A. The communications director.
- Q. And did you ask her in preparation for
- 6 today's deposition?
- 7 A. Did I ask her what?
 - Q. If there is a review or approval process about whether a comment is obscene?
- 10 A. No.

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- Q. So is there any kind of policy within the governor's office regarding a review or approval process about whether a comment is obscene?
- A. A written policy?
- 15 Q. Let's start with written.
- Is there a written policy?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Is there an unwritten policy?
- MR. MEREDITH: Object to the form of the question.
- 21 A. I don't know.
- Q. You don't know if the governor's office has
 an official policy about whether there's a review or
 approval process about whether a comment is obscene?
- 25 A. You would have to ask the communications

director. I don't know.

MR. MEREDITH: Object to the form of the question. I don't understand what you mean by "review or approval process."

Q. I understand that you don't know and that I would have to ask the communications director, but you are here as a corporate designee on behalf of the governor's office.

So I'm asking if there is a governor's office policy about this, and you're saying you don't know; is that correct?

- A. Is that a question?
- 13 Q. Yes.

- A. What is your question?
- 15 Q. You are here as the corporate designee for the governor's office, correct?
- 17 A. Yes.
 - Q. In that role, I am asking you if there is an official policy or practice within the governor's office regarding a review or approval process about whether a comment is obscene.

MR. MEREDITH: Again, object to the form of the question. I don't think -- I don't think anybody understands what you mean by "review or approval process."

- Q. How is an individual blocked from the governor's official Facebook page?
 - MR. MEREDITH: Objection to the form of the question. Are you talking about how -- like, literally how are they blocked?
- MS. GATNAREK: Yes, literally.
- 7 MR. MEREDITH: Like what button do you press 8 on the screen?
 - Q. Literally, yeah, how is someone blocked?
- 10 A. I don't know.

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- 11 Q. Do you know who would know?
- 12 A. Communications director.
- Q. Does the communications director have to approve every time that someone within the governor's office wants to block an individual?
- 16 A. I don't know.
- 17 O. Who would know?
- 18 A. The communications director.
- Q. Did you ask her about that before today's deposition?
- 21 A. Did I ask her about what?
- Q. Whether she -- or I'm sorry.
- 23 Whether the communications director has to
 24 approve any time an employee in the governor's
 25 office wants to block an individual.

- A. Did I ask her that?
- 2 Q. Uh-huh.
 - A. No.

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- Q. Are there ever disagreements within the governor's office about whether a comment is obscene?
 - A. I don't know.
- Q. If there were ever a disagreement within the governor's office about whether a comment was obscene, how would it be resolved -- or I'm sorry, how would it be addressed?
- A. The communications director is in charge of communications. You would have to ask her.
- Q. How does the governor's office let Facebook
 users know what kinds of comments would be obscene
 on the governor's Facebook page?
- MR. MEREDITH: Object to the form of the question.
- 19 A. What was the question?
- MS. GATNAREK: Could you read that back, please?
- (Reporter read from the record as requested.)
- A. I don't know.
- Q. Who would know?
- 25 A. Communications director.

- Is she the only person? Q.
- 2 Α. I don't know.

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- So does the governor's office have a policy Q. or practice by which they let people know on
- 5 Facebook what kinds of comments would be obscene?
 - Α. I don't know.
- 7 And you are here on behalf of the governor's Q. office, representing the governor's office?
 - How many times did you ask me that question? Α.
- 10 Ο. I just want to confirm that you're answering 11 for the governor's office when you say that you
- 12 don't know whether the governor's office has a
- 13 policy --
- The communications director would know the 14 15 answer to that question.
- 16 Ο. Okay. And is a user blocked from Facebook or Twitter after one obscene comment? 17
- 18 They could be. Α.
- 19 What would determine that? Q.
- 20 Α. Whether the comment was obscene.
- 21 You said that they could be blocked after one Ο. 22 comment.
- 23 So I'm wondering: Are there situations where 24 one obscene comment won't get you blocked?
- 25 Α. One obscene comment can get you blocked.

- 1 Q. Does it always?
- 2 A. I don't know.

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- Q. Who would know?
 - A. What is your question?
 - Q. Who would know whether one obscene comment always gets a user blocked?

MR. MEREDITH: Objection to the form the question. Are you asking if there are circumstances where a person makes two or three obscene comments before they get blocked, or what --

MS. GATNAREK: I asked if one obscene comment always gets you blocked, and I think the answer was it can.

MR. MEREDITH: Object to the use of the word "always" because -- well, I think he's answered.

- Q. Are there situations where a user would not be blocked after one obscene comment?
- A. No. But you asked me if they always get blocked. That means that someone may have made an obscene comment that no one saw, and maybe they didn't get blocked.
- Q. Okay. But does --
- 23 A. One obscene can get you blocked.
- 24 MS. GATNAREK: Okay. Could we take a break?
- MR. MEREDITH: Yeah.

- (A Discussion Was Held Off the Record.)
- Q. What is the governor's office's definition of abusive in the context of this policy we've been discussing?
 - A. Abusive?
- Q. Uh-huh.

- A. People that make threats, physical threats.

 People that make comments about someone's race or

 ethnicity or sexual orientation or anything that's

 like that.
- 11 Q. Anything else?
- 12 A. That's pretty broad. I mean, it's abusive.
- Q. Is that a written policy?
- 14 A. No.
- MR. MEREDITH: Object to the form of the question. Go ahead.
- Do you mean written other than the written statement that's -- that you've already been provided in interrogatories?
- MS. GATNAREK: Well, sure.
- Q. Mr. Brickman, I will hand you what's previously been marked as Deposition Exhibit 5.
- Have you seen this document before?
- 24 A. Yep.
- Q. Is this one of the documents you reviewed in

preparation for today's deposition?

A. Yes.

Q. I'll ask that you turn to page 5 of that document, and interrogatory number 5.

Do you see that at the bottom there, near the bottom?

- A. Yeah.
- Q. In this interrogatory, I'll represent to you we asked for "Any policy, written or otherwise, promulgated by or followed by your office governing individual users' activity on Governor Bevin's official Facebook page and how that policy was relayed to Facebook users."

And you'll see in the response there, "In July of 2017, the governor's office issued the following official statement."

Do you see that?

- A. Yeah.
- Q. Okay. I believe earlier this morning you testified about the governor's office having made a statement -- a public statement about the policy for comments on his official Facebook and Twitter pages.

Is this that statement that you were referring to?

25 A. Yes.

Q. Okay. And just to clarify, if you flip to page 6, interrogatory number 6, you'll see there we've asked for the same policy as it regards to Twitter. The response was "See response to Interrogatory number 5 above."

So is this July 2017 policy the same policy for Twitter?

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Q. Okay. In that policy, at the top of page 6, on line 2, second line down, you'll see, "Posting obscene and abusive language or images."

Do you see that?

- 13 A. I do.
- Q. That policy doesn't include a definition for what abusive is, correct?
- MR. MEREDITH: Objection to the form.
- 17 A. Does it define abusive?
- 18 Q. Right.
- 19 A. No.
 - Q. Okay. So when I asked you just a moment --
- 21 A. Doesn't define obscene, either.
- Q. Right. Exactly. We've been over what the
 governor's office's definition of obscene is, I
 believe. And I am now asking you about the
- governor's office's definition of the word abusive.

And you said -- and I'm paraphrasing here, I think, so correct me if any of this is incorrect.

You said threats, physical threats, comments about race, sexual orientation, and things like that.

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- Q. Ethnicity.
- A. Gender. I mean, anything that could be viewed as abusive.
- 10 Q. Okay. Is that policy -- I'm sorry.
- Is that definition of abusive written down anywhere?
- A. No -- well, anywhere? On here, no, it's not written down.
- Q. So it's not in this July 2017 statement, correct?
- 17 A. Correct.
- Q. Within the governor's office, is that a written policy?
- 20 A. No.
- Q. How are governor's office employees trained in knowing what the definition of abusive is as it relates to comments on social media pages?
- A. You would have to ask the communications
 director that. I do think most people have a pretty

good understanding of what obscene or abusive is.

Obscene is foul language, pornography. I mean, people know what obscene is, just like they know what abusive is.

Q. And so how do people within the governor's office know what they are, though? Strike that.

How do people within the governor's office know what kinds of comments are deemed abusive?

- A. I think abusive is an objective term. People know what an abusive statement is. It's objective.
- Q. Does the governor's office have any kind of written or unwritten policy about that?
- 13 A. There's no written policy.

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- Q. So how, then, are employees trained in what kinds of comments are abusive?
- A. You would have to ask the communications director about any training.

But again, obscenity and abusive are objective terms that people generally understand what they are.

- Q. How do you know that those are objective terms?
- A. I'm telling you they're objective terms.

 That's how I know they are.
 - Q. And how do you know that all the -- how do

you know if all of the employees in the governor's office have the same understanding of what kinds of comments are abusive?

- A. Because it's an objective term. Both of them are. Obscene and abusive are objective terms.
- Q. Is there ever any disagreement within the governor's office about whether a comment is abusive?
- A. There could be.

- 10 Q. What happens then?
- A. My understanding is if there's a disagreement about whether a term is abuse -- obscene or abusive, that the communications director would resolve that dispute.

But again, my understanding is, for the vast majority of these, it's objectively known what comments are obscene or abusive.

- Q. But if there are ever any disagreements about whether a comment is abusive, doesn't that, by definition, mean it's not necessarily objective?
- A. Not necessarily.
- Q. Are you aware of any specific instances where employees within the governor's office have disagreed about whether a comment is abusive?
- 25 A. No.

Q. And how do visitors to the governor's official social media pages know what kinds of comments would be considered abusive?

MR. MEREDITH: Object to the form of the question. Object to the extent you're asking him to speculate about what other people know or don't know.

Q. You can answer.

- A. What's your question?
- Q. How do visitors to the governor's official social media pages know what kinds of comments would be considered abusive?
- MR. MEREDITH: Same objections.
 - A. I don't know. You're asking me how someone else would know something. I don't know.
 - Q. Does the governor's office tell people what kinds of comments would be considered abusive on his official social media pages?
 - A. My understanding is if someone has been blocked, they can contact the governor's office to understand our policy. And if they do something that's obscene or abusive and they agree to abide by our policy, they can be unblocked. That would be the only way that people could know, is by contacting our office.

- Q. And that would happen after they've already been blocked, correct?
 - A. What would happen?

Q. You were talking about someone contacting the governor's office asking to be unblocked.

So that communication would only happen after somebody has been blocked; is that correct?

- A. I don't understand your question.
- Q. When I was asking you about how visitors to the governor's official social media pages know what kinds of comments would be considered abusive, your response to me was, well, if someone's been blocked, they can contact us to be unblocked and agree to abide by our rules; is that fair?
- A. What do you mean by "fair"?
- 16 Q. Did I just summarize that exchange fairly?
 - A. What's your question?
 - Q. Well, my question to you is -- you mentioned a practice by which someone could contact the governor's office and ask to be unblocked.

My question to you is: That only happens after somebody has been blocked, correct?

A. Someone would only contact the governor's office to be unblocked if they have been blocked. If that's your question, the answer is yes.

Q. Yes. Exactly. Thank you.

So how does somebody -- unless or until somebody is blocked for having made an abusive comment, how is someone supposed to know what kinds of comments are considered abusive on the governor's official social media pages?

- A. Well, since day one, the policy has always been you can be blocked for obscene, abusive, or repeatedly off-topic remarks. We've publicly put that out. So I can't tell you what someone may or may not know out on the Internet.
- Q. You publicly put that out in July of 2017, right?
- 14 A. Yes.

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- Q. So did someone know -- how would someone have known before July of 2017 what that policy was?
- 17 A. I don't know.
- Q. And is a user blocked after -- strike that.

 Would one obscene -- could one obscene

 comment, just one, get a user blocked?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. What is the governor's office's definition of what constitutes spam on his official social media accounts?
- A. Spam is the same thing as repeatedly

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- Q. What is the governor's office's definition of repeated off-topic comments?
- A. More than one comment -- are you talking about Facebook or Twitter?
- Q. Well, we can talk about them separately. But before we do that, let me just clarify that earlier I asked you if the policy was the same on both, and you said that it was.
- So is there a difference in how repeated off-topic comments -- is there a different definition for repeated off-topic comments on Facebook than there is for Twitter?
- A. No.
- Q. So if I ask you the question: What is the governor's office's official definition of repeated off topic, the answer is going to be the same for Facebook and Twitter?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. So what is the governor's office --
- A. They're just platforms. They have different -- they operate differently.
- Q. That's true. So what is the governor's

 office's official definition of repeated off-topic

 comments?

A. More than one comment that has nothing to do with the original Facebook post for Facebook or tweet for Twitter.

Generally, it's two or three or more comments that are totally unrelated to the original Facebook post or tweet.

- Q. When you referred to generally two or three or more comments, do you mean within one Facebook or Twitter post?
- A. Not necessarily.
- Q. Who decides what comments are off topic on a particular post?
- 13 A. The person with access --
- Q. When you say --
- 15 A. -- to block.
- 16 Q. I'm sorry.
- 17 A. The person with access to block.
- Q. And we know who those are because they've been identified on Exhibit 29; is that correct?
- 20 A. Yes.

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Q. Do you know if each individual identified on this list as having access to block people on the governor's social media accounts has the discretion to determine if a comment is off topic his- or herself?

MR. MEREDITH: Objection. Do you mean sole discretion, or what --

Q. Yes. Discretion.

- A. Yeah. These people can block people.
- Q. And each of these individuals identified can decide themselves whether someone gets blocked for repeated off-topic comments; is that correct?
- A. Yes. But it's ultimately they all report to the communications director who's responsible for this.
- Q. Before one of these identified individuals blocks somebody for repeated off-topic comments, do they need to get approval from anybody else?
- A. My understanding is they do not.

One point of clarification: When I was looking on this sheet, the people on this sheet where the key would be would be people that have actually done those three things, not that have the access to do those three things, if that makes sense.

- Q. It does.
- A. So for example -- this is one example on John Hodgson, if he has a 3 next to his name, that would mean that he's never done 1 or 2. He's only done 3.
- Q. I see. Thank you for that.

- A. If that makes sense. I didn't clarify that earlier.
- Q. No. Thank you. That's helpful.

So using Mr. Hodgson as an example, he has a 3 next to him, so we know that he has deleted or hidden, hid, off-topic or inappropriate Facebook comments and he has -- and are you saying that he has not posted content or blocked or banned based on the policy?

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- Q. But that he has access to if he were told to do so?
 - A. Again, my understanding on how this works is you have access to do all three things if you're given access, but that doesn't actually mean you've done all three things.

You've only -- the way this sheet is broken down is with the numbers next to these people's names, they've only actually done either 1, 2, or 3 as laid out on this sheet.

- Q. Okay. That's helpful. Thank you.
- A. You can see that I've done none.
- Q. I do see that.
- Do you have access to do any of them?
- 25 A. No.

- Q. Given that clarification, does that change any of your answers here this morning?
 - A. I don't think so.

- Q. And I know we've talked about a lot, so --
- A. I mean, I don't think it does. I just wanted to clarify that.
- Q. Thank you. Are there any communications
 within the governor's office about specific
 instances where there was a question regarding
 whether something was off topic?
- 11 A. Define communication.
- Q. Written communication on mediums such as email, text message, Facebook Messenger, Twitter Direct Message.
- 15 A. So what is your question?
- Q. Are there any written communications among
 employees in the governor's office about specific
 instances where there was a question about whether a
 comment was off topic?
- 20 A. I'm not aware of any.
- Q. Do you know -- or have -- I'm sorry.

 Have you searched for them?
- A. Have I personally?
- 24 Q. Uh-huh.
- 25 A. No.

- Q. Do you know if a search was undertaken for them?
- A. I don't know.

- MR. MEREDITH: I'll object to the extent that I don't think that's anywhere on the topics -- list of topics here.
- Q. Does the governor's office have a policy about whether there are specific words that are always off topic?
- A. My understanding is that on Facebook, for example, there can be filters that you put in that automatically hide certain comments based on certain words; for example, curse words.

If someone types a curse word in, Facebook has some type of ability to hide that comment.

- Q. Uh-huh.
 - A. Does that answer your question?
- Q. Well, it leads me to another question.

But let me just clarify that if the Facebook filter filters out curse words, that would be -- those would be obscene words; is that correct?

So today we've been talking about abusive, obscene, and repeated off-topic comments, is that correct, and curse words would fall under obscene; is that right?

- A. Curse words would be obscene. They could also be abusive, depending on the context.
- Q. Sure. That's true. But I'm wondering if those curse words are considered off topic.

MR. MEREDITH: Object to the form of the question. Do you mean categorically or --

- Q. I mean within the governor's office as we're discussing this policy, are curse -- there's specific curse words that are considered off topic?
- MR. MEREDITH: Objection. Do you mean categorically or based on the context?
- MS. GATNAREK: I'm going to let the witness answer the question however he understands it.
- A. There could be a comment that is obscene, abusive, and repeatedly off topic all in the same comment. It happens all the time, if you follow social media.
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- 19 A. They're not mutually exclusive, necessarily.
- Q. Sure. I definitely understand that that could be the case.
 - A. It happens all the time.
- Q. Are there, though, words that the governor's office has identified as being always off topic, specific words?

- A. I can't answer that question. Depends on -there's so many variables that go into what is an
 off-topic comment that there's not one topic that
 would always be considered off topic, necessarily,
 if that's what you're asking me. I mean, depends on
 the context of the original post, what's on topic
 and what's off topic.
- Q. So do you know if the governor's office employs that Facebook keyword filter to filter out off-topic comments?
- MR. MEREDITH: Object to the form of the question, and asked and answered as well.

But go ahead and answer to the extent --

- A. What's your question?
- MS. GATNAREK: Could you read that back?

 (Reporter read from the record as requested.)
 - A. I don't know. Again, off topic is not defined by words. It's defined by what the topic is.
 - Q. Do you know if the governor's office uses the Facebook keyword filter on the governor's official Facebook page?
- A. My understanding is we do.
- Q. And are you aware of what words are included in that filter?

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- Q. Is that something that you reviewed in preparation for today's deposition?
 - A. Did I review what?
- 5 Q. The key words that are used that the governor's office filters out on Facebook?
 - A. I did not review those.
 - Q. And just to be clear, do you know if there is an analogous tool available on Twitter?
- 10 A. I don't know.
- 11 Q. Do you know if the Facebook keyword -- strike that.
- Do you know if the governor's office employs
 the Facebook keyword filter to filter out anything
 besides curse words or foul language?
 - A. I don't know what words are in the governor's Facebook filter; therefore, I can't answer your question.
- 19 Q. Do you know who would know?
 - A. Communications director.
- Q. Okay. A little while ago, when we started this conversation about off-topic comments, you referred to these as repeated off-topic comments, and we started to get into a discussion about the number of comments that are needed in order to be

considered repeated. And I want to, just to make sure that I understand -- that I understand you on this.

Does the governor's office look for off-topic comments that are repeated within the comments or replies to a singular post?

MR. MEREDITH: Objection, asked and answered.

- A. I don't understand your question.
- Q. So the governor's office, both on Facebook and Twitter, makes posts on behalf of Governor Bevin. We've been talking about posting content, and I will refer to these as posts.

Do you understand what I mean by that?

- A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Within -- or on a post on both

 Facebook and Twitter, there's a mechanism by which

 other users can post their own comments.

Are you with me so far?

- A. (Witness nodded head.)
 - Q. And on Twitter, these are called comments -I mean on Facebook, these are called comments; on
 Twitter these are called replies. For this
 conversation, I will refer to them all as comments.

Is that -- can you agree to that, or do you want me to --

A. Yes.

- Q. Okay.
 - A. In the interest of time, yes.
 - Q. Okay. Great.

So within a singular post on either the Facebook or Twitter page, there are comments from users who are not the governor; is that correct?

- A. There can be.
- Q. I mean, I suppose technically the governor could also post a comment or reply. But again, in the interest of time, let's talk about those comments that are posted by users who aren't Governor Bevin.

And my question to you is: Does the governor's office, in looking for repeated off-topic comments, look for comments that are repeated within the body of a singular post -- or within the comments of a singular post? I'm sorry.

MR. MEREDITH: Objection. Do you mean only look for it within that or --

MS. GATNAREK: No. I don't mean only.

MR. MEREDITH: Okay.

Q. I mean does the governor's office look for comments that are repeated within the comments section of a singular post?

- A. Yes, but that's not exclusive.
- Q. I understand. Let's just stick with this for a second, though. Okay?

Within that singular post and within the comments section of that singular post, how many times must a comment be repeated before it is deemed to be in violation of the policy against repeated off-topic comments?

- A. Well, the definition of repeat assumes there's at least two, right?
- So my understanding is it's generally two or three or more. It has to be at least two to repeat.
- Q. At least two to repeat. Yep.
- A. So to have a repeated off-topic comment, that's more than one.
- Q. Right. So two or more of the same comment posted in a singular post will get -- could get somebody blocked?
- 19 A. It could.

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- Q. Okay. Now, when I introduced this singular post, you said that's not the only thing the governor's office looks for.
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- Q. With regard to monitoring for repeated

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- A. The whole universe of that person's comments.
- Q. What do you mean by that?
- A. We don't just look at one post. A lot of people put repeated off-topic comments on many different posts. They try to hijack the social media page.
- Q. How does the governor's office keep track of a specific user's comments across multiple posts?
- A. I don't know.
- 11 Q. Does it matter whether or not that user's
 12 comments across multiple posts are exactly the same?
- A. What do you mean by "the same"?
- Q. We've heard testimony from other witnesses
 about comments being cut and pasted, so exactly the
 same words in exactly the same order.

When the governor's office is monitoring for repeated off-topic comments across multiple posts, does it matter whether those repeated off-topic comments are exactly the same?

- A. No.
- Q. Okay. So what does the governor's office look for across multiple posts in determining whether somebody has repeated -- has posted repeated off-topic comments?

- A. Whether the topics are on comment or not -- on topic or not.
- Q. So the posts -- so if a person -- if a user, not Governor Bevin, posts a comment on one of Governor Bevin's posts that the governor's office believes is off topic and then that same user goes to another of Governor Bevin's posts and posts a completely different comment but one that the governor's office also believes is off topic, do those two comments -- could those two comments get that person blocked?
- A. They could. Again, they're off topic and it's repeated. That means there's more than one.
- Q. You mentioned that part of the understanding of what "repeated off-topic comments" means is that users are trying to hijack the governor's post.

What did you mean by the word "hijack"?

- A. Hijack means something that's totally off topic, trying to change the subject away from the intent of the original post to try to, again, take over the conversation about something that was not the intent of the original post.
- Q. And how do you know if a user who's not Governor Bevin who's posting these comments is trying to do that?

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- Q. How do those -- how do users on Governor

 Bevin's social media pages know what the topic of a post is?
 - A. I assume they can read.
- Q. Is the topic of Governor Bevin's posts always
 clear?
 - MR. MEREDITH: Objection. Clear to whom?

 MS. GATNAREK: Well, I think we're talking

 about what was referred to as an objective standard.
 - Q. I mean, how does someone who visits the governor's page know what the topic is?
- 13 A. They read it.
- 14 Q. They read what?
- 15 A. The post.
- Q. And in reading the post, they know what the topic is?
 - A. You're asking me to put myself in the minds of however many people can read the governor's post to say what they think it is.
 - Q. I think that's an important exercise here because we're talking about what kinds of comments will get individuals blocked from governor's pages, and we're discussing repeated off-topic comments.
- So yes, I am asking you how a user or how a

visitor to the governor's page would know whether their comment was off topic.

- A. They would read the topic of the post.
- Q. So I'll hand you as an example what we've previously marked as Deposition Exhibit Number 8, and just ask if you -- well, this is a post from Governor Matt Bevin's official Twitter account.

Do you see that -- his Twitter handle up at the top there?

A. I do.

Q. Okay. And do you see that on September 30th he posted, "As the sun sets on another weekend, we are thankful for our beautiful Kentucky home.

#weareKentucky."

Do you see that?

- A. I do.
- Q. And then there's a photo that is hard to see, exactly, because this is a black-and-white copy, but I will submit to you it's a photo of a sunset, what looks to be a sunset, in Kentucky, with the words on top of it, "Kentucky. No place I would rather be," with a small Kentucky state outline there.

Do you see that?

- A. I do.
- 25 Q. So how does a user or a visitor to Governor

- Matt Bevin's official Twitter page know what the topic is of this post?
- They would read it. Α.
- MR. MEREDITH: Objection. This is beyond the scope of the 30(b)(6) topics, but go ahead.
- Α. They would read it.
- 7 So what is the topic of this post? Q. MR. MEREDITH: Objection, again. Same 9 objection.
- 10 The topic of this post? Α.
- 11 Ο. Uh-huh.

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- 12 Governor Bevin loves Kentucky, and that's Α. 13 what the post is about.
- So the only comments that would be considered 14 15 on topic are comments about how Governor Bevin loves 16 Kentucky?
- 17 MR. MEREDITH: Objection. Same objection.
- Or other people that love Kentucky could 18 19 comment about that. That's what the -- that's what 20 the post is about.
 - Q. It would have to be about loving Kentucky? MR. MEREDITH: Objection. Same objection.
- 23 No, it wouldn't. Α.
- 24 Q. Okay. So what -- I believe that's what you 25 said --

- A. It could be about being thankful for being in Kentucky. It could be about whatever the topic of the post is about.
 - Q. So I asked you: What is the topic of the post?
 - A. I just told you.

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- Q. Okay. When I previously asked you, "What's the topic of this post," you said "Governor Matt Bevin loves Kentucky."
- 10 A. Yeah. That's one of the topics.
- 11 Q. Okay. What are some other topics of this post?
- 13 A. He's thankful.
- Q. Anything else?
- 15 A. There's a lot of things. I mean, it's got
 16 the weekend, sun setting on the weekend. That's
 17 what the post is about.
 - Q. Anything else?
- MR. MEREDITH: Objection. Again, this is beyond the scope of the 30(b)(6) topics.
- 21 A. No.
- Q. So is it the governor's -- I mean, let me
 rephrase that. I want to make sure not to put words
 in your mouth, so I want to be clear.
- Is it the governor's office's position that a

visitor to his official social media accounts can know what the topic of the post is just by reading the post?

- A. I don't understand the question.
- Q. Previously, I asked you, "How does a visitor to the governor's official social media accounts know the topic of a post."

And I believe you responded, "They can read it."

- A. I did say that. And they can read it.
- Q. Is there any other way that a visitor to his official social media pages would know the topic?
- 13 A. Not to my knowledge.

- Q. Does anyone else have knowledge to answer that question in any other way?
- A. What's your question?
 - Q. Well, I said to you -- or you responded to me that that's -- not to your knowledge, there's no other way to know the topic of the post other than reading it, not to your knowledge, is what you said.

And my question is: Does anyone else have knowledge to answer that question differently?

A. I don't know. I mean, people know what's going -- what the post is about by reading it. I don't know how to be any more clear about -- about

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- Q. Okay. But I'm not sure that you've answered that last question, which was -- I asked you if there was any other way that a visitor to the page would know the topic of a post besides reading it, and your response was "Not to my knowledge."
- A. No. You have to read the post to know what it's about. That's what I'm saying.
- Q. Okay. So when you said "Not to my knowledge," I just want to be clear, are there other individuals who have knowledge to answer that question differently?
- MR. MEREDITH: Objection, asked and answered.
 - A. What are you asking? I mean --
- Q. If there's anyone else within the governor's office with knowledge that you may not have to answer this question differently.
 - A. Answer what question?
- Q. How an individual -- or how a visitor to the
 Facebook and Twitter pages would know what the topic
 of a post is.
- A. My answer is: The only way you would know the topic of a post is to read the post.
- Q. And is there anyone else within the governor's office with knowledge to answer that

question differently?

MR. MEREDITH: Objection to the form of the question.

- A. I mean, you're asking me to prove a negative.

 No. I mean, I don't even understand your question.

 The only way you can understand what a post is about is by reading it. I don't know how to be any more clear than that.
- Q. Mr. Brickman, I've heard you say that several times. The only reason I'm asking about this knowledge question is because it was a response that you gave me when I asked about how a visitor would know, and you said "Not to my knowledge."

And my question to you is --

- A. I should have been more clear and said the only way that somebody reading any of the governor's social media posts can understand what the post is about is by reading it.
- Q. Thank you.
 - A. If I said "not to my knowledge," I didn't interpret it -- it didn't mean it any other way other than what I just said.
 - Q. Thank you. Now, the policy that we've been referring to in Exhibit 5, which is the Defendant's Responses to Plaintiffs' First Set of

Interrogatories, on Page 5, response to interrogatory number 5, this written policy that the governor's office issued in July 2017 says that -- up at the top of page 6 there, it references repeated off-topic comments, and this is what we've been discussing as something that may get a user blocked.

Was there ever --

- A. Where are you?
- Q. Yeah. At the top of page 6. Do you see that?
- On the second line from the top, it references repeated off-topic comments --
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- Q. -- in a list of the types of comments that
 will get a user banned -- or could get a user banned
 from the governor's social media accounts; is that
 correct?
- 19 A. I don't understand your question.
- Q. I'm just asking -- you wanted to make sure that we were on the same page, and I'm just clarifying that we are.
- 23 A. I'm on page 6.
- Q. Okay. Up at the top -- well, we can start on line 1. I'll read it into the record.

"Unfortunately" -- and this is from the governor's office official statement in July 2017. It doesn't have an exact date, but July of 2017.

"Unfortunately, a small number of users misused those outlets" -- meaning the governor's social media platforms -- "by posting obscene and abusive language or images or repeated off-topic comments and spam."

Do you see that?

A. Yes.

- Q. Okay. We previously discussed that this is the governor's office official policy about what kinds of comments could get a user blocked from his social media pages, and this statement was issued in July of 2017; is that correct?
- A. Uh-huh. Yes.
 - Q. Thank you. My question to you is: Before the summer of -- before July of 2017, how would users to the -- how would visitors to the governor's social media pages know that repeated off-topic comments may get them blocked?
 - A. That's always been our policy, since the governor's inauguration. I don't know how to answer the question any other way. I mean, that's always been our policy.

Presumably, somebody would know they got blocked after they got blocked by however Twitter and Facebook notifies them. And I testified earlier that people that are blocked can request to be unblocked if they abide by this exact same policy, and that has happened before.

- Q. Did the governor's office publicize this policy -- which I understand you've testified has been the policy since day one of the administration -- prior to July of 2017?
- MR. MEREDITH: Objection to the word

 "publicize." It's vague. Go ahead.
- Q. Answer, if you can.

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- A. Not to my knowledge.
- Q. Did the governor's office ever post this policy on his official social media accounts prior to July 2017?
- 18 A. Not to my knowledge.
- Q. Is it posted on his official social media accounts now?
- A. What do you mean by "posted"?
- Q. Is this policy made available on either his official Facebook or official Twitter page now?
- A. I don't know the answer to that.
- Q. What record is maintained -- or I'm sorry.

Let me rephrase that.

Is a record maintained within the governor's office of individual users who have been blocked from his official social media pages?

- A. I don't know.
- Q. Who would know?
- A. Communications director.

MR. MEREDITH: Objection to the extent this is beyond the scope of 30(b)(6) topics.

MS. GATNAREK: I think it's pretty squarely within 5, but that's fine because the witness answered that he didn't know.

MR. MEREDITH: What was your question? Maybe I didn't understand your question. What did you ask?

MS. GATNAREK: Could you read it back? Thank you.

(Reporter read from the record as requested.)

MS. GATNAREK: The witness testified he

didn't know.

- Q. Is that correct, you don't know?
- A. (Witness shook head.)

MS. GATNAREK: But I do think it falls squarely within the process by which those policies are implemented.

MR. MEREDITH: I disagree, but he answered. It's okay.

- Do you know if -- I'm sorry. Strike that. Do either Twitter or Facebook notify users if they've been blocked from a specific page?
- I can't speak to how Twitter and Facebook operate. I don't know.

My understanding is individuals that have been blocked can find out through Twitter or Facebook that they've been blocked, but I can't speak to how that works.

- I'm only asking because just a few minutes Q. ago, you testified that someone knows they're blocked through however Twitter or Facebook notifies them that they've been blocked, and I wondered if -what that policy -- I wondered what that practice was.
- I don't know. That's a question for Twitter Α. or Facebook.
- Ο. You've referenced several times the -- you've referenced several times that individual users who have been blocked from the governor's official social media pages can request to be unblocked; is that correct?
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- Q. What is that policy or practice?
- A. There's not a policy.

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- Q. So is there not a written policy about that,

 about how a user would be unblocked?
 - A. Not to my knowledge.
 - Q. Do you know if -- strike that.

Is there a practice by which users can be unblocked from the governor's official social media pages?

A. I don't know how you define "practice," but I know that in the past there are individuals that have been blocked that have contacted our office and have agreed to abide by the policies that have been unblocked.

So stated another way, being blocked is not a permanent state of mind or state of being, or whatever term you want to use. You can be unblocked if you agree to abide by the policy.

- Q. Do you know how many people have contacted the governor's office asking to be unblocked?
- A. I don't. I know at least one.
- Q. Do you know if there have been any more than one?
- 24 A. I don't know.
- Q. Beyond however Twitter or Facebook may notify

users that they've been blocked, is there any other way that users who have been blocked from the governor's official social media pages are made aware of that block?

A. I don't know.

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- Q. Does the governor's office let individuals know that they've been blocked?
- A. Not to my knowledge.
- 9 Q. Does anyone else have knowledge to answer that question?
- A. The communications director. I think Twitter
 and Facebook is the entity that notifies them
 they've been blocked, to my understanding.
 - Q. So you're -- I'm sorry.

You don't know if the governor's office notifies people that they've been blocked, but the person who would know is the communications director; is that correct?

- A. That's correct.
- 20 Q. Okay.
- A. My understanding is the individuals find out
 they've been blocked via Facebook and Twitter.

 That's my understanding of how this happens in
- 24 practice.
- Q. Does the governor's office have an official

policy about whether or not to let people know that they've been blocked from his social media accounts?

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Q. Does the governor's office have an official -- well, strike that. Doesn't have to be official.

Does the governor's office have a specific practice regarding letting people know that they've been blocked?

- A. I don't know.
- Q. And when I say "practice," I mean official or unofficial.

Does that change your --

- A. I don't know.
- Q. Okay. Well, there is some practice that has developed, though, correct, about individuals requesting to be unblocked, because we're aware that at least one individual -- one person has requested this; is that correct?
- A. What's your question?
- Q. So my question is: Who developed the
 practice for -- who within the governor's office
 developed the practice by which individuals can get
 unblocked from his official social media pages?
- 25 A. What is a practice?

Again, what -- my understanding of what happened, there was an individual that was blocked that contacted our office asking why he had been blocked. We then communicated with him and explained our policy. That individual agreed to abide by the policy, and he was unblocked.

If that is a practice, that is a practice that currently exists where any individual that is blocked can contact our office, agree to the policy, and they will be unblocked.

Q. Did that practice exist prior to that individual who contacted your office?

MR. MEREDITH: Are you asking whether it had ever been done or whether it was possible to be done?

MS. GATNAREK: Both.

A. I don't even understand the question.

I mean, somebody reached out to our office and asked to be unblocked, and they were. I can't speak to what happened before that, but anyone before that one person could have done the same thing.

Anybody that abides by our policy -- obscene, abusive, not repeatedly off topic -- can be unblocked.

Now, if someone is unblocked and they violate that

policy again in the future, they could be blocked again.

Q. Is there a limit to the number of times that someone may request to be unblocked -- let me rephrase.

If a person is blocked and requests to be unblocked and they are, and if they then get blocked again, is there a limit to the number of times that someone could go through that cycle?

- A. I don't know the answer to that, how that's happened in practice. I don't know. But anyone that agrees to abide by our policy will not be blocked.
- Q. You don't know if that's happened, though --
- A. I don't.

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- 16 Q. -- is that what you just said?
- MR. MEREDITH: If what's happened?
- MS. GATNAREK: If someone has been blocked and unblocked multiple times.
- MR. MEREDITH: Okay.
- A. You're asking me if I know if that's happened or not? I don't know.
- Q. And you don't -- or do you know if there is a limit to the number of times someone could be blocked and unblocked?

- A. Anybody that abides by our policy will not be blocked. That's the best way I can answer that question.
 - Q. Okay.

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- (A Discussion Was Held Off the Record.)
- Q. Mr. Brickman, do you know who Drew Morgan is?
- 7 A. No. I know he's the plaintiff in the case, 8 but I don't know him.
- 9 Q. Do you understand that he was blocked from accessing the governor's official Twitter page?
- 11 A. Yes.
- Q. Why was he blocked?
- 13 A. I don't know.
- Q. Who would know?
- 15 A. I don't know.
- Q. In preparation for today's deposition, did you ask Ms. Kuhn if she knows why Drew Morgan was
- 19 A. I did not.

blocked?

- Q. Did you ask the governor if he knew -- if he
- 21 knows why Drew Morgan was blocked?
- 22 A. I did.
- Q. Does he know?
- A. He does not.
- Q. Does the governor's office save screenshots

- of comments that may lead to an individual being blocked?
 - A. I don't know.
- Q. Does the governor take screenshots of any individual that he may have blocked on Twitter?
 - A. I don't think so.
 - Q. Did you ask him about screenshots -- about whether he takes screenshots of people that he may have blocked on Twitter?
- 10 A. Just in general?
- 11 Q. Uh-huh.
- 12 A. No.

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- 13 Q. In preparation for today's deposition?
- A. No. I talked to him. I did not ask him that.
- MR. MEREDITH: I'll object to the extent that that's beyond the scope of 30(b)(6) topics.
- Q. So does the governor's office have a record of why Drew Morgan was blocked from the governor's official Twitter page?
- 21 A. I don't know.
- Q. Do you know who Mary Hargis is?
- 23 A. I know that's the plaintiff in this case.
- Beyond that, no, I don't know anything about
- 25 her.

- Q. Do you know that she was blocked from accessing the governor's official Facebook page?
 - A. That's my understanding.
- Q. Why was Ms. Hargis blocked from the governor's official Facebook page?
- 6 A. I don't know.

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- Q. Does the governor's office have a record of why Ms. Hargis was blocked from --
- 9 A. I don't know.
- 10 Q. -- the official Facebook page?
- 11 A. I don't know.
- 12 Q. And who would know?
- A. Communications director. I'm not aware of it.
- Q. Was that part of the investigation that you undertook in preparation for today's deposition?
- MR. MEREDITH: Objection to the extent it's beyond -- I'm sorry. Never mind. I'm sorry.
- A. I don't know anything about why she was blocked, Ms. Hargis.
- 21 Q. I understand that.
- I'm asking if -- if you investigated the facts
 related to the blocking of Ms. Hargis from Governor
 Bevin's official Facebook account.
- 25 A. There's no record of it --

- Q. How do you know --
- A. -- of any facts.

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- Q. How do you know there's no record of it?
 - A. I'm not aware of any -- that we have anything about her blocking -- the blocking of Ms. Hargis.
 - Q. And where --
 - A. I don't know why she was blocked.
 - Q. So where does your understanding come from that there's no record?
- A. I don't -- I just -- I don't know. My
 understanding is she was blocked in December of
 2015, which is now almost three years ago.
- Q. Where did that understanding come from?
 - A. Discussions with people in our office.
 - Q. So what investigation did you undertake to determine the facts related to Ms. Hargis being blocked from the defendant's official Facebook account?
 - MS. GATNAREK: Can I ask that the question is pending, so I think it's inappropriate to have communications with counsel while a question is pending.
 - MR. MEREDITH: Sure. And so I'll object to the extent that it calls for attorney-client communications, but you can answer based on any --

you know, anything that Elizabeth or Nicole or Woody or anybody else told you.

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- Q. What investigation did you undertake, in preparation for today's deposition, regarding the facts related to Ms. Hargis being blocked from Governor Bevin's official Facebook account?
- A. I asked the governor if he's ever heard of her or had anything to do with blocking, and he said no.
- 11 Q. What else did you do?
- 12 A. Tried to remember what else was discussed.
- I've had so many conversations about this, it's hard to remember exactly. I think that's it.
- Q. And I understand that you don't know why

 Mr. Morgan was blocked, but what investigation did

 you undertake in preparation for today's deposition

 regarding the facts related -- relating to his being

 blocked from the governor's official Twitter

 account?
 - A. When I discussed the -- when I talked to the governor, I asked him if he had ever heard of Mr. Morgan or had any idea why he was blocked, and he said no to both questions.
 - Q. Did you do anything else?

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- I'm going to hand you another document that we've previously marked as deposition Exhibit Number 6, and I will -- oh, have you seen this document before?
- Is this different than the other one you showed me?
 - It is very slightly different, and I will Q. explain why. This Exhibit Number 5 was served on one day, and the next day Defendant served the supplemental.

The only change is that on the response to interrogatory number 2, there is a list of names. The supplemental responses include the governor's name. The initial responses did not.

- Α. Yes.
- I will represent that that's the only change, unless counsel has an objection to that.

So I just want to refer to Exhibit Number 6 for this next line of questioning, because this is the complete list.

- Okay. Α.
- And I want to ask you about some of these people on this list. Okay? We won't go through all of them, but I do want to ask you about some.

And as part of today's deposition, one of the noticed topics for your 30(b)(6) deposition is the involvement of these individuals identified in Defendant's response to interrogatory number 2 in maintaining the defendant's official social media pages.

You're the first on that list, but let's come back to you.

So first I would like to ask you: What was

Jessica Ditto's involvement in maintaining Governor

Bevin's official social media pages?

- A. She was the communications director.
- Q. And what did she do in that role to maintain the governor's official social media pages?
 - A. She was responsible for them.
- Q. Did she post content to the governor's official social media pages?
- 18 A. Yes.

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- 19 Q. Did she block or ban people from those pages?
- 20 A. No.
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- 22 A. We're talking -- sorry. Let me look at --
- Q. Ms. Ditto, Jessica Ditto.
- A. You're asking for both, for Facebook and
- 25 Twitter? Let's start over.

Sure. Yep. That's a great idea. So let's Q. discuss Jessica Ditto for a moment.

You said that she was responsible for the governor's social media pages. Do you mean both Facebook and Twitter?

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- Great. Can you tell me what role she had in 0. maintaining the governor's official Facebook account?
- She posted comments, and she deleted or hid off-topic comments.
- 12 What about on his official Twitter account? Q.
- 13 Α. She only posted content.
- 14 And you're getting these answers from the Ο. 15 exhibit that we've marked as Exhibit 29, is that 16 correct --
- 17 Α. Yes.
 - -- or from the document that we marked as Ο. Exhibit 29.

So Catherine Easley has posted content to the governor's office's official Facebook account and blocked or banned people from that account, and she has posted content to the governor's official Twitter account; is that correct?

Α. Yes.

- She has not blocked anybody on Twitter, is Q. that correct, or from the governor's official Twitter account?
 - That's correct. Α.
- Ο. And she has not deleted or hidden any off-topic or inappropriate Facebook comments on the governor's Facebook page; is that correct?
 - That's correct. Α.
- 9 Andrew King is listed on Exhibit 29 under Q. 10 Facebook as none.
- 11 What does that mean?
- What does "none" mean? 12 Α.
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- It means he didn't post content, he didn't 14 15 block or ban anybody, and he didn't delete or hide 16 any comments.
- And I think you previously testified that he 17 18 may have had access to the governor's Facebook 19 account, or he did have access to the governor's 20 Facebook account?
- 21 A. Having access is not the same as doing 1, 2, 22 or 3.
- 23 I completely understand. I just want to Q. 24 clarify if he had access to the governor's Facebook 25 account.

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. And then he -- Mr. King, again, on the governor's official Twitter account, it looks like he blocked or banned but did not post content -- did not post content; is that correct?

- A. Yes.
- Q. Okay.
- A. You're basically asking me just to review this sheet with you right now.
- Q. Well, hold on. We're getting there. So the next person I want to ask you about is Chris Skates.

On Exhibit 29, Mr. Skates is listed under Facebook as none, which means he didn't do any of these three things. And he's listed under Twitter as none, which I think means he didn't do any of these things on Twitter either.

But do you see that on defendant's response to interrogatory number 2 he's listed as a person who has been involved in, "One, posting content to the governor's official Facebook or Twitter accounts; two, blocking or banning accounts that have made obscene, abusive, and/or off-topic comments on the governor's official Facebook and/or Twitter account; and/or, three, have deleted and/or hidden off-topic or inappropriate comments on the

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governor's official Facebook account"?
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Did I read that correctly?

- MR. MEREDITH: I object to the conflation of the fact that being involved in doesn't necessarily mean --
- MS. GATNAREK: Well, we're getting -- I'm asking the witness for clarification. Hold on just a moment.
- Did I read that correctly, Mr. Brickman? Q.
- 10 Α. Did you read what correctly?
- 11 That last paragraph on page 4 of deposition Ο. 12 Exhibit Number 6.
- I didn't follow you word for word on this 13 Α. document when you were saying it, so I can't tell 14 15 you if you did or didn't read it correctly.
 - Okay. On page --Ο.
- 17 If you want me to go through it word for Α. 18 word, we can. I can see if you did, but --
 - In Defendant's supplemental response to Q. interrogatory number 2, which we've identified here as Deposition Exhibit Number 6, Chris Skates is listed in a list of names in that response.
- Do you see that? 23
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25 Q. Okay. Great.

Now, do you see where -- after that list of names, there's a sentence that begins, "These individuals have been involved in."

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And then that is the part that I read. "Posting content to the governor's official Facebook and/or Twitter accounts; two, blocking and/or banning accounts that have made obscene, abusive, and/or off-topic comments on the governor's official Facebook and/or Twitter accounts; and/or, three, have deleted and/or hidden off-topic or inappropriate comments on the governor's official Facebook account."

What involvement did Mr. Skates have on either the governor's official Facebook or official Twitter page?

- He works in the communication operation. These are not -- there's nothing inconsistent about this response and this sheet, if that's what you're asking. The interrogatory response says "involved in."
- Q. What involvement --
- 24 Α. Exhibit 29 is people that have posted, 25 blocked, banned, deleted, or hidden.

- Q. What involvement has Mr. Skates had in doing one of the three things that's listed on that paragraph I read into the record from page 4 of Deposition Exhibit Number 6?
- A. I don't know, other than he works in our communications shop.
- Q. Who would know?

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- A. The communications director.
- 9 Q. Do you know why he was listed here in the response to interrogatory number 2?
- A. Because the response to interrogatory number
 2 has the words "involved in," and that's broader
 than what's on Exhibit 29.
 - Q. Okay. Let's put 29 aside for a second.

 Mr. Skates is listed in response to

 interrogatory number 2.

What has his involvement been in posting content to the governor's official Facebook and/or Twitter accounts?

- A. I don't know.
- Q. What has his involvement been in blocking or banning accounts that have made obscene, abusive, and/or off-topic comments on the governor's official Facebook and/or Twitter accounts?
- 25 A. I don't know.

- What has Mr. Skates' involvement been in Q. having deleted and/or hidden off-topic or inappropriate comments on the governor's official Facebook account?
- I don't know.

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Further -- or right after Mr. Skates on that list is an individual named Ben Goldey.

What has his involvement been in maintaining the defendant's official social media accounts?

- On Facebook, he posted content. On Twitter, he posted content. That's it.
- 12 Q. Okay. Right after Ben Goldey is Jordan 13 Morgan.

What has her involvement been in maintaining the defendant's official Facebook or Twitter accounts?

- Jordan Morgan blocked and banned people on Facebook. She also deleted and hid off-topic or inappropriate Facebook comments. On Twitter, she also blocked or banned people.
- 0. Okay. What about several -- one, two, three, four -- four names after her, Leann Veatch?

What involvement did Ms. Veatch have in maintaining the defendant's official Facebook or Twitter accounts?

A. Her only involvement was deleting or hiding off-topic or inappropriate Facebook comments.

Q. And right after her in that list is Jenna Williams.

What involvement did Ms. Williams have in maintaining the defendant's official Facebook or Twitter accounts?

- A. I don't know.
- Q. Who would know?
- 10 A. Communications director.
- 11 Q. And last on the list is Governor Bevin.

What involvement has he had in maintaining his official Facebook or Twitter accounts?

- 14 A. He's had no involvement at all on Facebook.
- And on Twitter, he has posted content, and he has
- 16 blocked or banned certain individuals based on our
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- 18 Q. Has Governor Bevin blocked or banned
- individuals based on your policy since he became
- 20 governor?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. And does he still, currently?
- A. He can.
- 24 Q. I will show you a document that we'll mark as
- 25 Exhibit 30 and ask if you've seen this document?

- 1 (EXHIBIT 30 WAS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)
 - Α. Is this the answer?
- 3 Q. Yes.

- 4 Α. Hasn't been changed?
- 5 No. Q.
- 6 Then yes. Α.
- 7 And you'll see it has the E-filing stamp at Q. 8 the top there.
- 9 Α. I've seen it.
- 10 One of the noticed 30(b)(6) topics for your Ο. 11 deposition today is the factual basis for 12 affirmative defenses asserted in Defendant's answer.
- 13 So I will ask you to turn to page 11 of that 14 document. Are you there?
- 15 Α. Sure.
- Great. And I would like to ask you what the 16 factual basis is for the affirmative defense 17 18 asserted in paragraph number 68.
- 19 Unclean hands, that paragraph? Α.
- 20 Q. Yes, sir. "The plaintiffs' claims are barred by the doctrine of unclean hands." 21
- 22 My understanding is the ACLU, nationwide, has 23 only sued Republicans in cases like this. could lead to the conclusion that this is a 24
- 25 political lawsuit, which was further demonstrated by

the fact that recently a Kentucky Democratic Party official participated in one of these depositions, which would lead one to the conclusion that this whole thing has just been a political fishing expedition and a complete exercise in politics.

So the factual basis for that defense listed in paragraph 68 is -- wait. I'm sorry. Let me rephrase.

Are there any other factual bases for that affirmative defense?

- Not that I can think of right now.
- 12 Q. Are you aware of whether there are any other factual bases? 13
- 14 No, not right now. Α.
- 15 Were you previously aware of any --Q.
- 16 Α. No.

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- -- other factual bases? 17 Q.
- 18 Α. No.
- 19 And is there anyone else who would have Q. 20 knowledge beyond what you've shared today to answer this question? 21
- 22 MR. MEREDITH: Objection. You mean other 23 than counsel, or do you mean fact witnesses?
- 24 MS. GATNAREK: Fact witnesses, yes.
- Any other individuals with knowledge of facts 25 Q.

that support the defense asserted in paragraph 68?

- A. The communications director may. I don't know.
- Q. Did you discuss with Ms. Kuhn what the factual bases are for Defendant's affirmative defense in paragraph 68?
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- Q. Did she share with you any factual bases beyond what you've testified to here?
- A. She did not. Not that I remember, at least.
- Q. So she may have -- so she may have knowledge of factual bases that have not been testified to here?
- MS. GATNAREK: Bless you.
- MR. MEREDITH: Thank you.
- A. She may. I can't speak for her. Is it not true that the ACLU has only brought these cases against Republicans?
- 19 Q. I'm not the witness here, Mr. Brickman.
 - What is the factual basis for the affirmative defense asserted in paragraph 69?
 - A. I'll give the same answer for laches way around estoppel.
 - My understanding is one of the plaintiffs in this case, Ms. Hargis, was blocked December 24th,

2015. This case was not filed until a year and a half later.

With respect to Mr. Morgan, my understanding is he was blocked on or about February 8th, 2017, and this case was not brought until about six months later.

So a long period of time had passed, and that's a substantial amount of time. Especially for Ms. Hargis; a year and a half. And another six months for Mr. Morgan.

- And what is the basis for your testimony that Ο. Ms. Hargis was blocked on January 24th of 2015 --December 24th of 2015? I'm sorry.
- My understanding of when she was blocked. Α.
- Where does that understanding come from? Q.
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MR. MEREDITH: Objection to the extent it calls for attorney-client communications, but you can answer to the extent that you recall from conversations with Nicole or Woody or Elizabeth or anybody else.

- It's just my understanding is that that's the day she was blocked.
- Q. Have you seen any documentation confirming that?

1 Α. No.

- 2 Do you know where Ms. Burton's understanding 3 of that fact comes from?
- I don't. 4 Α.
- 5 Do you know where Ms. -- you said Woody was Ο. the other person you talked with? 6
 - (Witness nodded head.) Α.
- 8 Do you know where Mr. Maglinger's Q. 9 understanding of that fact comes from?
- 10 Α. No.

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- Are there any other factual bases that you're 11 Ο. 12 aware of for any of the other affirmative defenses listed here that I haven't asked you about?
- No. On paragraph 67, I would like to 14 15 supplement my answer.
- Yes. 16 Ο.
- About the plaintiffs suffering no injuries; 17 18 and therefore, having no standing.
 - The two plaintiffs in this case, like every other person out there, should they acknowledge that they would abide by the policies like everybody else, they also would be unblocked.
- 23 Thank you. But you don't know why either of 24 them was blocked?
- 25 I don't. It's also my understanding that the Α.

ACLU may have recruited these two plaintiffs to be plaintiffs, which I think would go to the unclean hands affirmative defense.

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Any other factual bases for affirmative defenses before I move on from that?

- Α. They've been injured not at all.
- Is that a factual basis or a legal Q. conclusion?
- They could be unblocked if they abide by the policy, so how could they possibly have been injured?

You know, the other thing is either one of these plaintiffs -- or anybody, for that matter, could go and create a different account. these platforms are publicly available, where if they weren't logged into either one of their accounts, they could read everything on that same account. Therefore, they have no injury.

Q. Okay. You previously testified -- and I believe this is noted in the document we've marked as Exhibit 29 -- that Governor Bevin has blocked or banned people from his official Twitter page.

And I asked you if you knew whether he had taken screenshots of any of those comments that led

1 to his blocking people, and I think you said that 2 you did not know; is that correct?

- I do not know. I talked to the governor Α. about this. I do not know if he's taken screenshots. I do know that every person that he has blocked has been somebody that violated our policy.
- How do you know that? Q.
- 9 Α. I asked him.

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- 10 How many people has he blocked --Q.
- 11 Α. I don't know.
- 12 -- from his Twitter page? Q. 13 Did you ask him?
- I did not. 14 Α.
- 15 Did he discuss with you any specific Q. circumstances of those blocks? 16
- 17 Did he give you any examples?
- 18 Α. He did not give me any specific examples. 19 did tell me that every person that he's blocked has 20 been blocked for one of three reasons: they've been 21 obscene, they've been abusive, or they've had 22 repeated off-topic comments.
- 23 Did he indicate to you approximately how many 24 people he's blocked?
- 25 Α. No.

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- 1 Q. Did you ask him approximately how many people 2 he's blocked?
 - Α. No.

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- How often does the governor block people from 4 Ο. 5 his official Twitter page?
- I don't know. 6 Α.
- 7 Does he block -- does he block people weekly? Q.
 - Α. I just said I don't know.
 - You don't know if he blocks people daily? Q.
- I still said I don't know. 10 Α.
- 11 Okay. And when we were going through this Ο. 12 list of people that are -- that are listed in the 13 defendant's response to interrogatory number 2, 14 which we have as Deposition Exhibit Number 6, you 15 are the first person on that list.
- 16 Do you see that?
- 17 Α. I am.
- 18 Great. What involvement have you had in Ο. 19 posting content to the governor's official Facebook 20 or Twitter accounts?
- 21 Α. None.
- 22 What involvement have you had in blocking or 23 banning accounts that have made obscene, abusive, 24 and/or off-topic comments on the governor's Facebook 25 and/or Twitter accounts?

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- And what involvement have you had in having deleted or hidden off-topic or inappropriate comments on the governor's official Facebook account?
- None. Α.
- What involvement have you had in monitoring Q. the governor's social media accounts?
- Α. Define "monitoring."
- Well, I'm reading from this document. Ο.
- So "Subject to that objection, the following 12 individuals have been involved at one time or 13 another in monitoring the governor's social media 14 accounts since December 8th, 2015. Blake Brickman."
 - Is there a question there? Α.
 - Ο. What involvement have you had in monitoring the governor's social media accounts since December 8th, 2015?
 - I don't know what "monitoring" means here, Α. but I can tell you that my involvement in social media, I read what he posts and what the office posts.
- 23 If that's considered monitoring, I'm involved 24 in that. I don't post, I don't ban, I don't block 25 on the official Twitter or Facebook accounts.

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Q. And you said you don't delete comments, is that --

- A. Don't delete comments.
- Q. When you say you read posts, do you mean before they are published?
- A. No. Just like everyone else in the public, I read them.
- Q. After they've been posted to the governor's pages, you may read that them?
- 10 A. Yeah. And again, I don't know what
 11 "monitoring" means.
- Q. Do you know why you're on this list?
- 13 A. No. Other than -- no.
- Q. You may have testified to this previously.
- And I apologize if you did, but let me just ask it in case.
- Do you have access to administer the governor's Facebook page?
- 19 A. No.

- 20 Q. So you don't have a login --
- 21 A. No.
- Q. -- to the governor's page, or administrative
- 23 privileges?
- 24 A. No.
- Q. Do you have access to administer the

Q. Mr. Brickman, is it your understanding that it is up to the communications director to determine who posts on the governor's official Facebook and Twitter accounts?

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Q. And is it your understanding that she has discretion in that matter?

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Q. And is it your understanding that she makes

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- Q. And that she doesn't have a policy or written set of guidelines to go by, she just does what she thinks is right?
 - A. Correct.
- Q. And is it your understanding that it's also within the discretion of the communications director to determine who has access to administer the defendant's official Facebook and Twitter accounts?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And is it also your understanding that she exercises that discretion just based on what she thinks is prudent?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And that there are no written policies or guidelines that she follows beyond her own understanding of what's prudent?
- A. There's no written policies or guidelines, that's correct. Whatever she thinks is prudent.
- Q. Is it your understanding that the
 communications director determines which members of
 the governor's office staff are tasked with blocking
 or banning accounts on Twitter and Facebook?

- A. Yes, the communications director makes that determination.
- Q. Okay. And is it your understanding that she explains the policy to those staff members and instructs them on their duties?
- A. Yes. I talked to her when -- I spoke with the communications director, she told me that everybody on the team understands the policy.
- Q. Have you spoken with the communications director regarding the blocking of Mr. Morgan and Mary Hargis?
- A. Yes.

- Q. And is it your understanding that if anyone would have any knowledge of their blocking, that it would be members of the communications office?
 - A. Yes. I talked to her about this yesterday, refreshed my memory again today, that nobody in the communications office has any knowledge whatsoever about the blocking of Mr. Morgan or Ms. Hargis -- let me correct, why they were blocked.
 - Q. So they know that they were blocked, they just -- nobody has any idea why they were blocked?
 - A. Nobody in the governor's office has any knowledge why Mr. Morgan or Ms. Hargis was blocked.
 - Q. Opposing counsel asked you a lot of questions

about how a person would know what they're not allowed to post on our Twitter and Facebook pages.

Do you have to -- should a person just know from common sense and common decency not to post obscenities?

- Yes. Everybody should know what is obscene, what is abusive. It's common knowledge.
- And is it common courtesy not to make Q. repeated off -- clearly off-topic comments on a Facebook or Twitter post?
- 11 Yes. Nobody should ever try to hijack a 12 conversation that they didn't start.
 - Q. That's just kind of common sense, right?
 - Α. It's common sense.

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I think earlier we talked about -- you were Q. asked some questions about your involvement with monitoring the social media accounts.

Have you ever -- in the past, ever collaborated with the communications director or anyone at the communications office about the content of a post?

- Α. Yes.
- 23 Q. Okay. Do you --
- 24 Α. I have never uploaded -- I have never posted 25 myself. I have collaborated with others in the

communications office about some of the content on the post. But just to the clear, I've never actually posted a comment myself.

- And do you think maybe that's why you're 0. listed in interrogatory number -- well, whatever that exhibit -- listed there in Exhibit 6?
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- And do you know if the governor has also Q. collaborated in a similar fashion with the communications department when it comes to the content of a post?
- Α. Yes. I mean, he obviously has. I mean, some of the posts are actually videos of the governor. So obviously, he's collaborated on the posts.

But maybe I should clarify that when I said he had no involvement whatsoever on the official Facebook, what I should have said or meant to say was he's never actually posted himself. He's never blocked or banned anyone on Facebook or hidden or deleted any comments on the official Facebook.

So to that extent, his involvement on the official Facebook is really no different than mine.

Okay. Which is just kind of limited to collaborating on the creation of the content that eventually makes it on there?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. You also talked earlier about how one would go about understanding what the topic of a post is.

If a topic -- or if a post contains a video or pictures or something like that, would the video or the pictures also inform you what the topic is?

A. Yes. I think earlier I said he would have to read the post. But in some cases the post is just a video, in which case, he would have to actually watch the video as well, to understand the topic of the post.

- Q. Mr. Brickman, is the governor's office's policy on blocking Twitter and Facebook accounts viewpoint neutral, or does it -- or do people get blocked based on the viewpoint that they're expressing?
- A. The office policy is viewpoint neutral. I know for a fact that -- from my conversations with the communications director that there have been people that are -- I could characterize as supporters of the governor that have violated the policy that have been blocked.

So it has nothing to do with whether you are for or against the governor or any policies or

anything he actually posts. It's strictly whether your comments are obscene, abusive, or repeatedly off topic. It has nothing to do with the content of what you're actually saying.

- So if you make a comment that is expressing support for the governor or his policies but that comment violates the social media policy, you're going to be blocked?
- Α. Yes. And that's happened.
- Okay. And similarly, if someone makes a Ο. negative comment against the governor or his policies but that comment does not violate the social media policy, that person's not going to be blocked; is that correct?
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- Ο. And, in fact, are there comments that are negative toward the governor or his policies that exist on his social media accounts?
- There are many comments that are opposed that Α. do not result in the user being blocked. happens all the time.

Again, it's content neutral in terms of whether you're supportive or opposing either the governor or his policy agenda. Any comment that violates the policy results in a blocking.

Q. Okay.

A. We also talked earlier about the Facebook filters. Facebook filters, all they do is hide comments. They do not actually result in blocking. It just hides the comment for people that are not on -- that do not have access to the account in the governor's office.

People that do not have that access can't see the comments, but people that do have access can see the comments if they make it through -- if they don't make it through the filter.

- Q. Okay. Have you discussed the purpose of the official social media accounts with the governor?
- A. I have, many times.
- Q. Okay. And what is your understanding -- or what is the purpose of the social media accounts?
 - A. The purpose of those social media accounts on Facebook and Twitter is for the governor to communicate his message to the people of Kentucky and whoever else accesses either his Facebook or his Twitter site.
 - Q. Okay. Let's skip back to off-topic comments.

When staff members of the governor's office are reviewing posts and looking for off-topic comments, is there kind of a rule of thumb or a

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general -- not a hard line, but often maybe a threshold line that will result in kind of a -someone being flagged as a repeated off-topic commenter?

I mean, repeated, by definition, means more than one. The rule of thumb is generally three or more. From my conversations with the communications director on how it's actually applied, it's generally three or more repeated off-topic comments.

It's also, again, from my conversations with the communications director, generally -- or the policy is to err on the side of not blocking, unless it's very, very clear that the individual has repeatedly posted off-topic comments. It's like in baseball, the tie goes to the runner.

MR. MEREDITH: Let's take about a 30-second break. I might be done.

(A Discussion Was Held Off the Record.)

Q. I just want to make sure the record's clear on your and the governor's involvement with posts on social media.

We were talking earlier about the fact that you have collaborated with coming up with content of posts and that the governor has collaborated with

the communications office when it comes to creating the content for posts. And I think I asked you if that was the extent of his involvement. And I think you said that it was.

So I just want to make sure you're talking about when it comes to actually creating content and uploading it to the Internet, when you -- you're just talking about that's -- the extent of the governor's involvement in terms of creating content and uploading it to the Internet just collaborating on the initial creation of the content, correct?

- On Facebook? Α.
- 13 Q. On Facebook or Twitter -- or on Facebook, 14 yes.
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- 16 Ο. And when it comes to Twitter, he probably posts sometimes himself on Twitter, right? 17
 - Α. Yeah. I talked to the governor. He doesn't even have login ability on Facebook.
 - Q. Okay. So the extent of his involvement when it comes to the creation of content for posts is just collaborating with the communications office?
 - Α. Yes.
- 24 Q. Okay. And he also collaborates for Twitter 25 posts, right?

1 A. He does.

Q. But he's also capable of making his own posts?

A. He is.

Q. Okay. When you were talking about collaboration, were you talking about posting and creating content for posts?

Is that what we're talking about in terms of collaboration?

A. Yes.

MR. MEREDITH: I think that's all we have.

13 EXAMINATION

BY MS. GATNAREK:

Q. Just a few moments ago you were asked about -- and I think you testified that it's your understanding that some favorable comments -- that some comments favorable to the governor have resulted in someone being blocked from one of his social media pages for having violated the policy; is that correct?

Did you testify to that?

A. Yes.

Q. How do you know that?

I talked to the communications director, Α. Elizabeth Kuhn, about that, and she confirmed that there have been individuals that objectively are supporters of Governor Bevin and/or his agenda that have violated the policy and have been blocked.

Those individuals, like everybody else, could agree to abide by the policy and be unblocked, just like the two plaintiffs in this case.

- Did you review any documents to confirm that Q. understanding?
- What understanding? Α.

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- That some comments favorable to Governor Q. Bevin have resulted in an individual being blocked for having violated the social media policy?
- I didn't review any documents, but the communications director told me that was the case, that individuals that are supporters of the governor and/or his agenda have been blocked.

We do not discriminate based on whether you are a supporter of the governor or opponent of the governor; whether you're for his agenda or whether you're against his agency. It's all about whether you abide by the policy of not posting content that is obscene, abusive, or repeatedly off topic.

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Did you discuss any specific examples of Ο.

those blocks with the communications director?

A. Which blocks?

- Q. People who have been blocked for having made comments favorable to Governor Bevin but that have violated the social media policy.
 - A. We did not discuss anything specific, but she told me that she was 100 percent certain that that is the case, that individuals that are supporters of the governor have been blocked.
- Q. Do you know where her understanding of that comes from?
- A. I don't.
 - Q. Are you aware of any instances of comments that are favorable to Governor Bevin resulting in the person being blocked from his social media page for violating the policy against repeated off-topic comments?
 - A. I don't have any specific examples for you about anybody being blocked. But I can tell you that our policy, which the communications director confirmed to me, is that if a supporter of Governor Bevin and/or his agenda hijacked posts, posted repeatedly off-topic comments, that individual, regardless of whether they supported him or not, will be blocked.

Do you know or did the communications Q. director confirm for you whether anyone has been blocked from the governor's social media pages for having posted repeated off-topic favorable comments on the governor's social media accounts?

MR. MEREDITH: I'm sorry. I didn't understand the question. Could you say it again? MS. GATNAREK: Could you read that back?

(Reporter read from the record as requested.)

The communications director confirmed to me that individuals have been blocked that did not abide by our policy, which includes all three of those things. So included in that would be repeated off-topic comments.

If you're a supporter of Governor Bevin's or his agenda, you cannot hijack a Twitter post or a Facebook post repeatedly and expect not to be blocked. You will be blocked, like everybody else.

Q. But you're --

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- Α. Everybody else that violates the policy. Sorry.
 - But you're not aware of specific instances of someone being blocked for having posted repeated off-topic favorable comments toward the governor?
 - I can't give you any specific examples or Α.

individuals' names. I can only confirm what the communications director told me, which is that is our policy.

- Is there any documentation that would confirm whether that's true?
- I don't know. Not to my -- I don't -- I 6 7 haven't seen any.
 - Do you know if any exists? Q.
 - Α. I don't know.

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You clarified with your counsel the role that Ο. the Facebook keyword filter plays in the governor's office's ability to monitor his social media pages, and I just wanted to confirm something about that.

I understand that we don't have specific words that are in that Facebook keyword filter, but I understand that some of the words contained therein are curse words; is that correct?

- Yes. Α.
- And that would -- if someone posts one of Q. those curse words on the governor's page, that would be a prohibition of the social media policy against posting obscene content; is that correct?
- Α. Yes.
- Q. So if somebody posts a comment on the governor's Facebook page that contains one of the

curse words or obscene language contained in the keyword filter, I understand that that comment would be hidden; is that correct?

- By hidden -- by hidden, that means that people that are not given access to the site, people that are not on our staff, would not be able to see that comment.
- Yes. And I --Q.

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- Α. The outside world would not be able to see the comment.
- Ο. Yes. Thank you.

And I believe you said that if someone were to post one of those comments that got -- that were hidden as a result of the Facebook keyword filter, they wouldn't be blocked from the governor's page; is that correct?

- They would be, if they violated the policy. Α. The filter would not -- the filter -- the Facebook filter does not have the ability to block somebody. The Facebook filter only hides comments that are triggered by one of the words that are inputted into the filter. Facebook filter does not block.
- Okay. So how would those people end up being blocked?
- One of the individuals on Exhibit 29 that has

access to the Facebook account would be able to see that comment and would then block that person because they violated the policy.

Ο. Okay. And then just to clarify the last line of questioning, I believe, with your counsel was regarding the governor's involvement with posts.

There was a line of questioning about collaboration, but I just want to confirm that you discussed with the governor his involvement on his official Twitter page; is that correct?

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- And he confirmed for you that he has, on some Q. number of occasions, blocked people on Twitter -blocked people from his official Twitter account?
 - The governor has blocked people from his official Twitter account that violated our policy because he or she posted obscene, abusive, or repeatedly off-topic comments.
 - And I believe you testified, but just to Q. clarify, there is not a documentary record of those blocks, is there?
 - Α. No.
- 23 MS. GATNAREK: I think that's it. Thank you.
- 24 MR. MEREDITH: Got a couple to clarify real 25 quick.

EXAMINATION

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BY MR. MEREDITH:

Q. When you talked about the Facebook filter, you said people would be -- comments that are caught in the filter, I think you said something to the effect that people will be blocked because they violate the policy. I just want to make sure we're clear.

Just because a comment is caught by the filter doesn't necessarily mean that person's going to be blocked, correct?

- A. Correct.
- Q. You still have to go and look at the comment.

 And if the comment is -- violates the filter -- or

16 I'm sorry.

- If the comment violates the policy, that person will be blocked, right?
- 19 A. Correct.
- Q. But if it doesn't violate the policy, they're not going to be blocked, right?
 - A. Correct.
- Q. So the fact that -- the fact that it's caught
 by the filter has nothing to do with whether they're
 going to -- that account's going to be blocked or

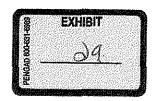
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- 2 = block or ban based upon policy
- 3 = delete or hide off-topic or inappropriate Facebook comments

Facebook

- Blake Brickman: none
- Nicole Burton: 1, 2, 3
- Jessica Ditto: 1, 3
- Catherine Easley: 1, 2
- John Hodgson: 3
- Andrew King: none
- Elizabeth Kuhn: 1, 2, 3
- Woody Maglinger III: 1, 2, 3
- Chris Skates: none
- Ben Goldey: 1
- Jordan Morgan: 2, 3
- Taylor Sears: none
- Kathryn Snavely: none
- Amanda Stamper: 1, 2, 3
- Leann Veatch: 3
- Jenna Williams: unknown at this time
- John Zurowski: 1, 2, 3
- Governor Bevin: none

Twitter

- · Blake Brickman: none
- Nicole Burton: 1, 2
- Jessica Ditto: 1
- Catherine Easley: 1
- John Hodgson: none
- Andrew King: 2
- Elizabeth Kuhn: 1, 2
- Woody Maglinger III: 1, 2
- Chris Skates: none
- Ben Goldey: 1
- Jordan Morgan: 2
- Taylor Sears: 1
- Kathryn Snavely: 2
- Amanda Stamper: 1, 2
- Leann Veatch: none
- Jenna Williams: unknown at this time
- John Zurowski: 1, 2
- Governor Bevin: 1, 2



Current Twitter access:

- Elizabeth Kuhn
- Woody Maglinger III
- Nicole Burton
- John Zurowski
- Kathryn Snavely
- Governor Bevin

Current Facebook access:

- Elizabeth Kuhn
- Garry Gupton
- John Zurowski
- Woody Maglinger III
- Nicole Burton
- Chase Scott
- Kathryn Snavely
- John Hodgson
- Leann Veatch





3/6/18 12:55 AM

Governor Bevin

Please block this "Nanahara" woman from any further posts on either FB page...There is a limit on idiocy and

she has surpassed it...





Woody, Governor, Elizabeth **Group MMS**

6/12/18 12:12 AM

Governor Bevin

Can you please go on FB and remove all posts by Jeff Corley and block him from all our social media platforms?

He is trolling every single post for the past week plus to post unrelated crap ...

Thx...

Woody Maglinger

Will do (₺



Governor Bevin

Thx...

He tagged every post at least back to May 21st with the same tripe...

Governor Bevin

Also Adam Virts and Stacy McCain McMullin

Thx





Amanda, Chris, Governor Group MMS

11/2/17 1:23 AM

Governor Bevin

Please sweep out the trash on the Facebook page postings...(such as from "Skoonie Anthony" under the Fritz Winter post...)

Thx

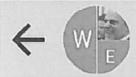
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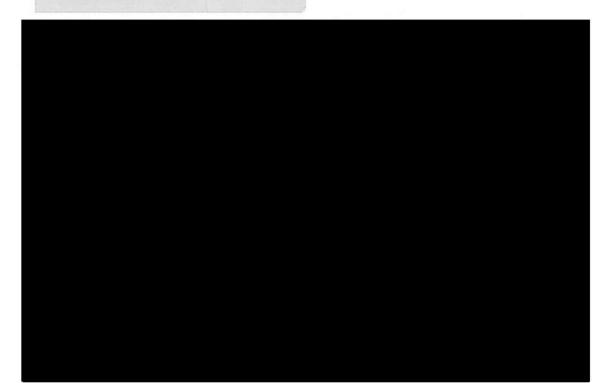
Also tomorrow please block Kathy Kuegel whose "F you" response to the pie lady video is pretty pathetic...

Woody Maglinger

Liked "Also tomorrow please **block** Kathy Kuegel whose "F you" response to the pie lady video is pretty pathetic...

Woody Maglinger







6/22/18 11:56 PM

Governor Bevin

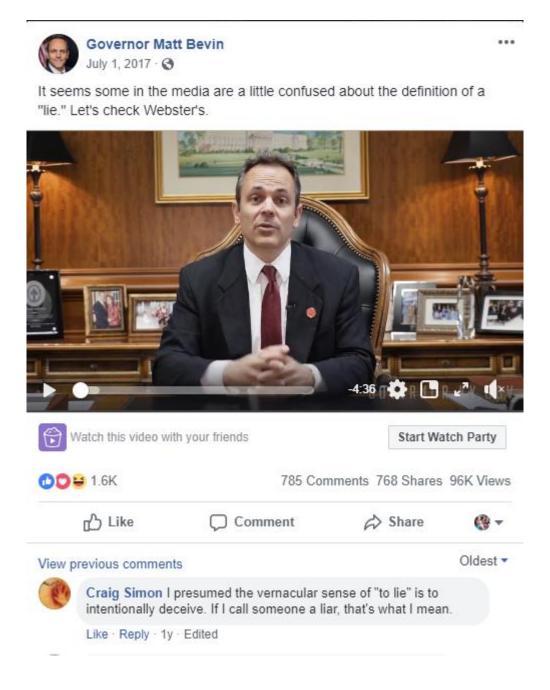
Please block Robert Robinson from all future FB posts..

He is a whiny, off topic social media troll and adds no value whatsoever to the dialogue



Elizabeth Kuhn





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Clearly you were not there when I met with them today and took pictures with them in my office...You might want to do your homework before shooting your mouth off, so you won't look so silly...

6:46 PM - 15 Feb 2018





11:55 PM - 9 Oct 2018



Replying to @Doug55896416

We would welcome you with open arms!

There are tremendous employment opportunities here in KY...The cost of living is below the national average, the quality of life is extraordinary and our citizens are gracious & hard working people with good, solid American values

#WeAreKy

1:06 AM - 12 Nov 2018



Replying to @rbowman271 @PaducahSunNews

So who do you think consumes the most tobacco and alcohol (both in absolute quantity, but even more so as a percentage of their income)?

Rich people or poor people?

2:00 PM - 18 Aug 2018



Replying to @AustinMcBrown_

With all due respect in return, if you don't think that the role of EPA Commissioner has a direct and meaningful impact on Kentucky, you are not paying close enough attention...

7:46 AM - 4 Apr 2018



Replying to @LvilleCardFan70

An interesting reply from someone with a twitter "bio" like yours...Hmmmmm...Hope they don't talk like that at the church you love...

6:42 PM - 17 Nov 2017



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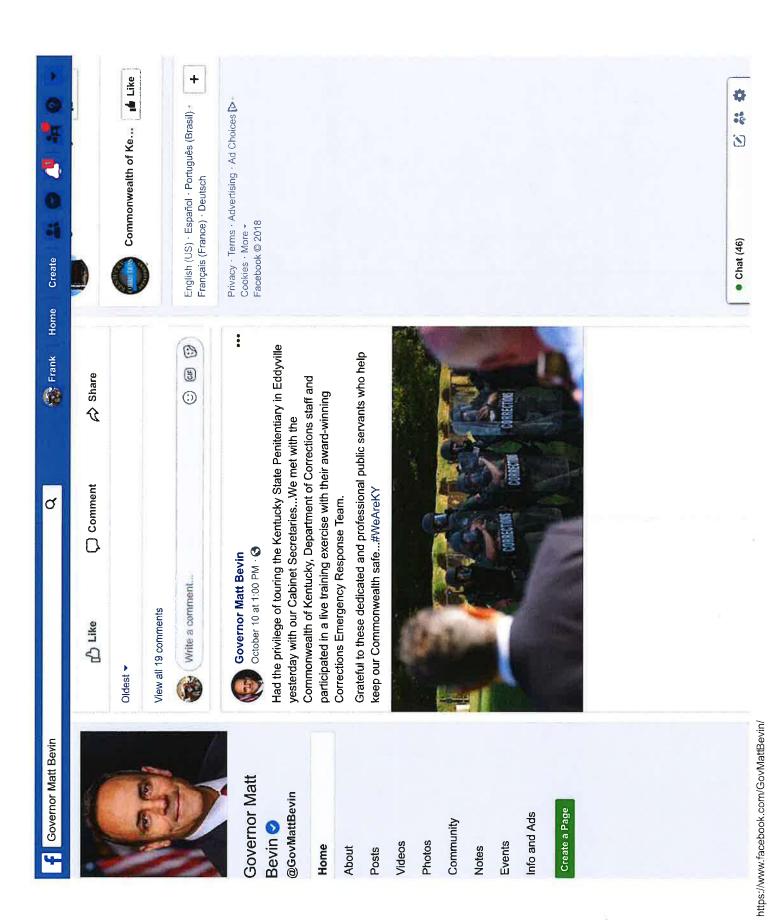


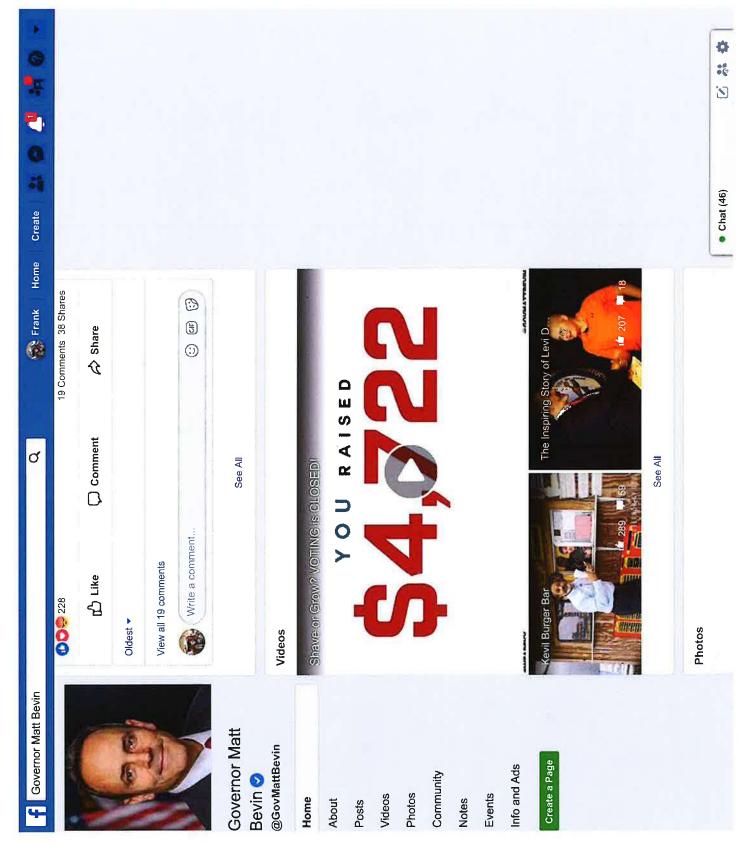
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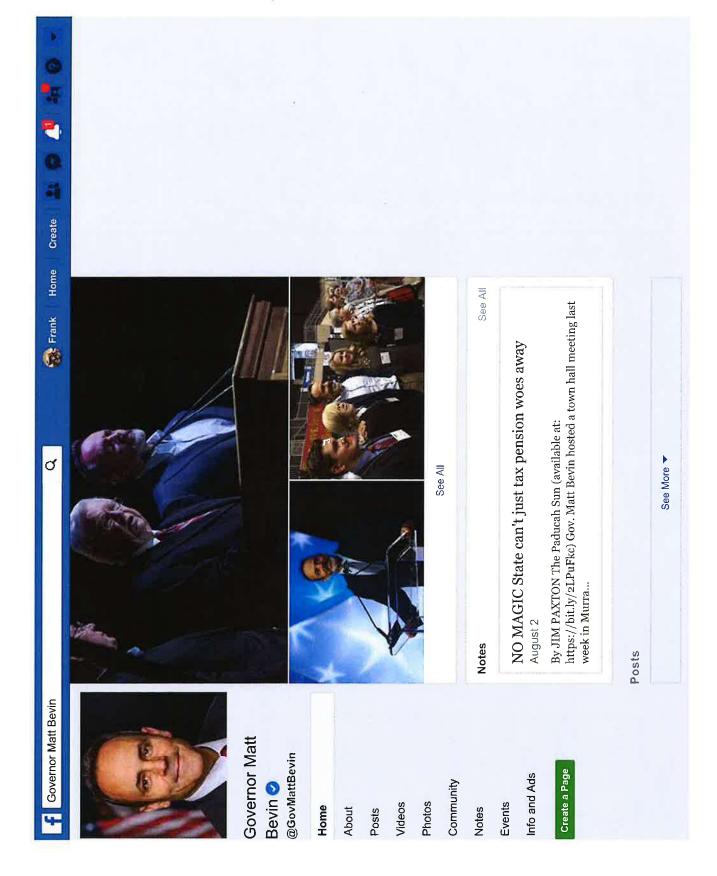
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- 1 that's impossible for me to do.
- 2 Q. That's okay.
- 3 A. Okay.
- 4 | Q. That's totally fine. It was a little -- it was
- 5 different, so I wanted to make sure we had it clear,
- 6 and if it's that you don't know, that's fine.
- 7 A. So you would need to ask Woody whether he was
- 8 | trained before or after.
- 9 Q. Okay. So with respect to you said that
- 10 everybody before they were involved in managing
- 11 | social media, the comments and blocking people, you
- 12 said they were provided with some sort of a verbal
- 13 training?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. Is that correct? Okay. Can you describe what
- 16 | that verbal training looked like?
- 17 A. Sure.
- 18 Q. If you were to train me, what would you tell
- 19 me?
- 20 A. Sure. So we need you to monitor the Facebook
- 21 page, the Twitter account. Anybody that posts
- 22 offensive, abusive language is blocked. If there is
- 23 anybody that you notice that is repeatedly posting
- 24 off-topic comments, they're blocked as well.
- Q. Okay. And so who -- you -- did you provide

1 | that -- let me take a step back.

Was there anything else, other than that explanation that you just gave me, anything else that was provided as part of the training before they were able to take on the task of managing and monitoring the social media?

A. Just that -- to always err -- and part of that too was to always err on the side of caution, you know. If you doubt whether or not something is off topic or repeatedly off topic, always err on the side of caution and just leave it.

Q. So other than those two sort of general
statements, was there any other specific training
provided, any handouts?

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16 Q. Any examples shown?

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Q. And so the training that we just discussed, you were the one who provided that to Woody?

20 A. I'm sure that I did. I would be speculating.

To say with a hundred percent certainty, no, but I

22 believe -- if I didn't, Nicole did.

23 Q. Okay.

A. Because Nicole is the social media manager, so
I either asked her to or I did it myself, and I

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- 1 asked you whether a comment was abusive, without
- 2 necessarily remembering exactly what they asked you,
- 3 but whether someone did ask you?
- 4 A. Sometimes when they would first start they
- 5 | would say, "I don't know," you know, test the waters,
- 6 | but after that it's -- I mean, it's pretty clear.
- 7 We always erred on the side of caution, and so,
- 8 I mean, it really had to be bad, you know. Not like
- 9 you suck or, you know, stuff like that, but actual
- 10 hate.
- 11 Q. And is a user blocked after one abusive
- 12 comment?
- 13 A. I couldn't answer that with certainty.
- 14 Q. Okay. In your general policy, was it a policy
- 15 to block someone after one abusive comment?
- 16 A. Any -- yes. I mean, yes.
- 17 | Q. Were there any times that you can recall where
- 18 there was a disagreement about whether a comment was
- 19 | abusive?
- 20 A. No.
- 21 Q. Okay. What kind of comments are obscene?
- 22 A. Curse words, for the most part. Using, you
- 23 know, profanity. Posting profanity using other
- 24 character letters, you know, anything that if someone
- 25 came and saw the post, that they would clearly be

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- 1 able to read that it was obscene.
- 2 Q. Is the discretion of whether a comment is
- 3 | obscene, was that left to the person who was
- 4 | monitoring social media?
- 5 A. On the side, erring on the side of caution,
- 6 yes.
- 7 Q. And was there any way somebody who visited the
- 8 Facebook page knew what kind of comments your office
- 9 would consider obscene?
- 10 A. By visiting the page, just looking at the page?
- 11 | Can you clarify what you're asking?
- 12 Q. Well, let's start with by looking at the page.
- 13 Was there a way that a Facebook user could tell what
- 14 you-all would consider obscene?
- 15 A. I'm trying to remember. I can't remember.
- 16 Q. Okay. So you can't --
- 17 A. I haven't looked at the page in months, so I
- 18 can't remember.
- 19 Q. So you can't recall anything now?
- 20 A. I can't recall.
- 21 Q. Is there any other way that you can recall that
- 22 a user on Facebook would be able to tell or have an
- 23 | idea of what your office would consider obscene?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. And with respect to Twitter, was there a way

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- 1 A. They would appear to be. Now whether or not
- 2 they changed one word in the middle of the middle of
- 3 a post, I can't say.
- 4 Q. But something that appears to be --
- 5 A. But it was still the same off-topic comment
- 6 with the same meaning, same purpose.
- 7 Q. Okay.
- 8 A. Whether the words were exactly the same, I
- 9 can't answer that with certainty.
- 10 Q. Okay. And are we talking across three posts,
- 11 | four posts, five posts?
- 12 A. So the minimum would be three.
- 13 Q. And is there a time period, so if somebody made
- 14 what somebody would consider -- if somebody said
- Remember in November to that post, and then a week
- 16 later made the same comment, Remember in November,
- 17 and then a week after that made another Remember in
- 18 November.
- 19 A. There was no documentation of when somebody
- 20 made an off-topic comment and then, you know, looked
- 21 at a week later to see was that there. I mean, there
- 22 | would be no way. What you're saying would be
- 23 impossible to monitor.
- 24 Q. So how was it monitored to see if it was
- 25 | repeated over time?

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- 1 A. Have I ever seen this document before? No, I
- 2 don't think so.
- 3 | Q. Earlier you said you had seen some Twitter or
- 4 Facebook posts.
- 5 A. I don't recall seeing this.
- 6 Q. Okay. This is a tweet that was posted by
- 7 Governor Bevin on September 30th, correct?
- 8 A. It appears so, yes.
- 9 Q. And can you read the text of the post?
- 10 A. "As the sun sets on another weekend we are
- 11 thankful for our beautiful Kentucky home. We are
- 12 Kentucky."
- 13 Q. Okay. So in your -- let me strike that.
- 14 What is -- what would you consider to be the
- 15 topic of this post?
- 16 A. Just a feel good, celebrate Kentucky post.
- 17 | Just an evergreen, sort of no -- just a very general
- 18 post, yeah.
- 19 Q. So does that mean --
- 20 A. About Kentucky.
- 21 Q. What sort of comments would be considered off
- 22 topic if it's generally about Kentucky?
- 23 A. I mean, I think on-topic comments would be
- 24 about the beauty of Kentucky.
- 25 Q. So limited to the beauty of Kentucky?

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- 1 A. Just to monitor the replies.
- Q. Was there any other purpose to reviewing those
- 3 replies?
- 4 A. Just to monitor the same way that we did, as we
- 5 did on Facebook.
- $6 \mid Q$. Okay. Did you monitor the replies to get a
- 7 | flavor of what people were saying in response to the
- 8 Governor's replies?
- 9 A. Can you clarify what you mean by "the flavor of
- 10 | what people are saying"?
- 11 Q. A sense, a general sense of what people were
- 12 saying in response to the Governor's, the tweets?
- 13 A. I mean, generally, yes. I mean, we did that
- 14 with both.
- 15 Q. Why did you do that?
- 16 A. I mean, sometimes we would get constructive
- 17 feedback or that we could use to help address
- 18 | concerns or issues.
- 19 Q. Did anybody ever ask you about how a tweet was
- 20 received by the Twitter users?
- 21 A. There would be conversation after, you know.
- 22 If something was well received in our office we would
- 23 say, "Oh, we need to do more posts like that," but
- 24 no, other than that, not really.
- 25 Q. Did you have conversations with Nicole about

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- 1 A. Okay.
- 2 Q. What kind of comments are obscene? And let
- 3 | me -- again, I'm going to refer to comments, and if
- 4 | there's a difference between Twitter and Facebook
- 5 | will you let me know? Otherwise, can we assume that
- 6 | we're talking about both? If that's not okay with
- 7 | you we can do each one separately, but it might be
- 8 easier.
- 9 A. Yes, that's fine.
- 10 Q. Okay.
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Okay. So what kind of comments are obscene?
- 13 A. Comments that are vulgar. That would include,
- 14 you know, swear words, also emojis, offensive emojis
- 15 such as a middle finger.
- 16 Q. Okay. Who decides whether a comment is
- 17 obscene?
- 18 A. Whoever is moderating and reviewing the
- 19 comment.
- 20 Q. Is there a review or approval process regarding
- 21 whether a comment is obscene?
- 22 A. Can you define what you mean by "review
- 23 process"?
- 24 Q. Does anybody need to check with any other
- 25 | individual in the -- on your team before determining

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- 1 Q. Is there a distinction -- sometimes you've
- 2 referred to off topic and sometimes it's referred to
- 3 as repeated off topic.
- 4 A. Uh-huh.
- $5 \mid Q$. Is there a distinction in terms of what would
- 6 cause somebody to be blocked or banned?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. So a single off topic could cause somebody to
- 9 be blocked?
- 10 A. No, it's -- to be blocked for being off topic
- 11 you would have to make repeated off-topic comments.
- 12 Q. And what is your understanding of repeated?
- 13 A. So I follow kind of a general rule of thumb of
- 14 three within one post. If I see someone, and you can
- 15 | tell because it's usually a copy and paste job, if I
- 16 see three or more of those in one post, then I will
- 17 | block that person.
- 18 Q. And so it has to be within the one post, not
- 19 within other -- like so if somebody made what you
- 20 would consider off topic on, you know, October 10th,
- 21 and then they also had made the same one October 3rd,
- 22 and then October 1st, would that warrant them being
- 23 blocked, in your opinion?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. And from whom did you learn that sort of rule

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- 1 message we want to get out. For example, this month is manufacturing month in Kentucky, and so we've done 3 several posts about manufacturing month because it is the month of October, and that's something that is 5 important to the economy of the state, is 6 manufacturing.
 - Ο. Can you give me an example, speaking of manufacturing, an example of what an off-topic comment would be to a post about manufacturing in Kentucky?
- 11 Α. Sure. So if someone was promoting a product 12 that they were selling, and they did that in three 13 different comments talking about that particular 14 product, that would be something that would be off 15 topic.
 - What about noncommercial off topic? 0.
- That would be the same. If someone posted 17 18 three times. For example, we have -- I'll give you an example of we have a group that posts a lot about 19 20 medical marijuana and the comments. If they posted 21 that same post three times related to medical 22 marijuana, that would be something we would consider 23 as blocking the account.
 - THE WITNESS: If we could, I'd like to go ahead and take a break.

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- 1 process of reinstating people's accounts. So what's
- 2 your understanding of that process?
- 3 A. My understanding is that if someone contacts us
- 4 and said -- and says that they would like to be, you
- 5 know, reinstated, have a particular account
- 6 reinstated on Facebook or Twitter, we send them a
- 7 form paragraph saying do you agree to abide by our
- 8 social media policies. If they say yes, then we
- 9 unblock them.
- 10 Q. And how do they know to contact you or who to
- 11 contact about becoming unblocked?
- 12 A. Our contact information for the Governor's
- office is generally available online, on our website,
- 14 several different ways that they could get that
- 15 information.
- 16 Q. But in terms of specifically about -- there's
- 17 no specific information about contacting someone in
- 18 the Governor's office about being unblocked?
- 19 A. Not that I'm aware of.
- 20 Q. You were just referring to the general contact
- 21 information that's available anywhere, you know,
- 22 either on media pages or on the Internet?
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 Q. I'm going to hand you what's been marked as
- 25 Exhibit 11.



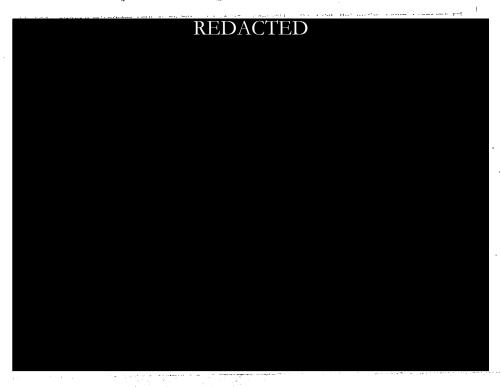
available at https://twitter.com/GovMattBevin/status/914862057614344193 (last accessed April 29, 2019)



Navigail™ @babbigailscott 10m I lived in a country w 4 terror attacks in a year you can't regulate evil, but you can sure as hell reduce the # of ppl killed by that evil

Governor Matt Bevin @ @Gov...
To all those political opportunists who are seizing on the tragedy in Las Vegas to call for more gun regs... You can't regulate evil...







Brian Reitz @flipperman75

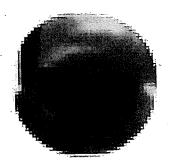
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Replying to @GovMattBevin
You can reduce their ability to get
the damn guns, though. An evil guy
with a stick on the 34th floor can't
inflict as much damage. Get that?









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Replying to @GovMattBevin
You're supposed to regulate guns,
not an abstract concept, nitwitl

Was your tweet prepared for you by your sponsors at #NRA?

Rot in hell!





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Fuck Conservatives @FuckCons - 3h

Replying to @Gov/MattBevin maybe you should stop shilling for the NRA

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Sammy @whynot9889

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Replying to @GovMattBevin @Estleton...

You can't regulate evil but you sure in hell don't need to enable them. That is what closed minded Repubs are doing. No prayers, act now \(\begin{align*}\omega\)







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David Simon 2



Replying to @GovMattBevin

Repeal those laws on murder, drunk driving and bribery of public officials for starters. Fuck it. Law itself can't work.

6:16pm · 2 Oct 2017 - Twitter for iPhone



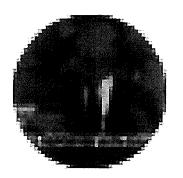
Hermione @HermionelsHere 5m Hey @GovMattBevin you're either an fing coward or bought and paid for by NRA. Which is it?

Kimberly(RESIST) @Kmich718
Replying to @GovMattBevin
What a pathetic response. "Well
since "evil" will be "evil" no sense in
trying 2 fight it..." Well, FU. WeR
going 2 fight against evil & U.









EnoughTrumpSpam @enoug... 3m Well hell I guess we don't need laws then.

Governor Matt Bevin @ @Gov...

To all those political opportunists who are seizing on the tragedy in Las Vegas to call for more gun regs...You can't regulate evil...







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Magellan's Wife @FallingOffE... 30m

Replying to @GovMattBevin

You're right we can't. However we can make it a hell of a lot harder for evil to do its business. Our current regs facilitate &encourage it







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@GovMattBevin WTF This IS the time to talk about gun control! #GunControlNow

11:32 AM - 3 Oct 2017





still can't believe this moronic carpetbagging bible thumping FOOL spewed this nonsense I HATE U @GovMattBevin get tf out of my commonwealth

Governor Matt Bevin @ @GovMattBevin

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2:33 PM - 5 Oct 2017



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Not Backing Down

@Pie_SocialMedia



Replying to @Pie_SocialMedia @GovMattBevin

We must not give up & say, "we can't stop criminals so don't bother." Hell NO! We can pass common sense gun laws that protect LEO & citizens

4:53 PM - 2 Oct 2017

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What the hell are you talking about? Why do we have prisons, then?

4:51 PM - 2 Oct 2017





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Nadine Truong
@NadineTruong

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Replying to @GovMattBevin

Of course you can. Do you let rapists walk free because "you can't regulate evil"? Stupid. Have a good time in hell, sir.

7:51 PM - 2 Oct 2017

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Governor Matt Bevin @ GovMattBevin - 11h

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Chris Othedarkmanchris

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Replying to @GovMattBevin

But you can regulate access to the tangible shit "evil" has access to.

#missmewiththatshittyexcuse

9:43 PM - 2 Oct 2017 from New York, USA

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Front-runner for clown of the day @GovMattBevin. Of course you can't regulate evil, but you sure as hell can limit the damage one can do.

Governor Matt Bevin @ @GovMattBevin

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10:06 PM - 2 Oct 2017

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Governor Matt Bevin @ @GovMattBevin - 24h

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Steven Camisa

@spartangolfer33

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Replying to @GovMattBevin

It's asinine we allow assault weapons or the ability to modify a weapon to discharge dozens of bullets in seconds in America. F*** lobbyists

10:20 AM - 3 Oct 2017







Governor Matt Bevin @ @GovMattBevin - 11h

To all those political opportunists who are seizing on the tragedy in Las Vegas to call for more gun regs...You can't regulate evil...

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Replying to @GovMattBevin

People died just quit with YOUR political bullshit!

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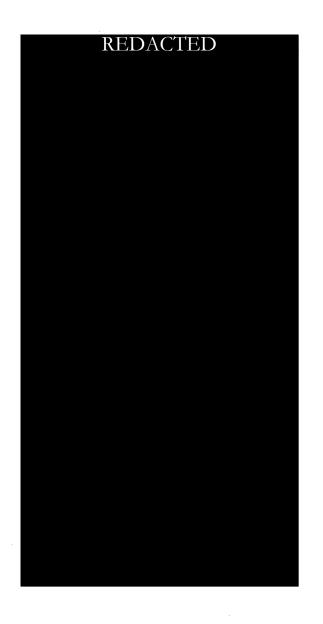
Joel Kasnetz @kasnetz

Japan had 6 gun deaths in 2014.
I'd say they're actually pretty damn good at regulating evil.

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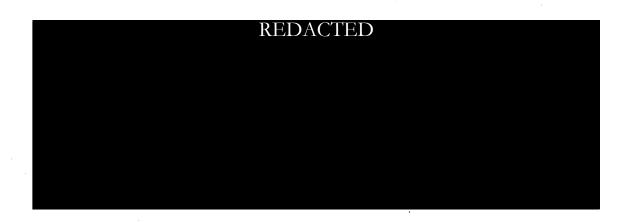








Kathleen Schatzberg @ksch... 20m Replying to @GovMattBevin @Corcora... What the hell are laws for, then?? Of course you can regulate. Can't 100% eliminate violence but surely can reduce. #GunControlNow





Sam D @insideoutside 15

Dozens of people are dead and hundreds wounded, you fucking ghoul #GunContolNow twitter.com/GovMattBevin/s...



SCARY annie @anniegriggs_ 22m. So why the fuck am I still taking my shoes off at the airport?



Jane Sparks @sparx9er
Replying to @GovMattBevin
That's such BS. You can make it
harder to get guns the average

Such a cop out!

person had no business having.

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CK @change ck.14
Yes, you can, that's the whole damn point, keeping guns out of the hands of evil people.

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Dino Goldie @dinogoldie · 38m

Replying to @GovMattBevin

But you can regulate guns. Evil intentions don't kill without bullets and guns to fire them. Dickhead.

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Jordan @kidd_culi · 5m

Replying to @GovMattBevin @POTUS

You have a lot of balls to say "you can't regulate evil" — evil is YOU taking away healthcare from 400k of your constituents, hypocrite.

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Pharband @PharBand - 2m

Replying to @JoyAnnReid

Puleeeze @GovMattBevin! No one,agsin, no one NEEDS an auto machine gun or any other assault rifle, nor silencers. Stop the good vs evil BS.

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Cameron Lamp @camcamlamp · 34m

Replying to @GovMattBevin

Fuck you dude. You can regulate automatic assault rifles & extended mags to save lives. Is the NRA more important to you than real people?

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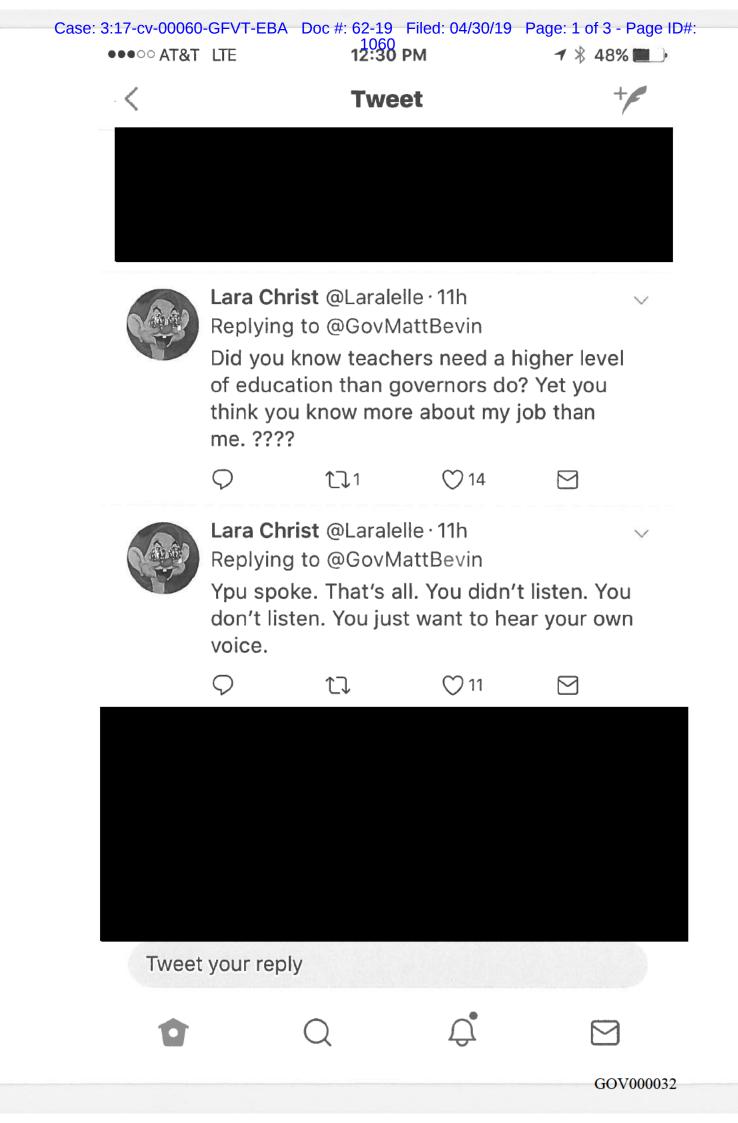
BUT you can regulate how the evil has such access to legal/illegal guns and rifles dumba**.

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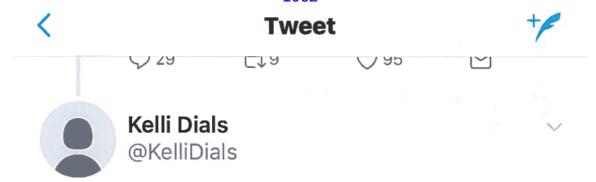






Lana Fugate Moore No way he will ever be re elected and all those who hang with him either. He didn't cause the pension crisis but he's willing to cut our throats to as he says fix it. Let him have it now cause he will never be back on top in Ky. I'm ashamed I voted for him

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Replying to @GovMattBevin

I can't see the "shine" due to the "shiner" my ex gave me. Thank I for allowing him to own 4 guns too! #guncontrol

#domesticviolence #hesgonnakillme

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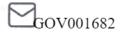


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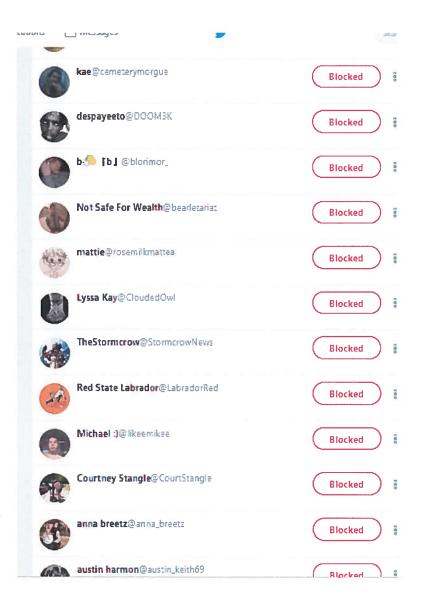


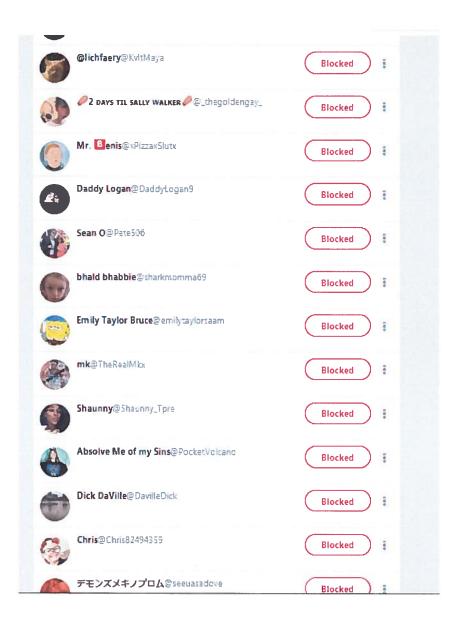


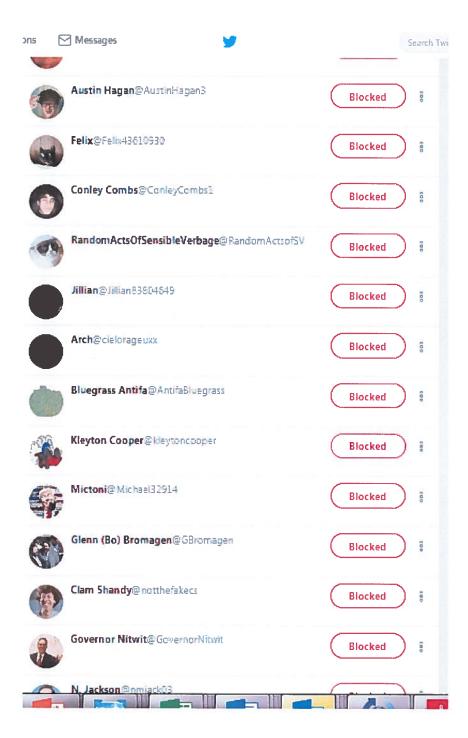


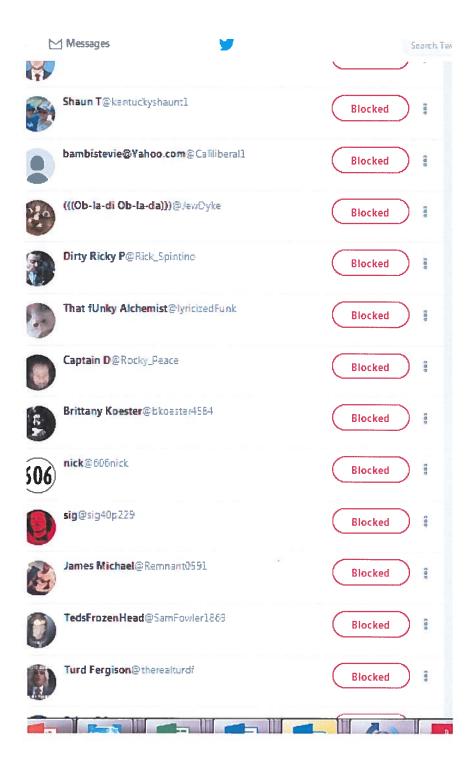


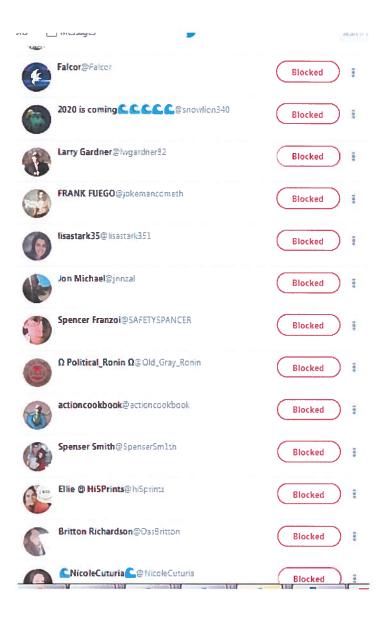
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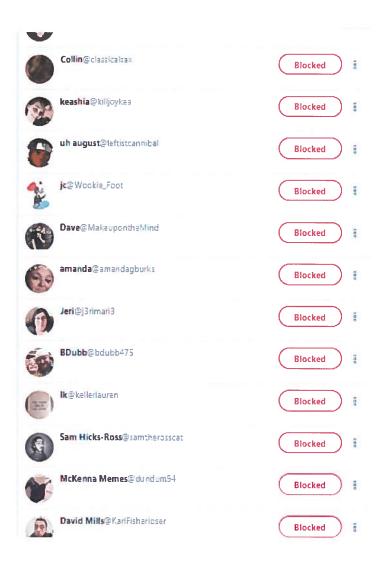


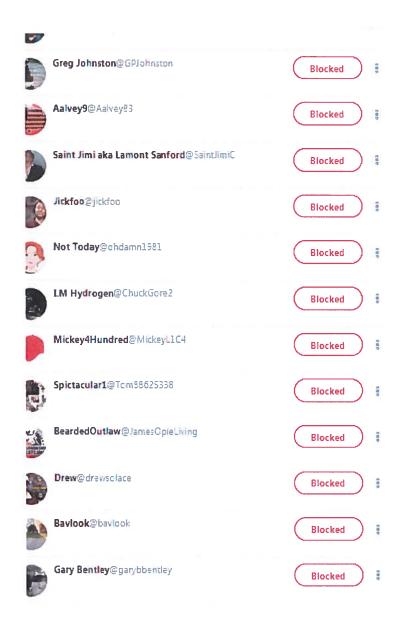


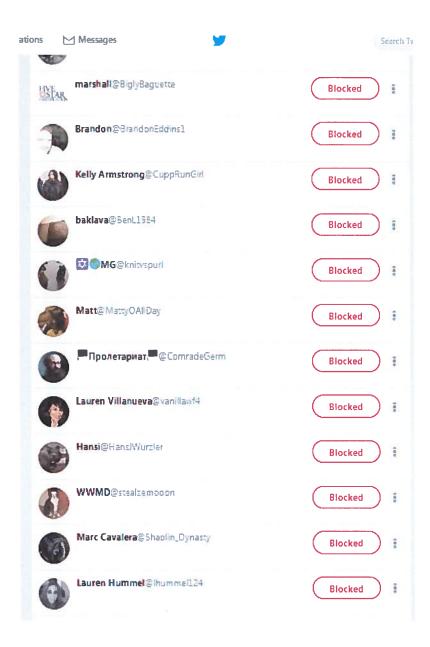


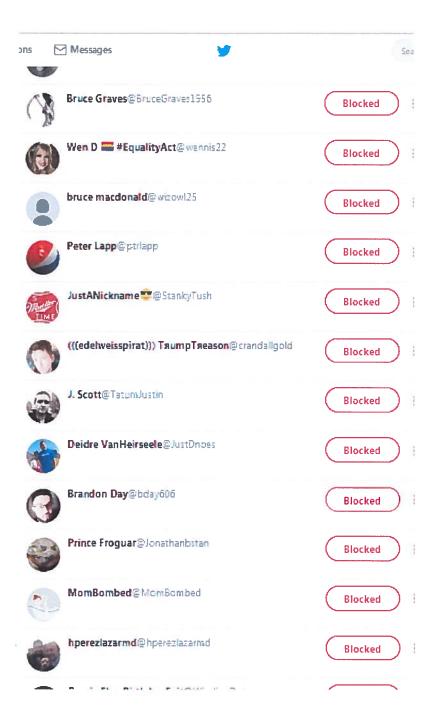


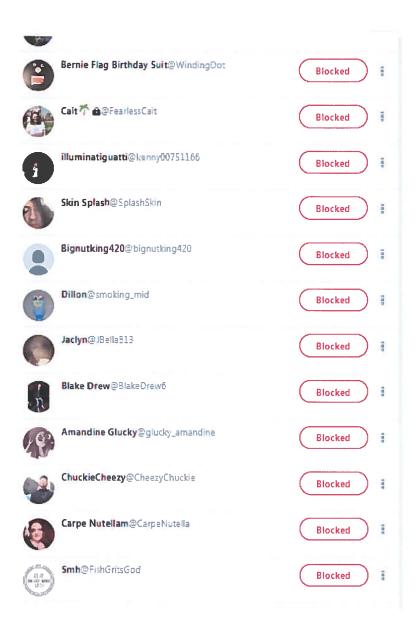


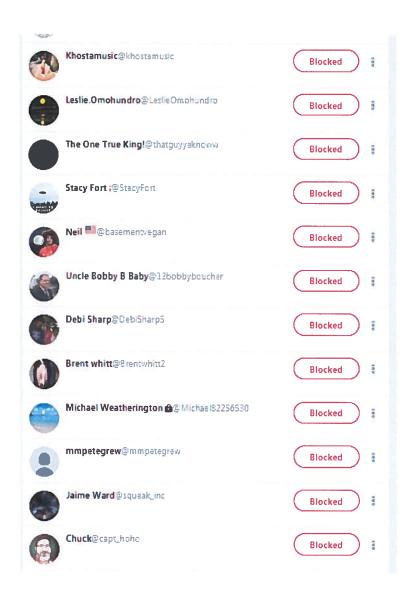


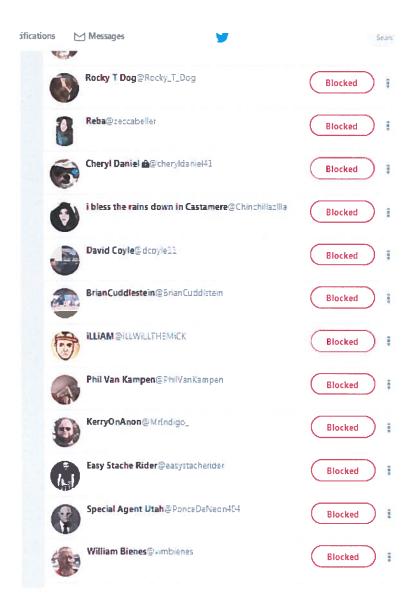


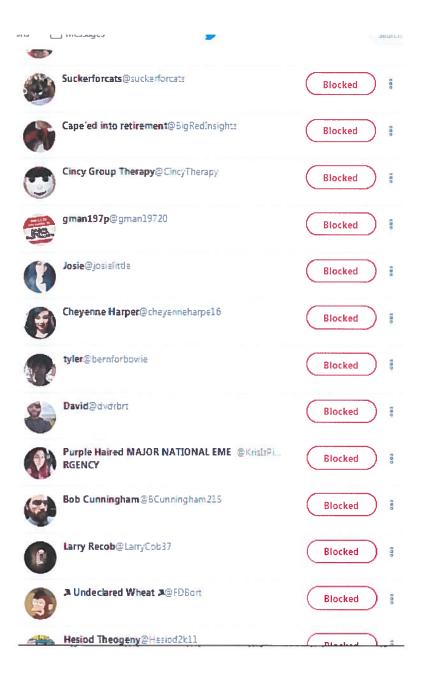


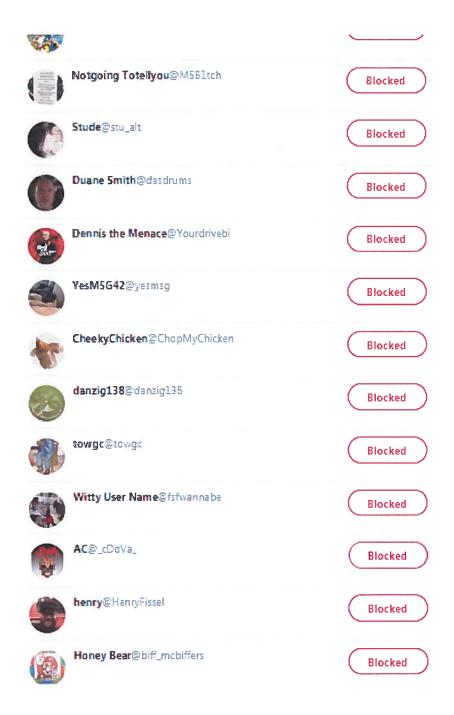


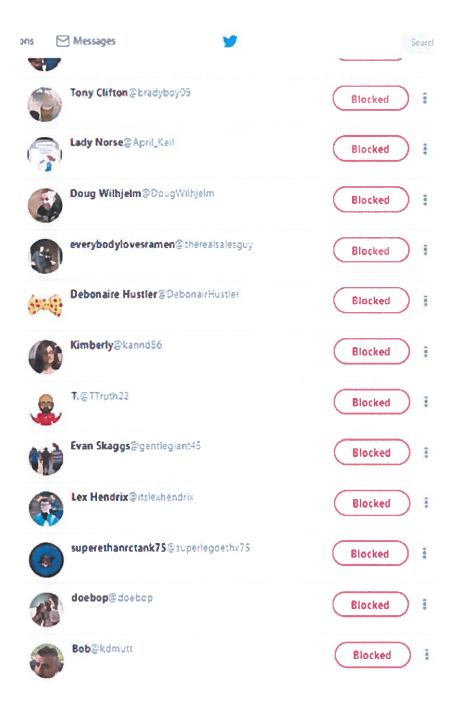


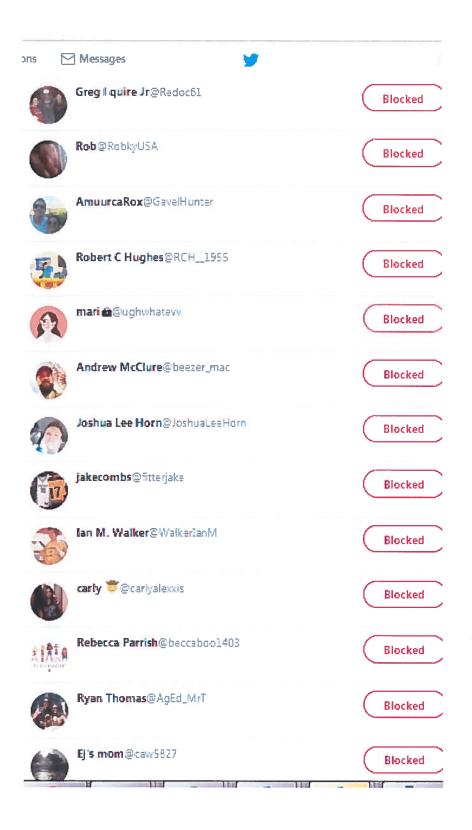


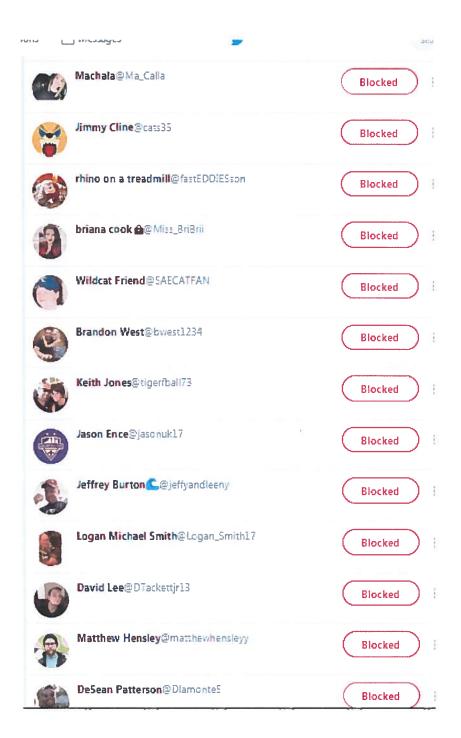


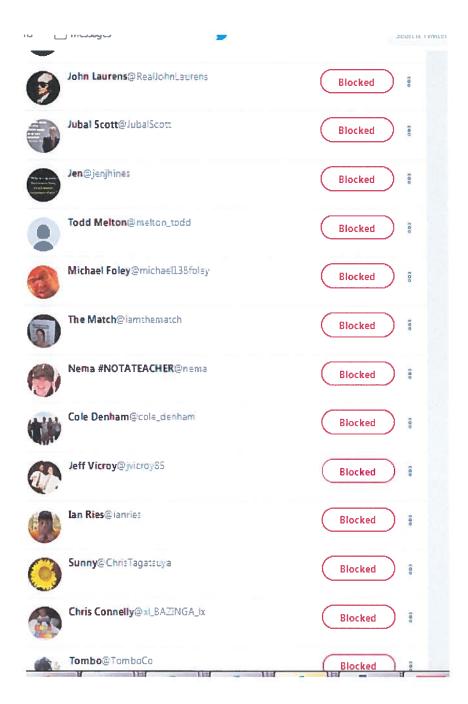


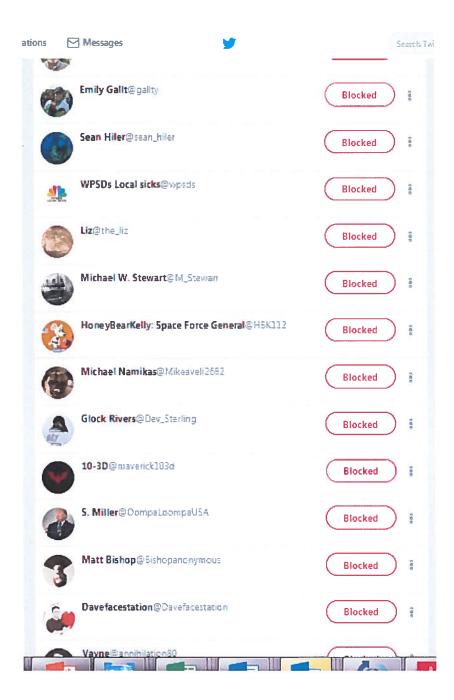


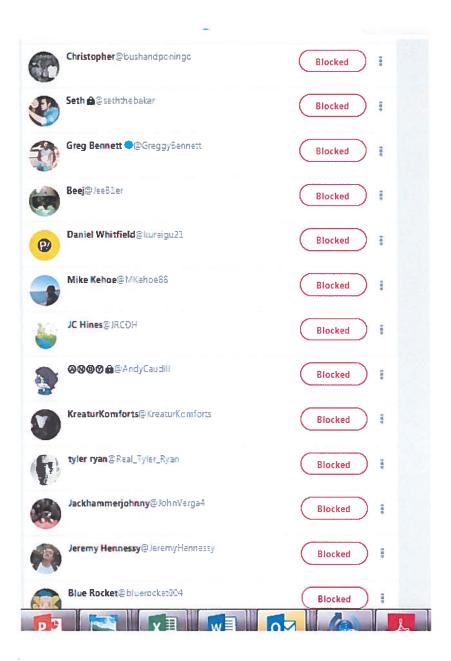


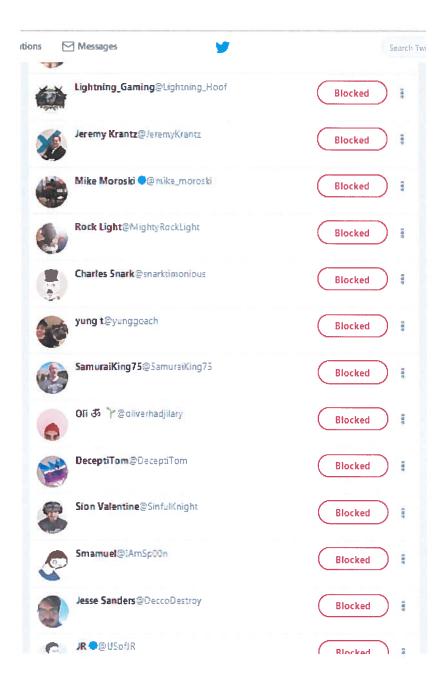


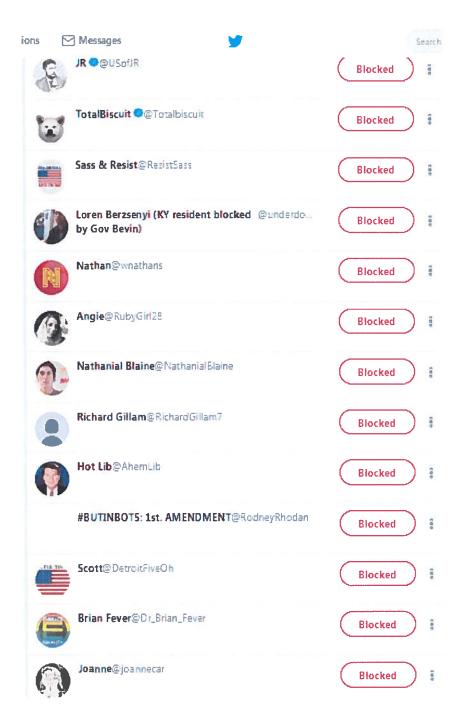


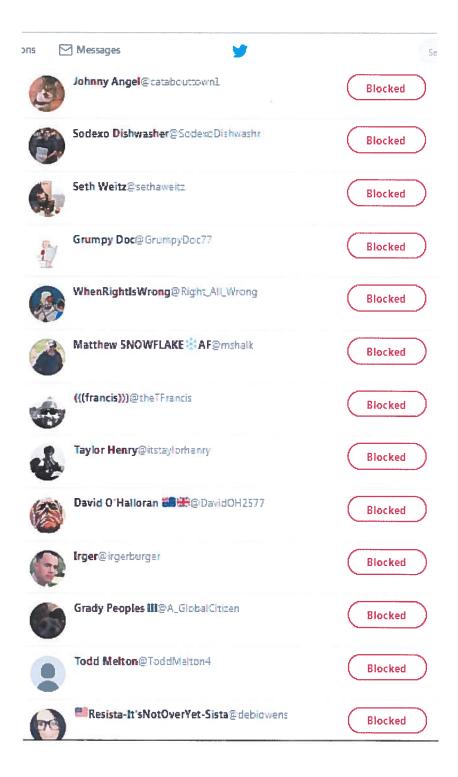


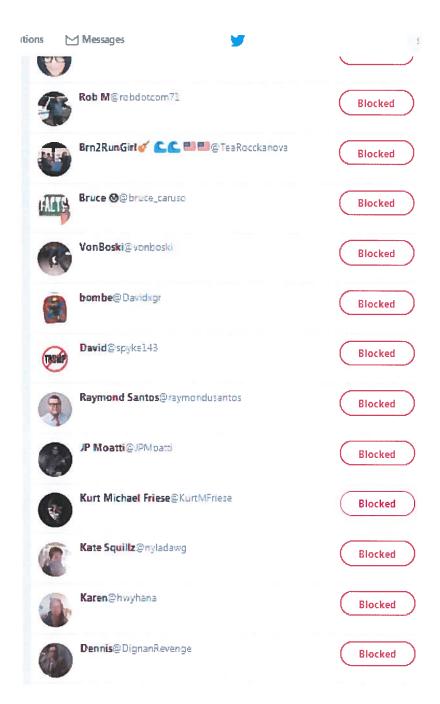


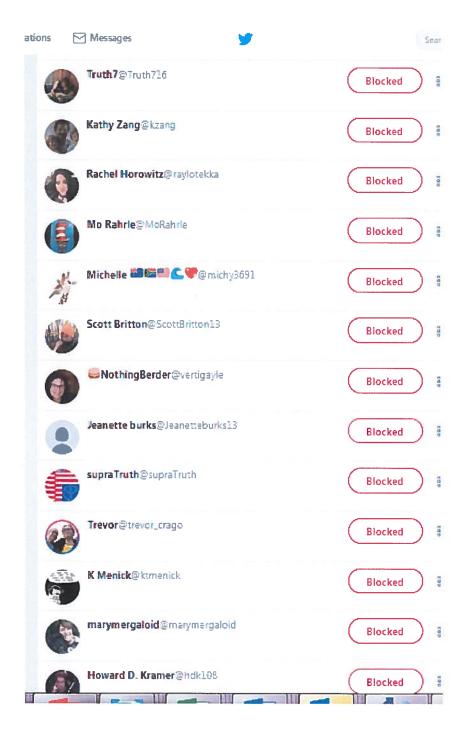


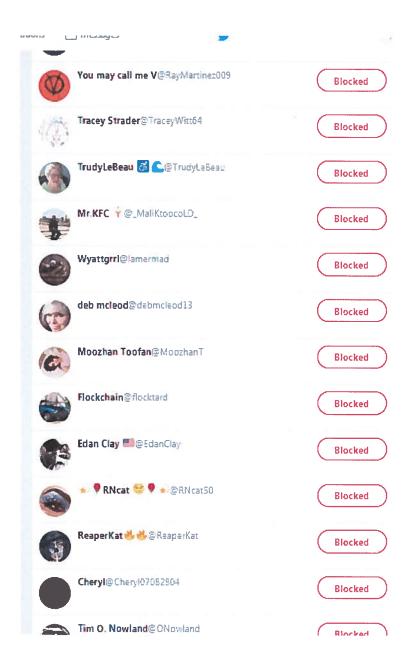


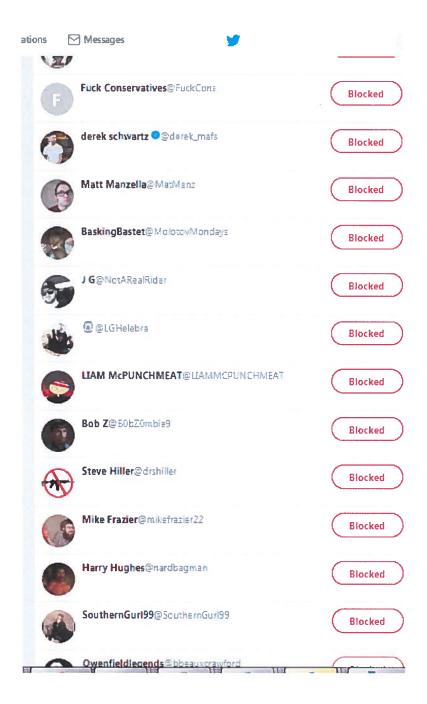


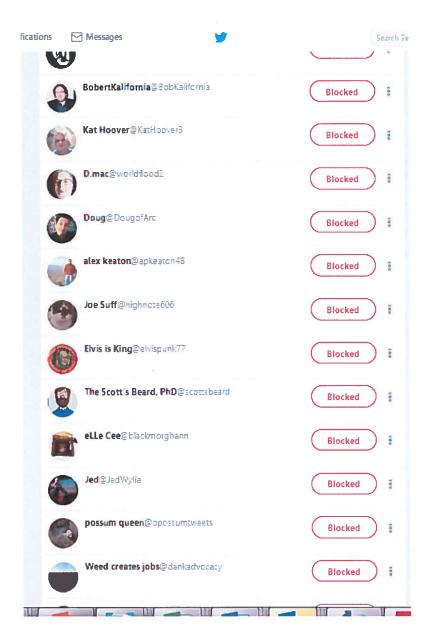


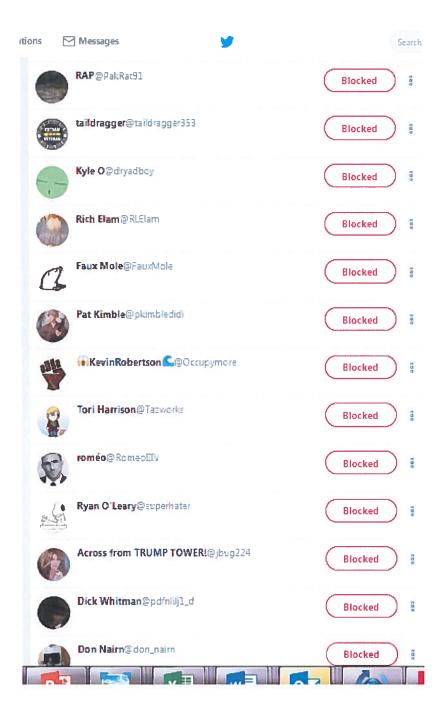


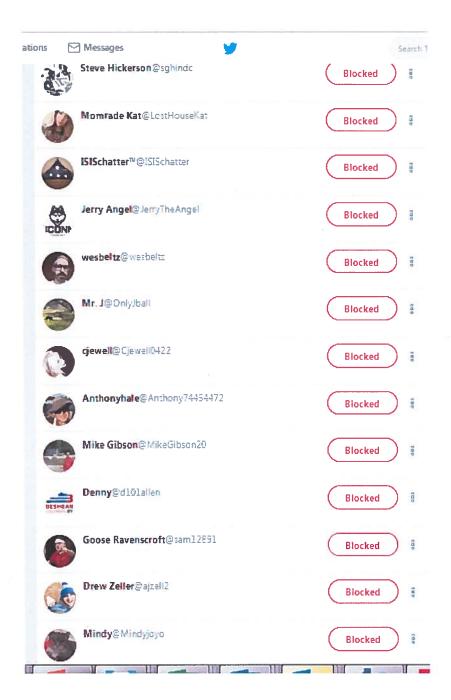


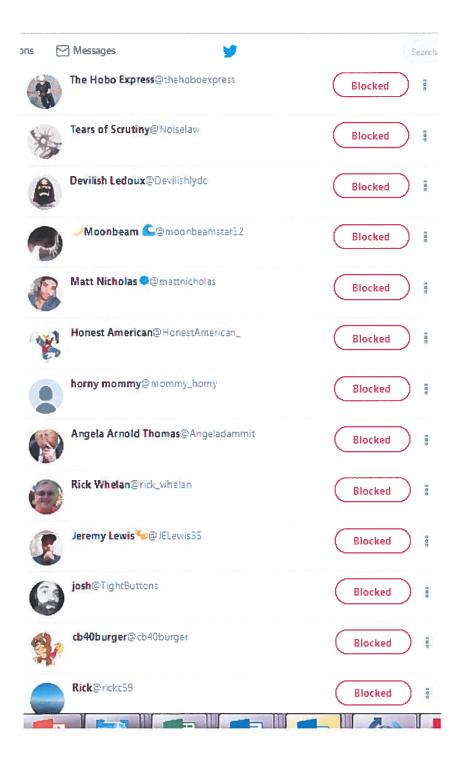


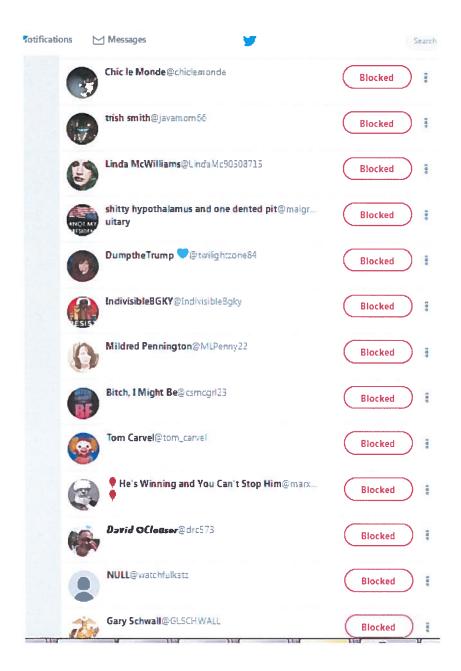


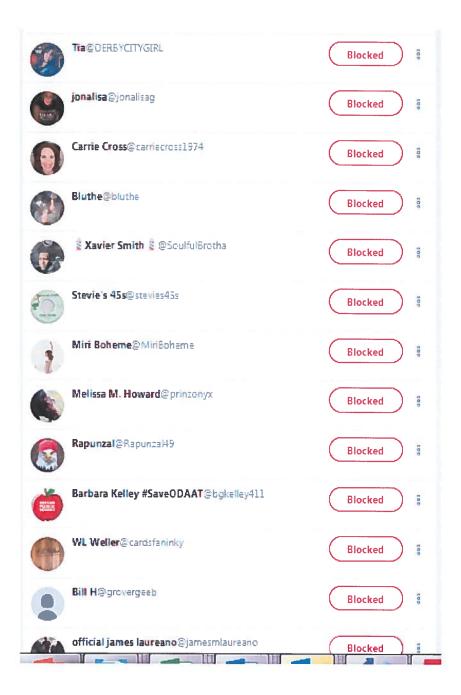


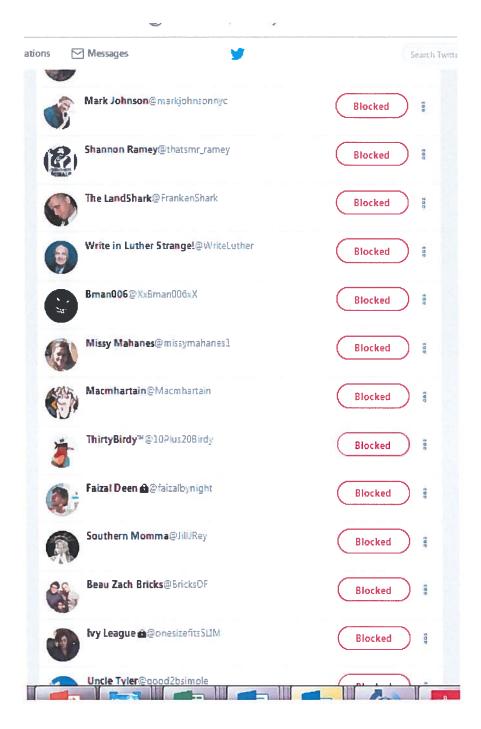


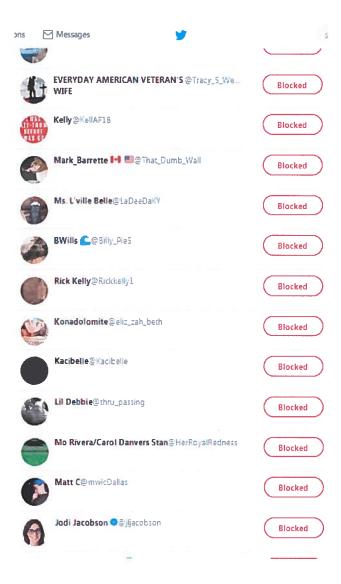


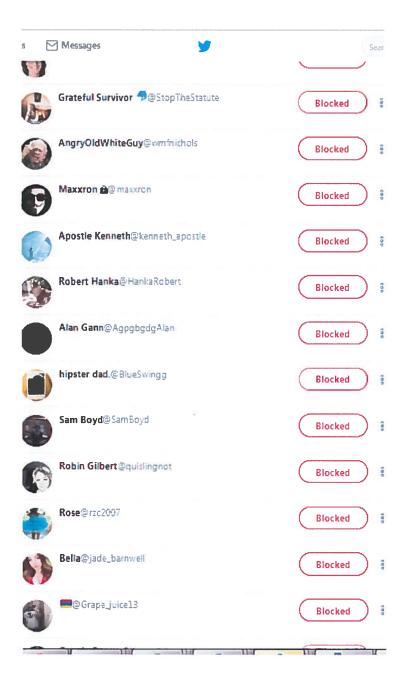




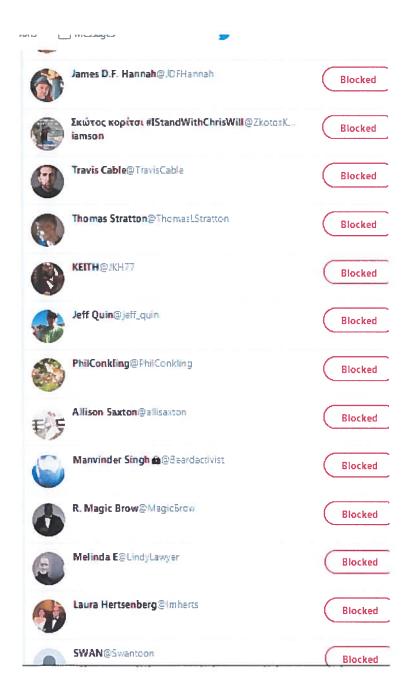


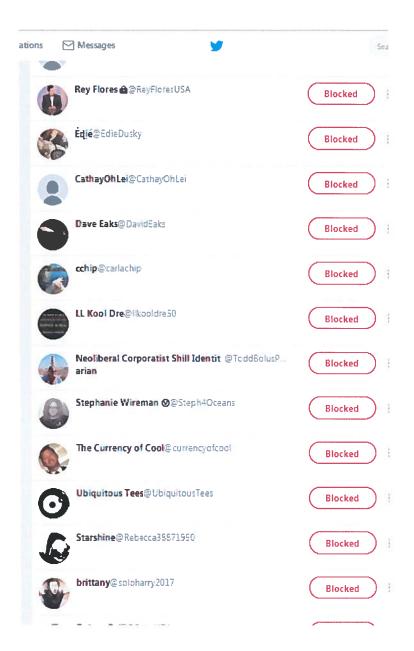


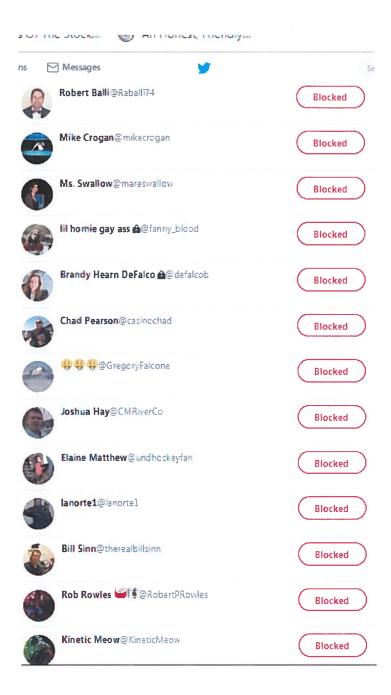


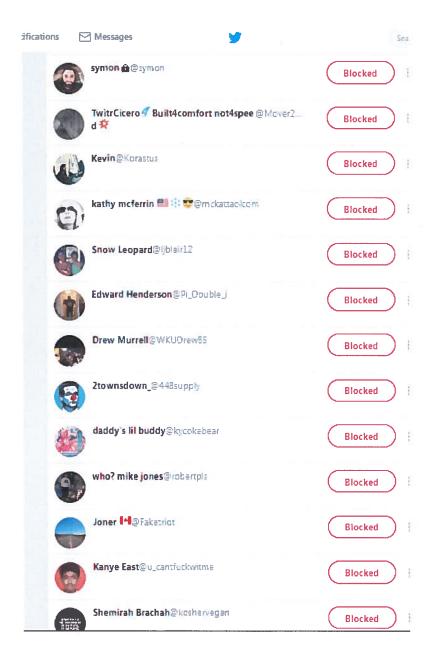


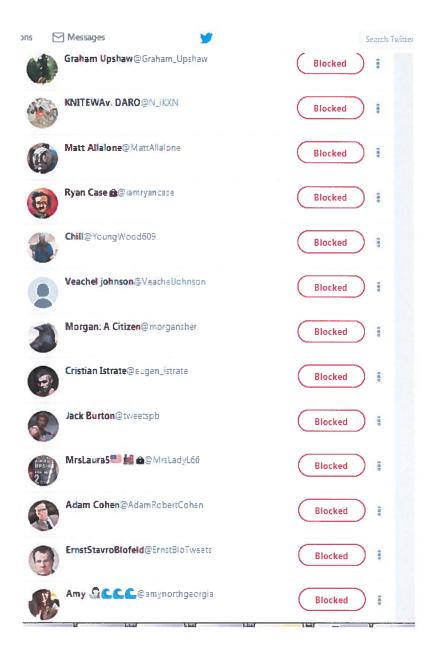


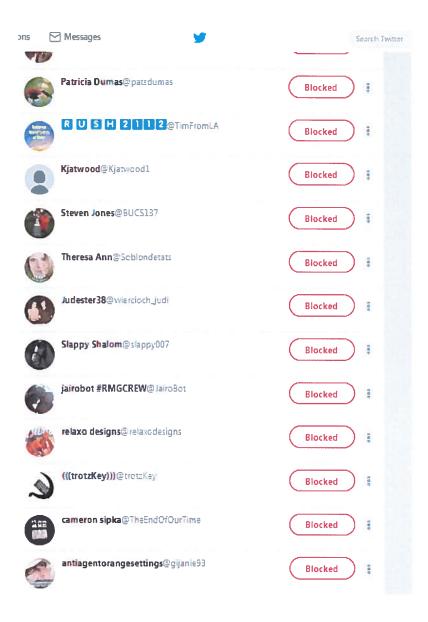


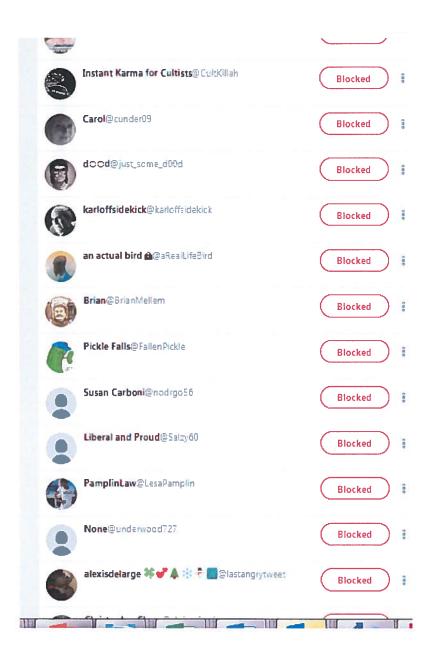


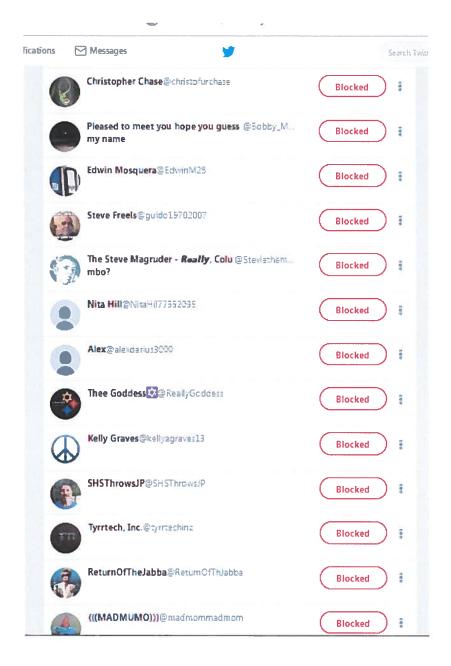


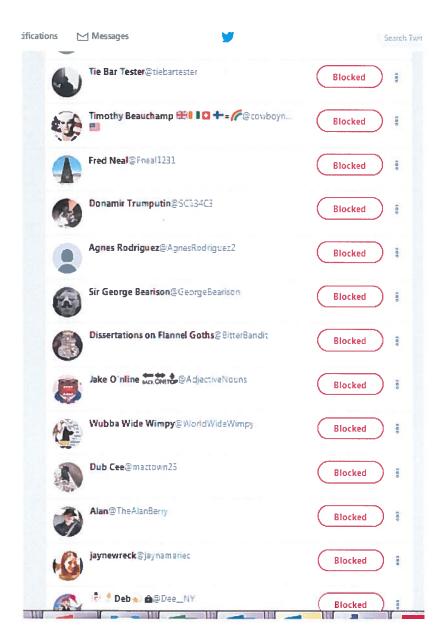


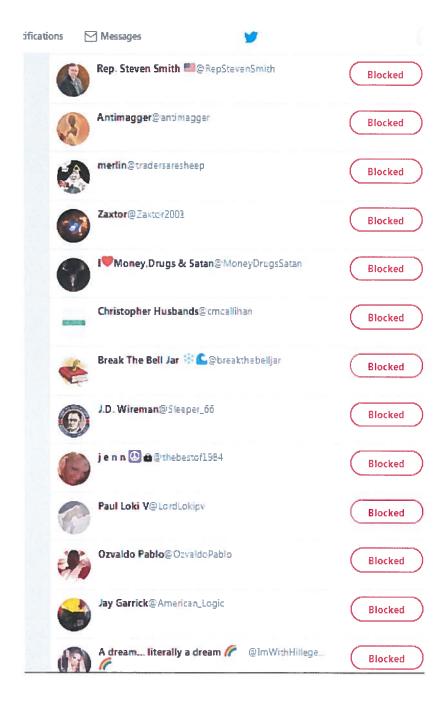


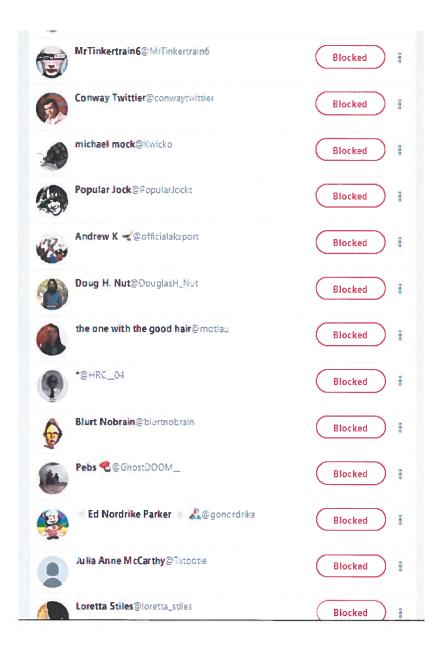


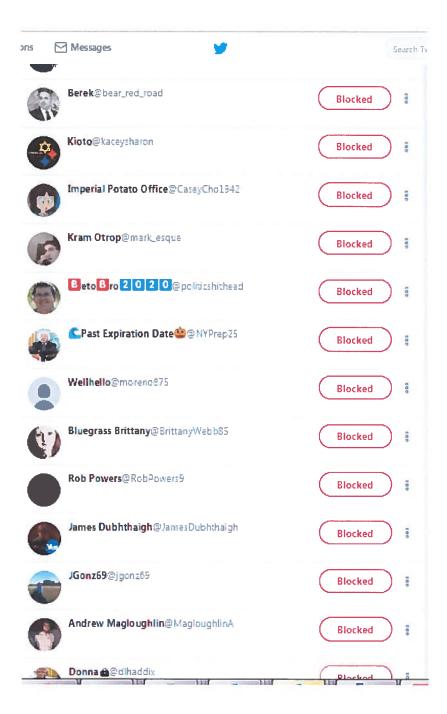


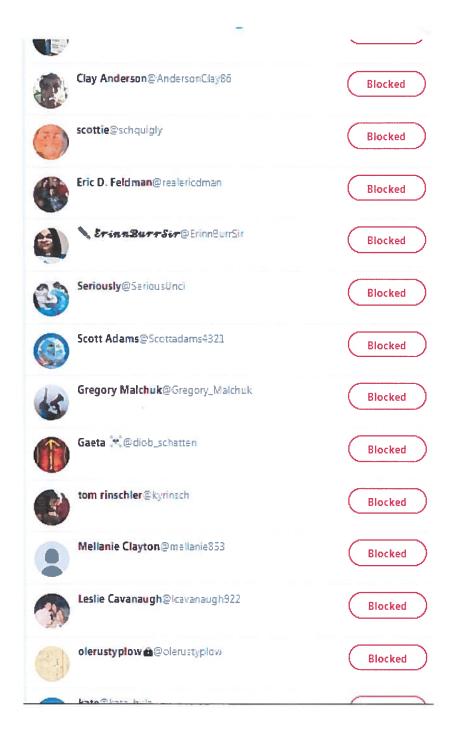


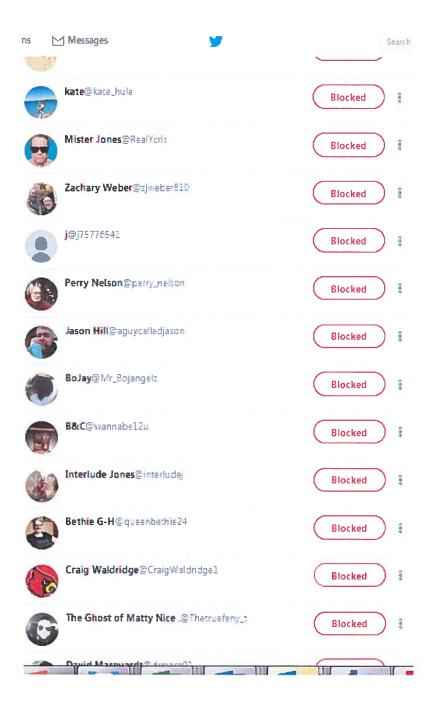


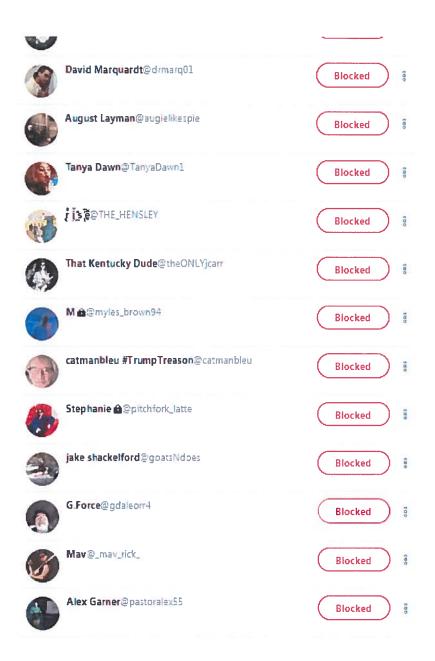


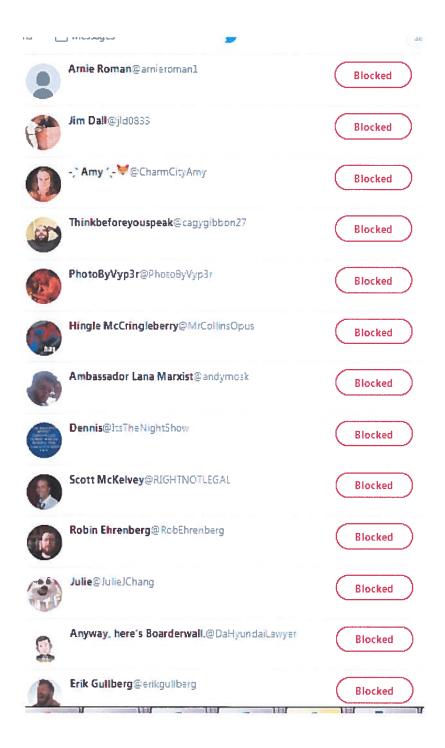


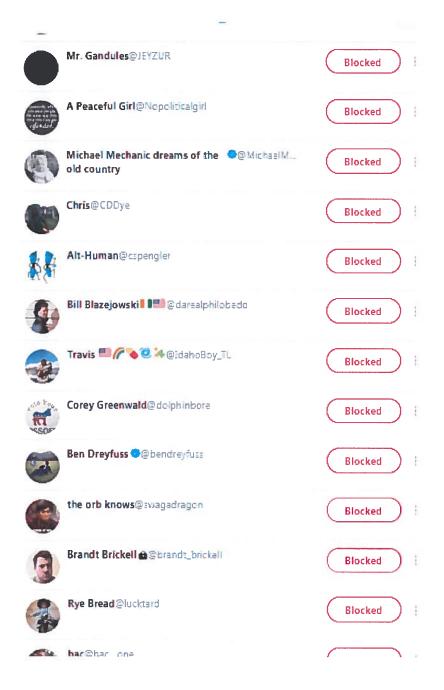


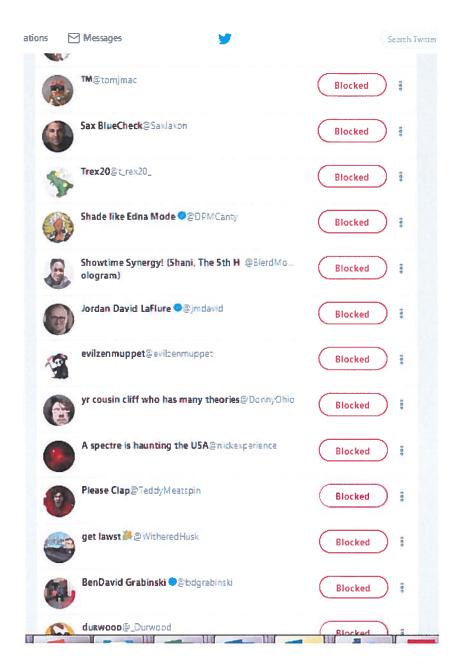




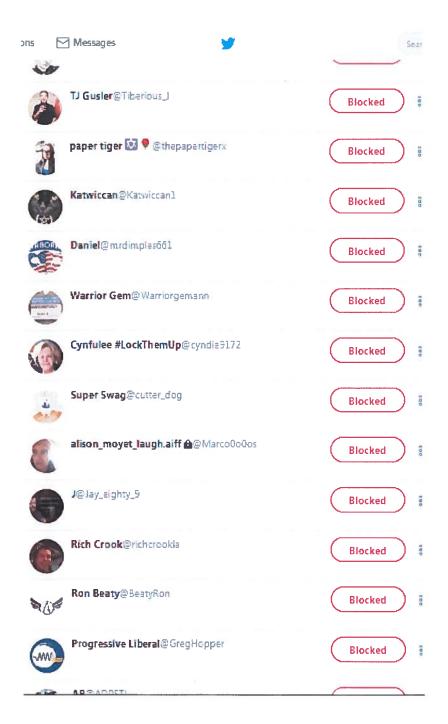


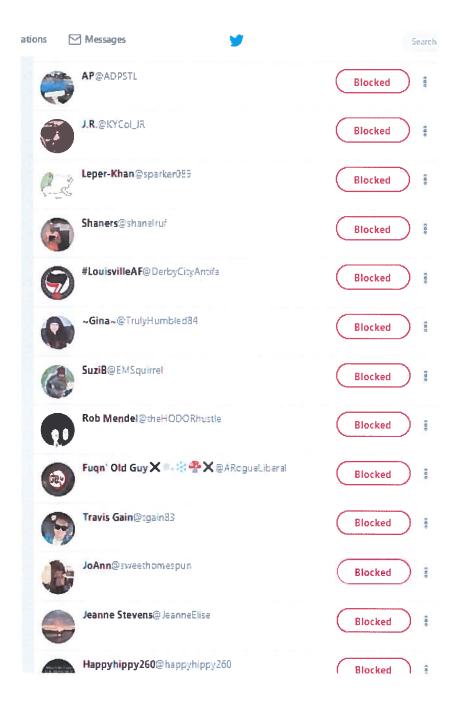


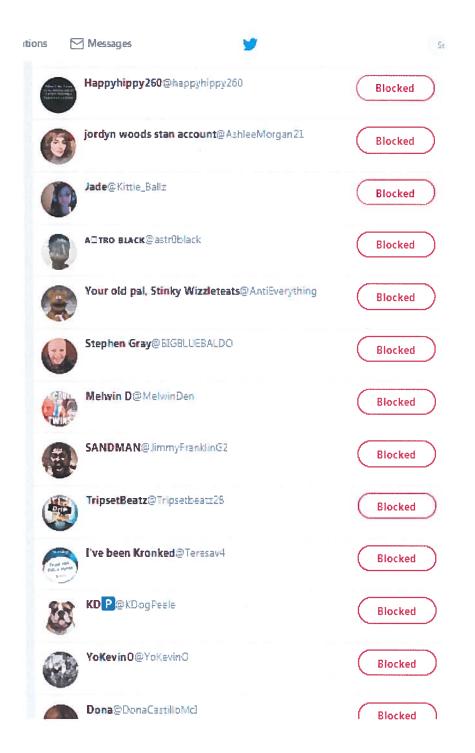


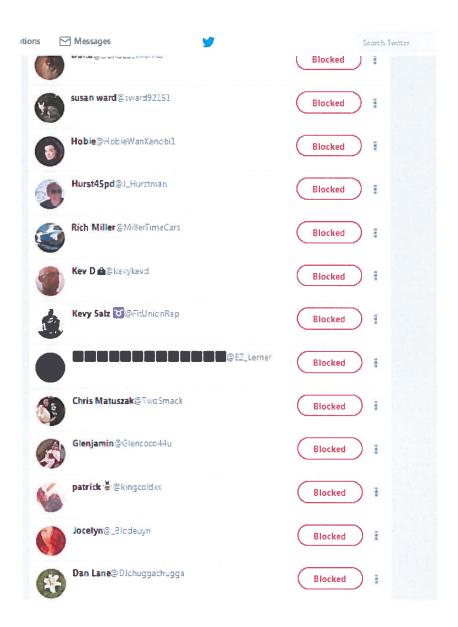


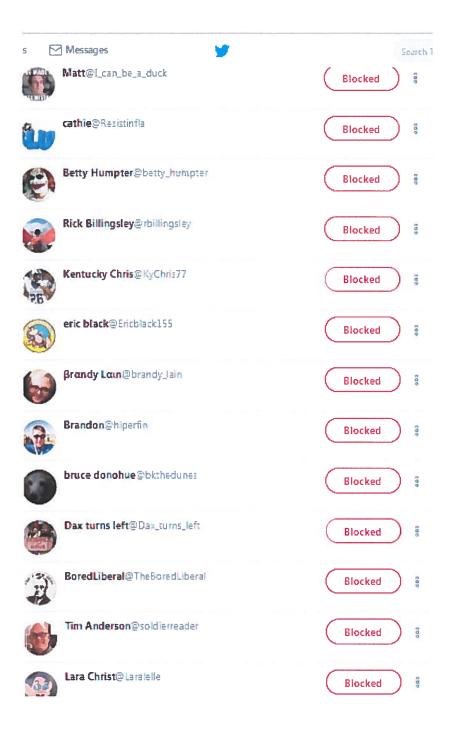


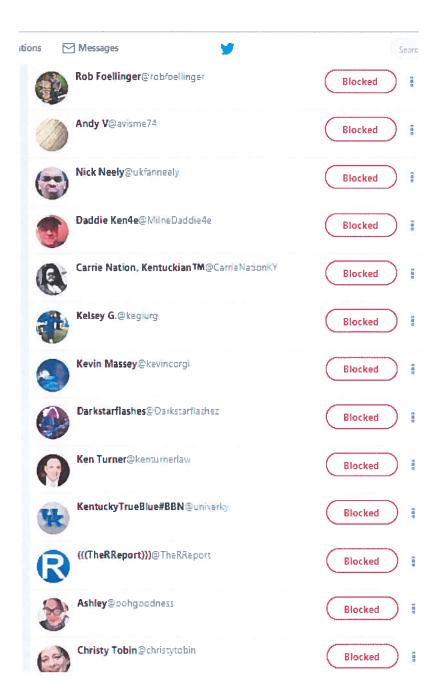


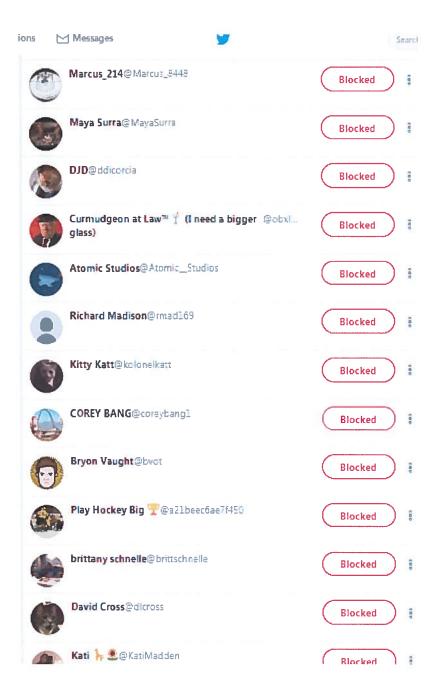


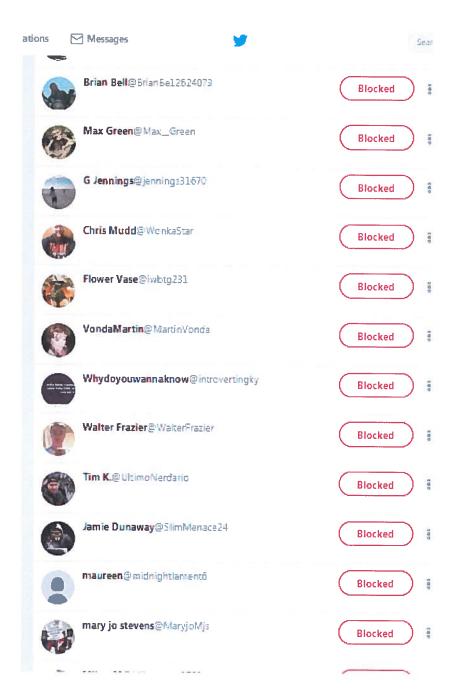


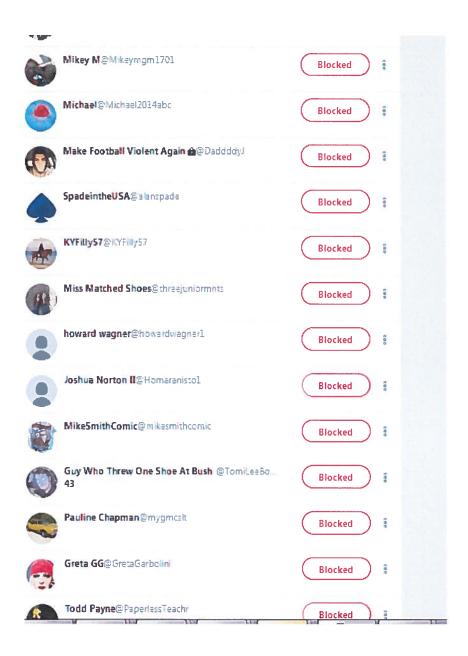


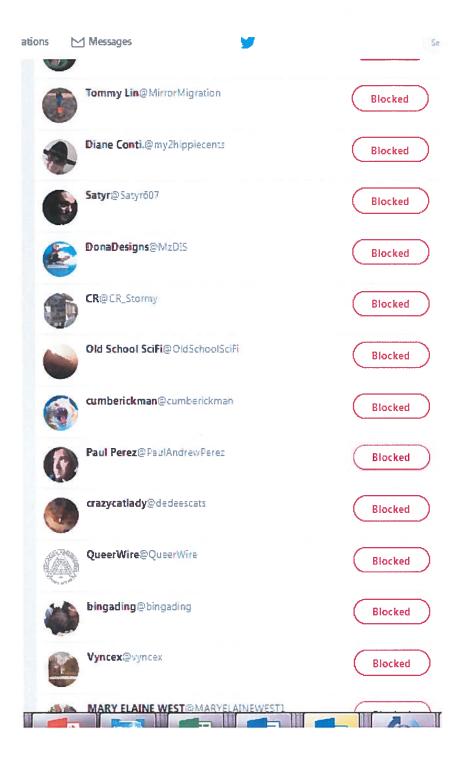


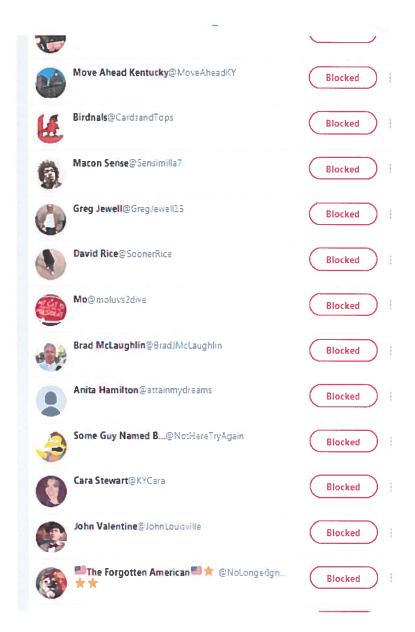


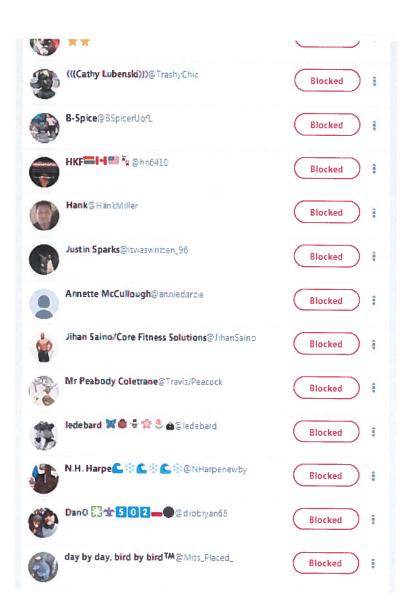


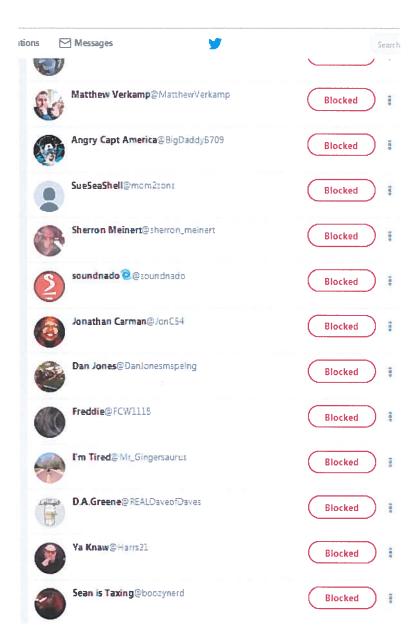


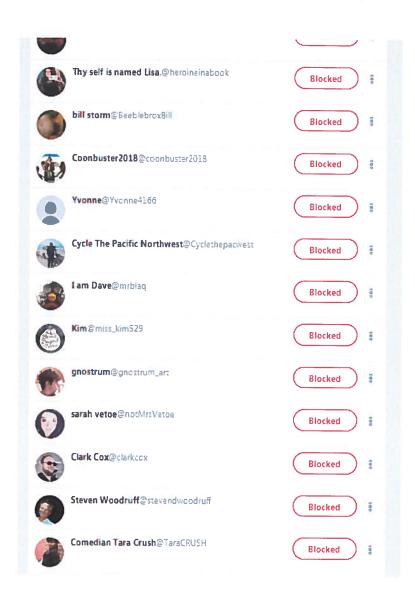


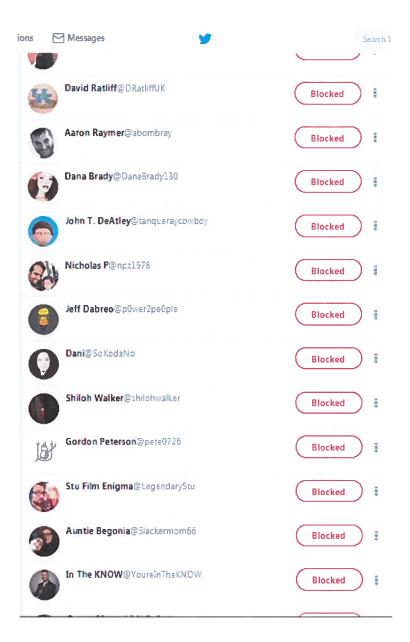


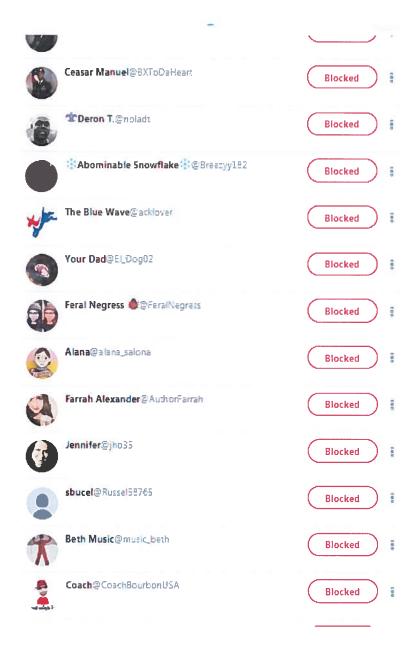


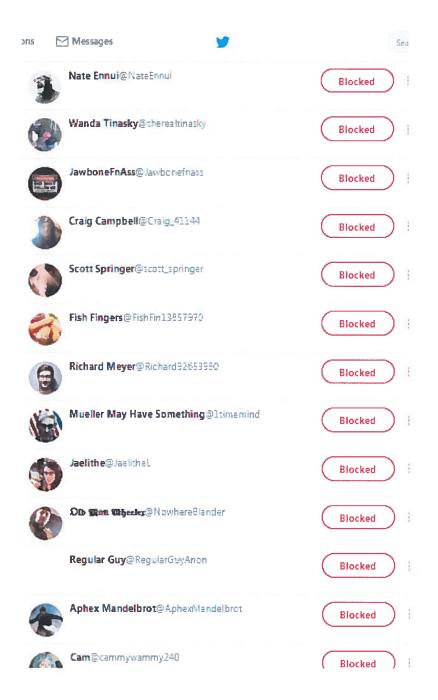


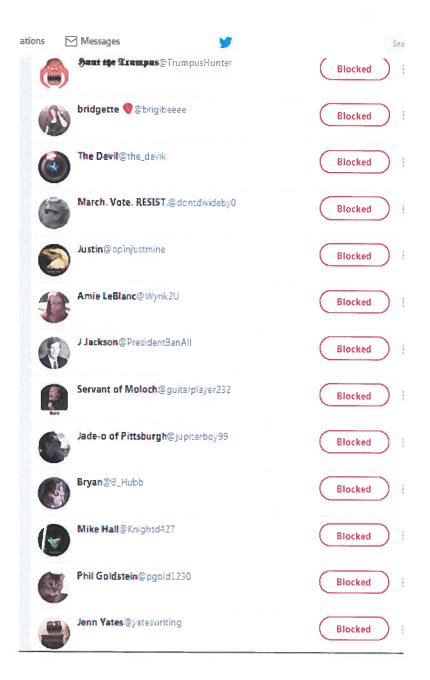


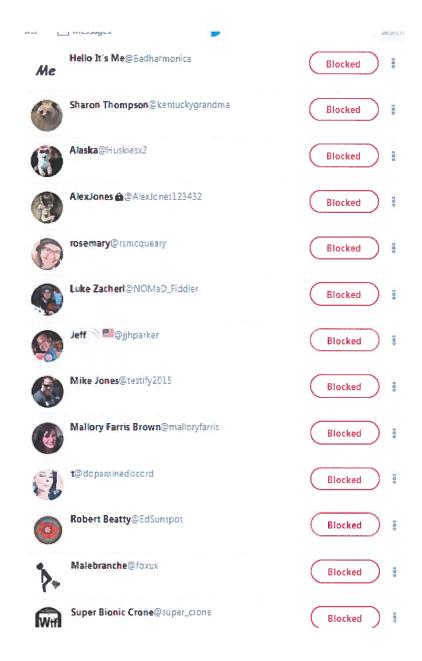


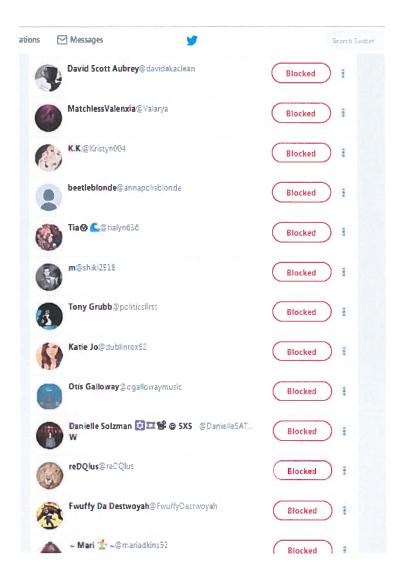


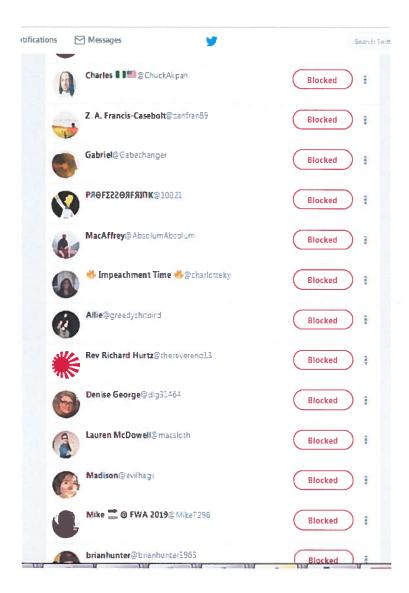


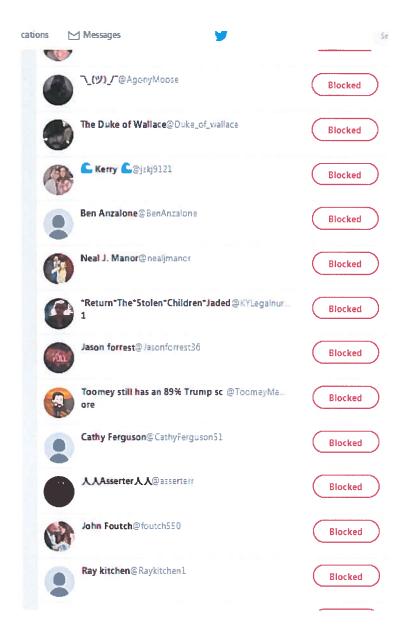


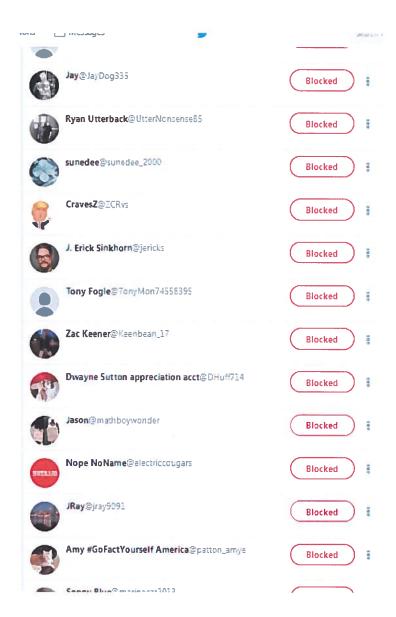


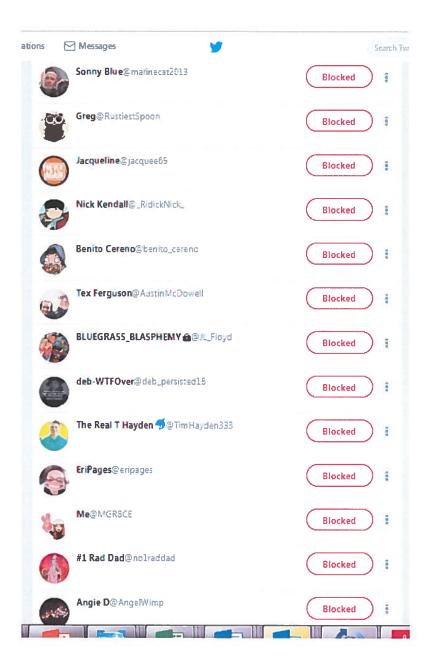


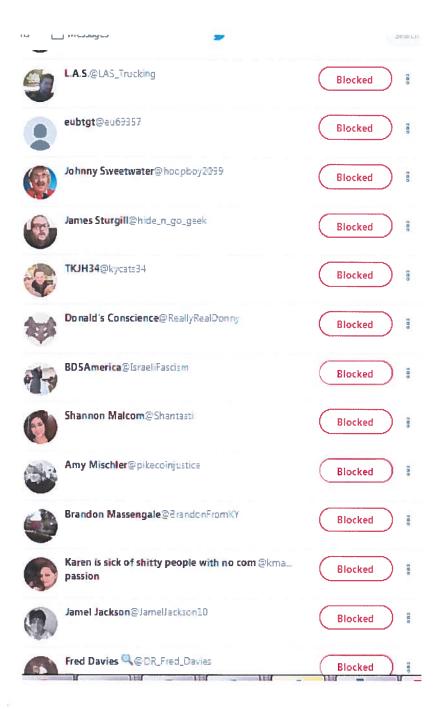


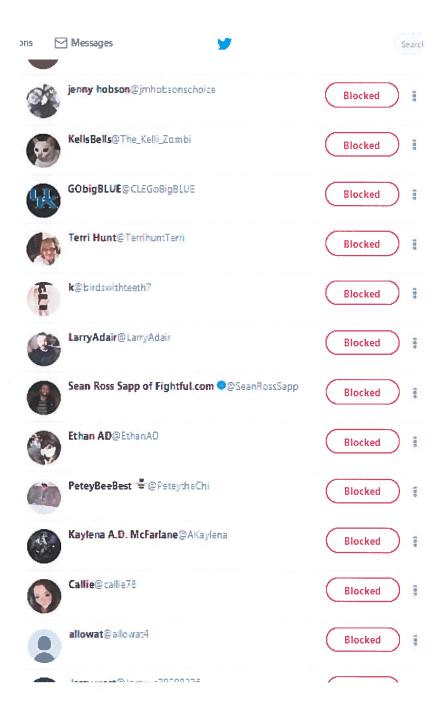


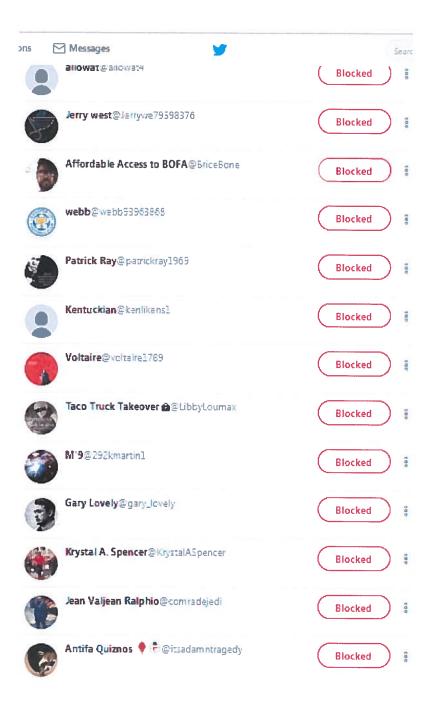


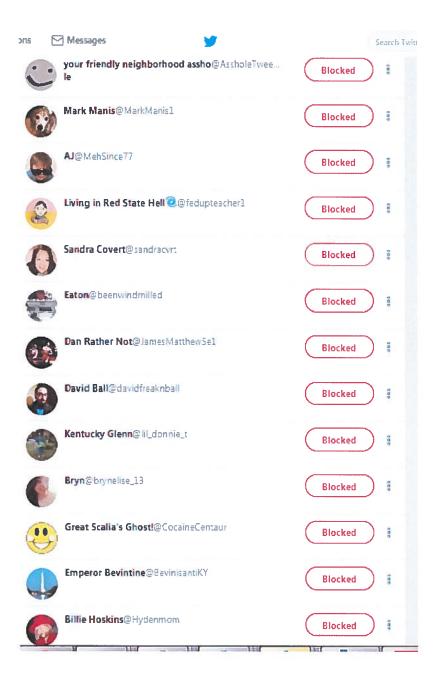


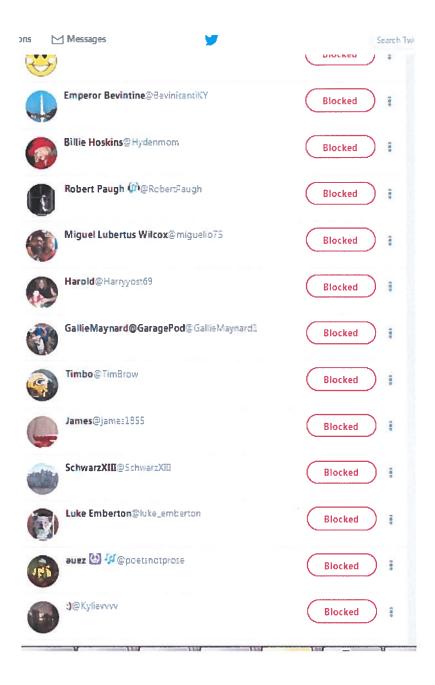


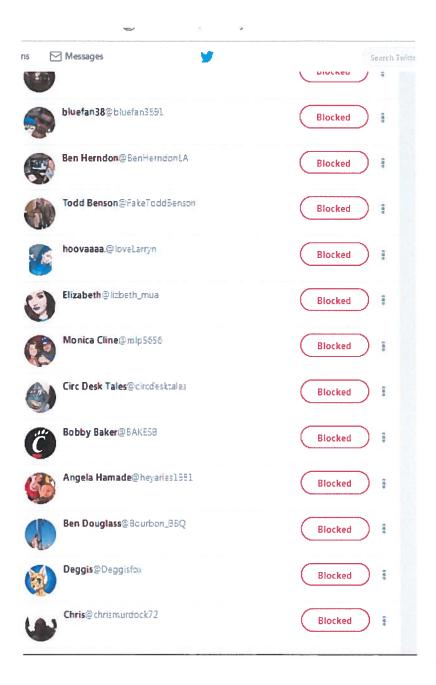


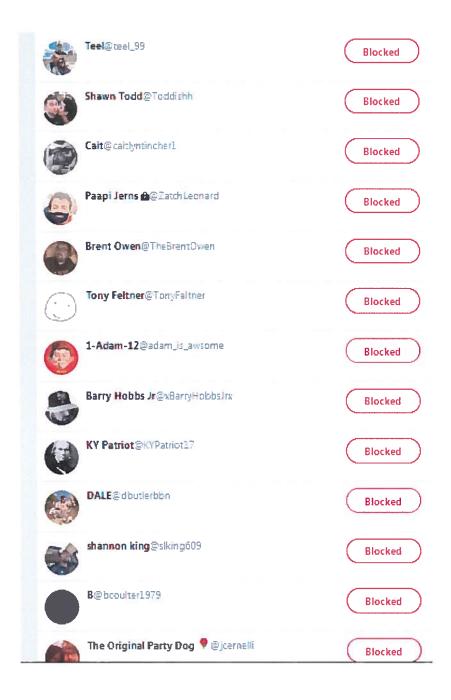


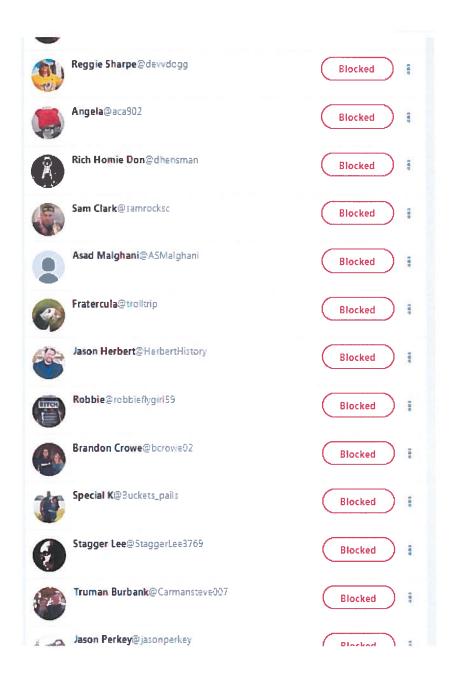


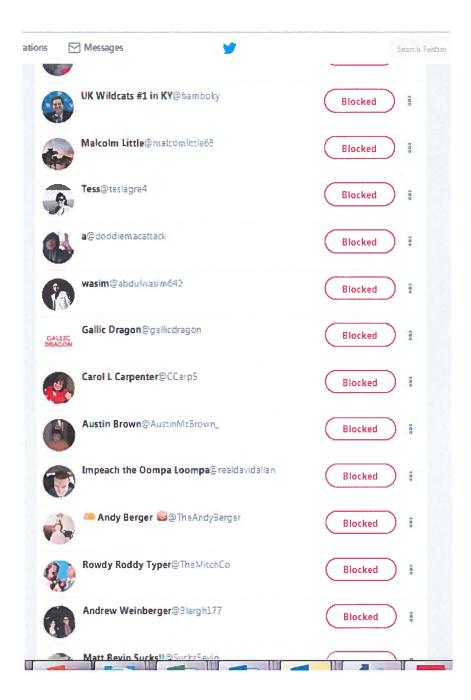


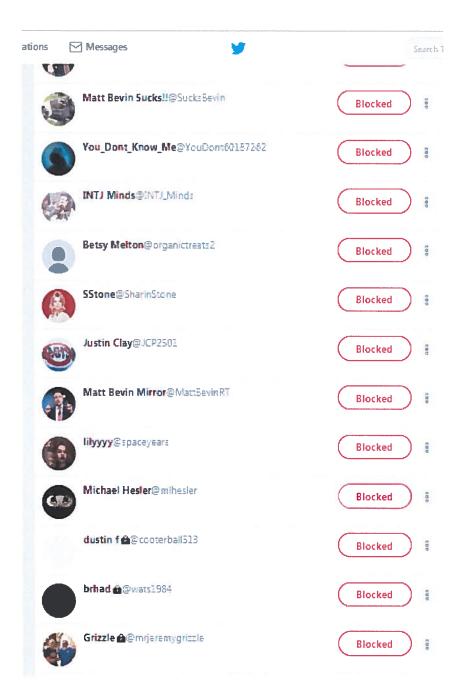


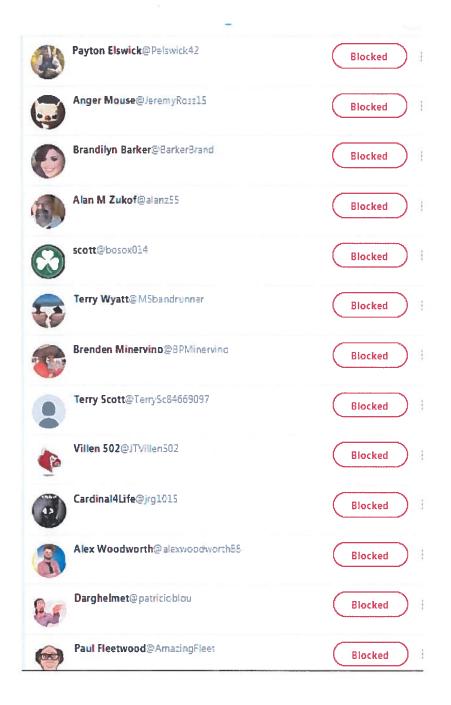


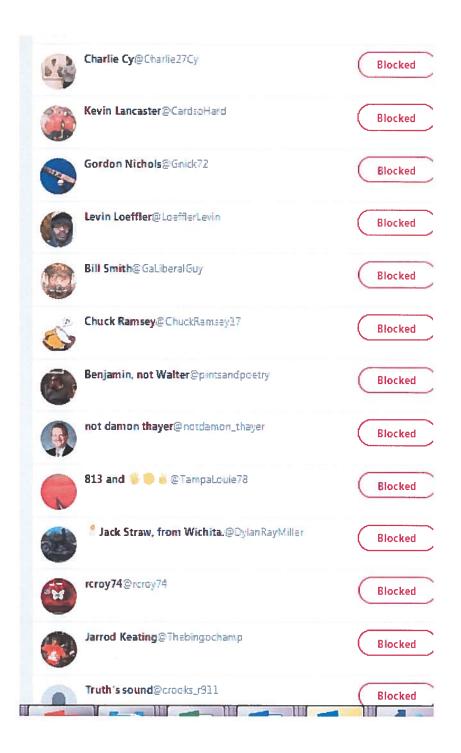


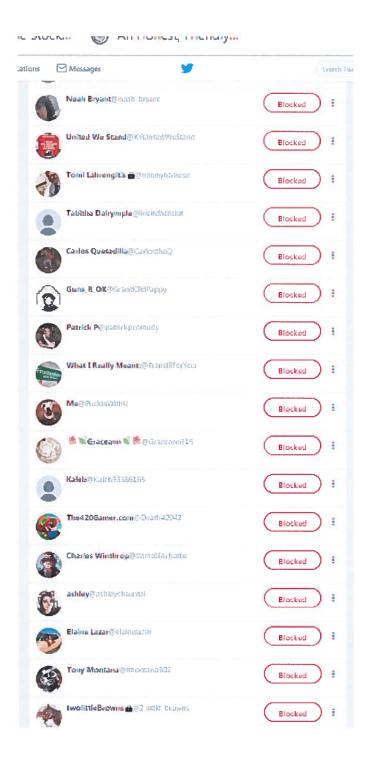


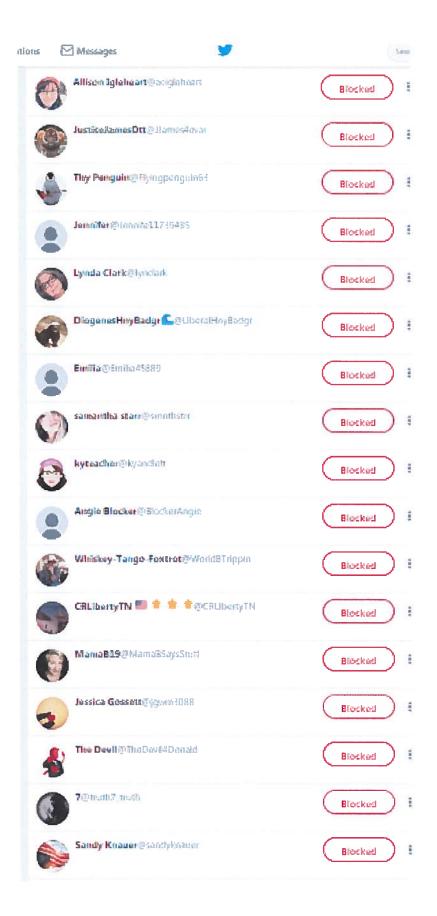


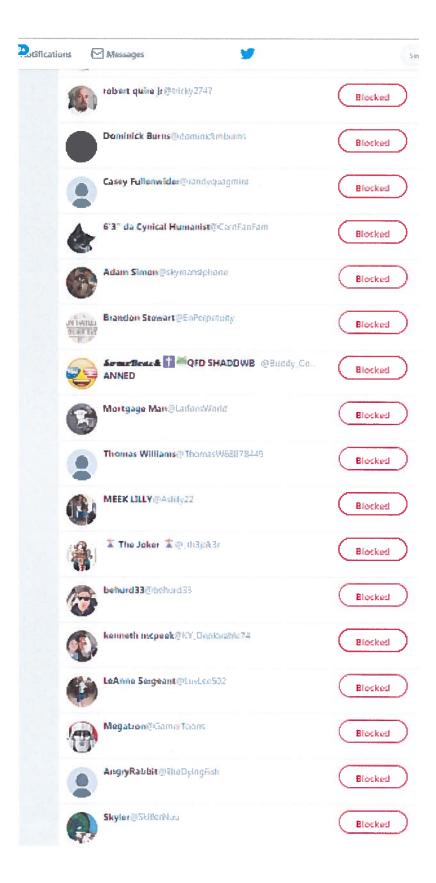


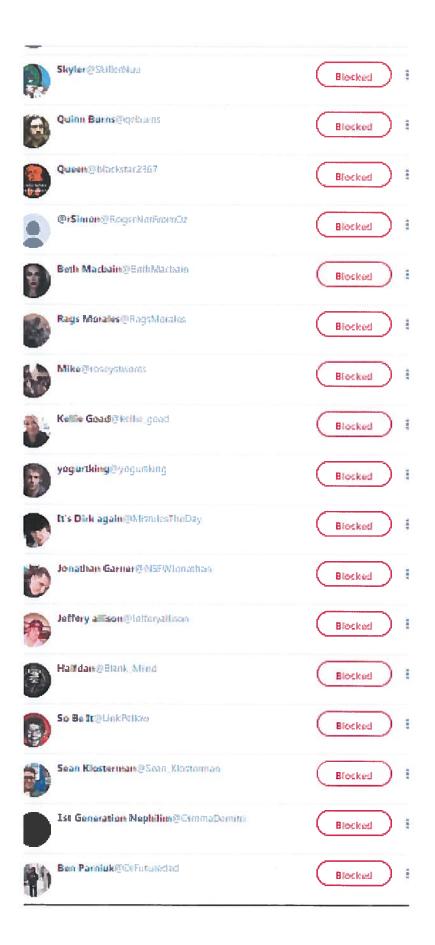


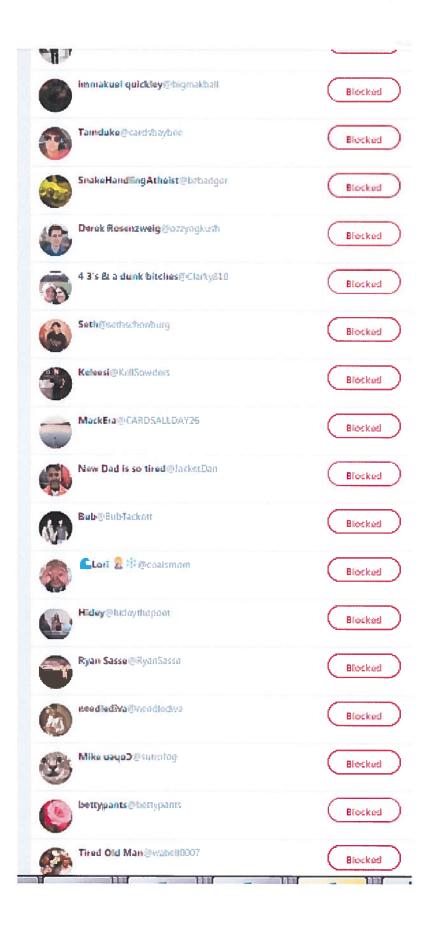


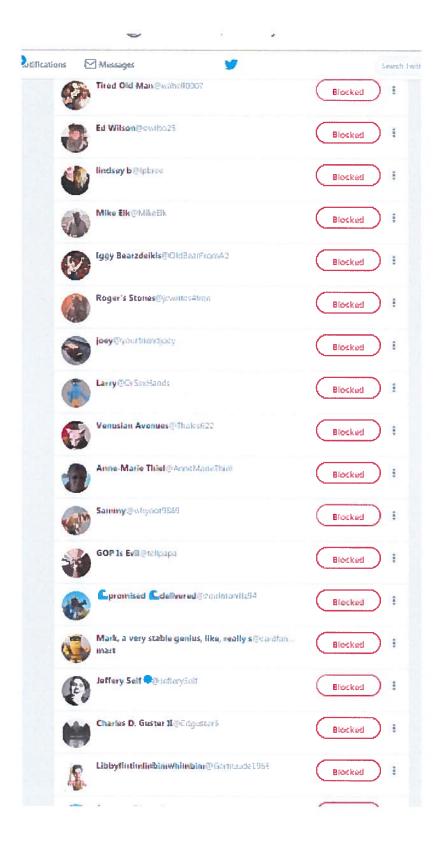


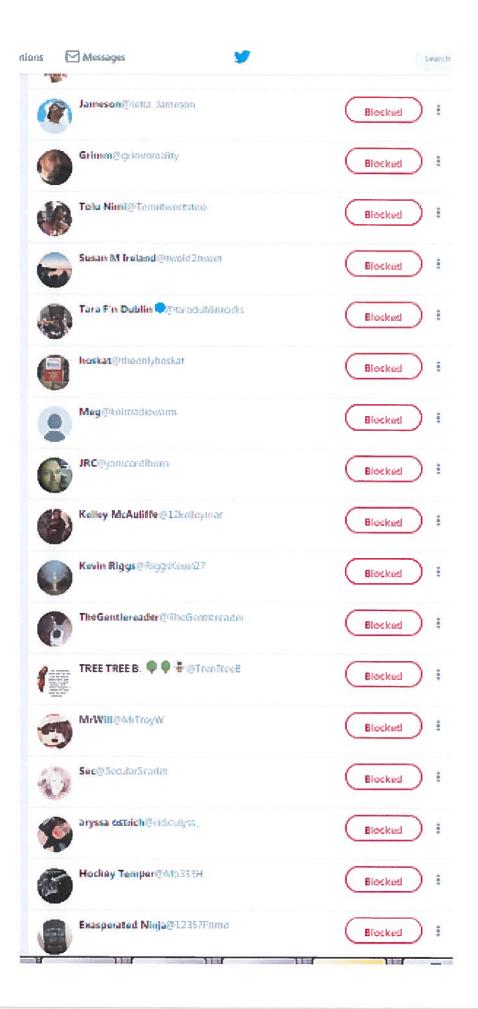


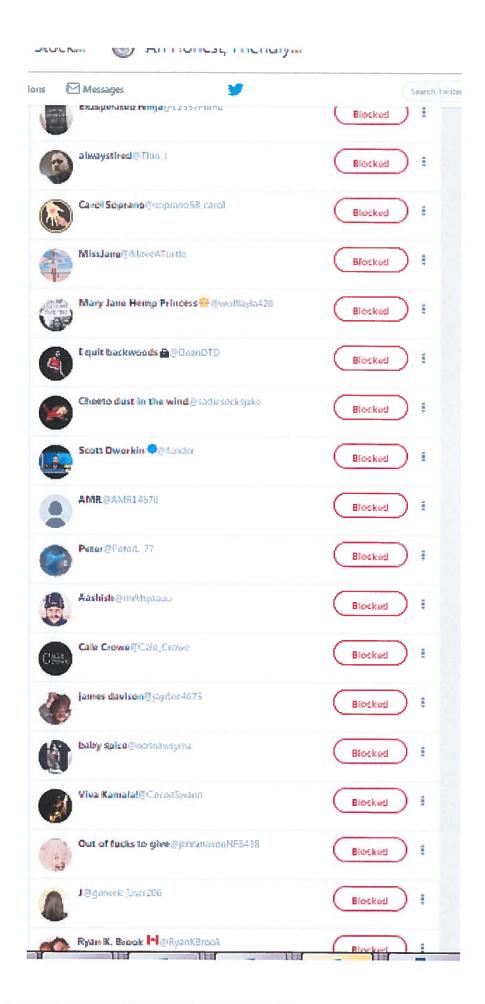


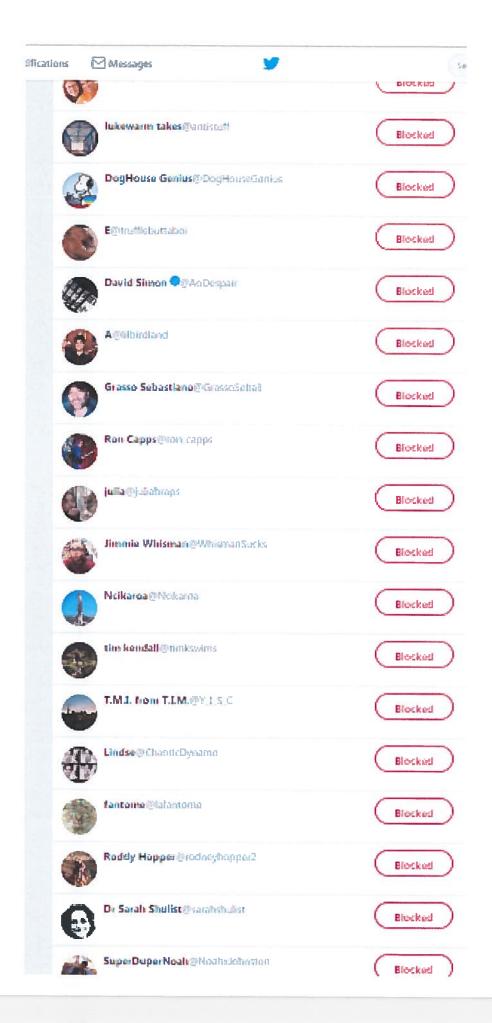


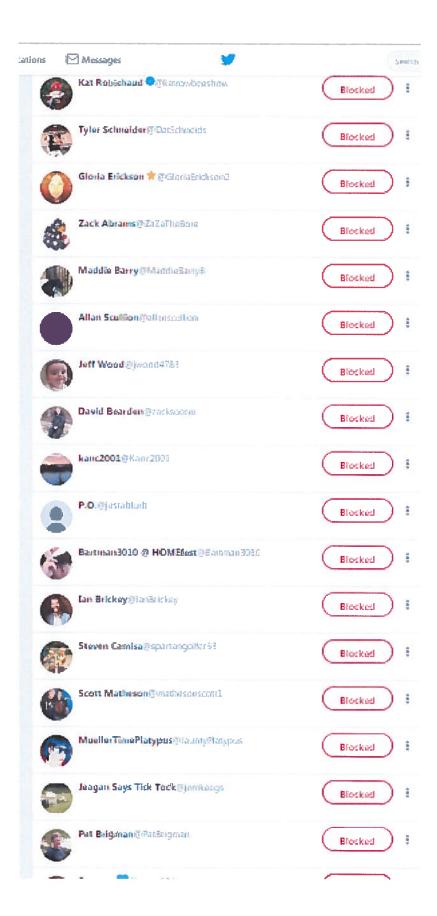


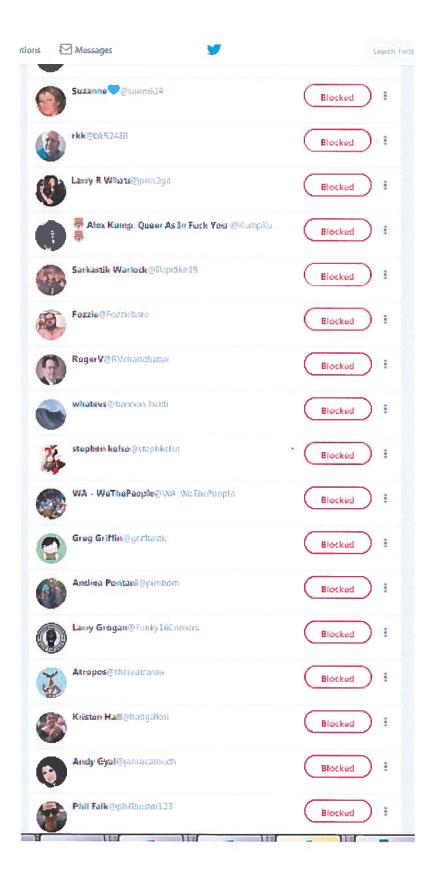


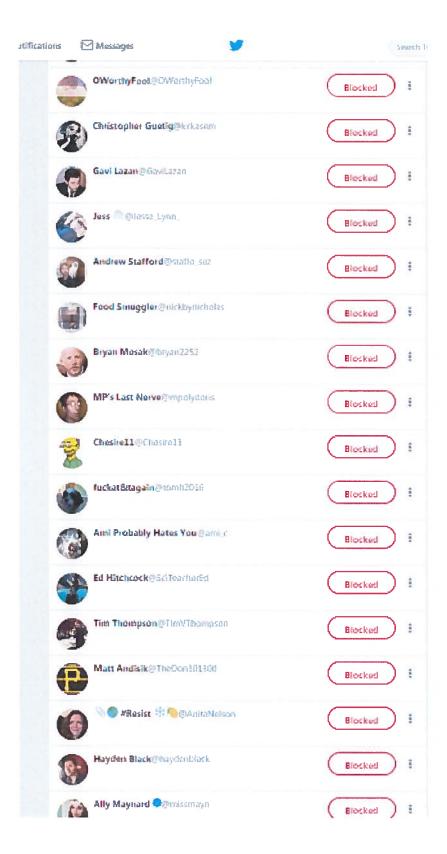


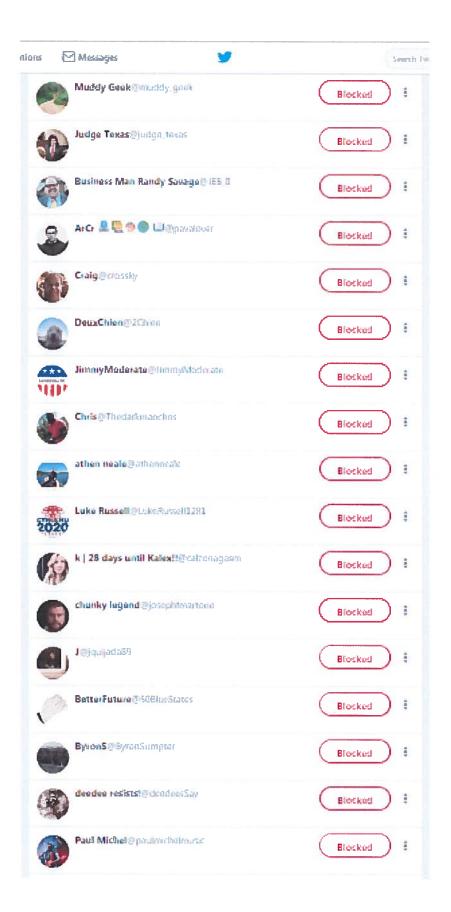


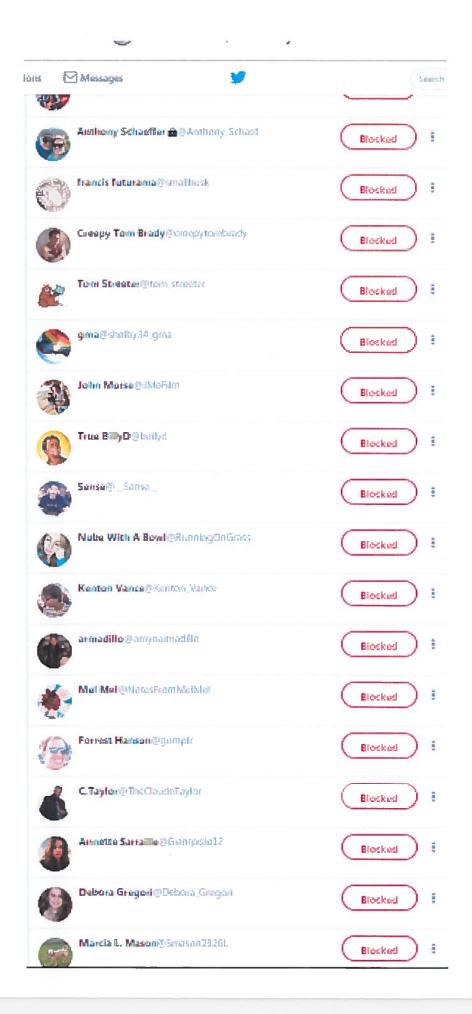


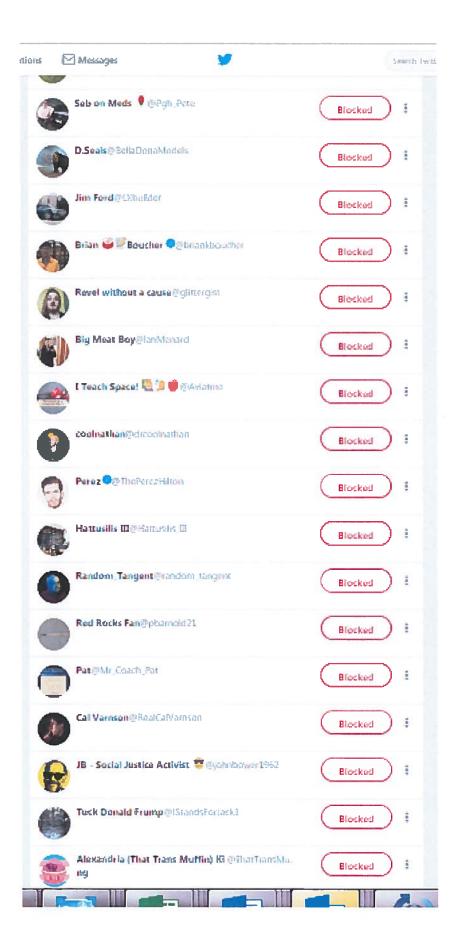


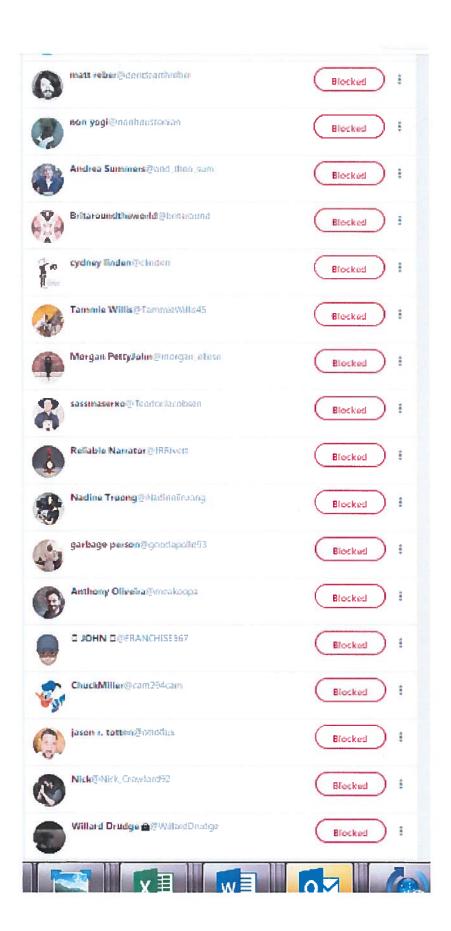


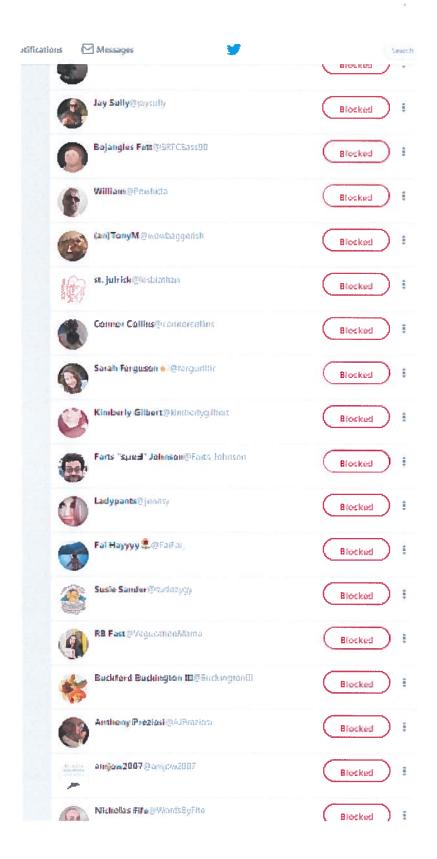


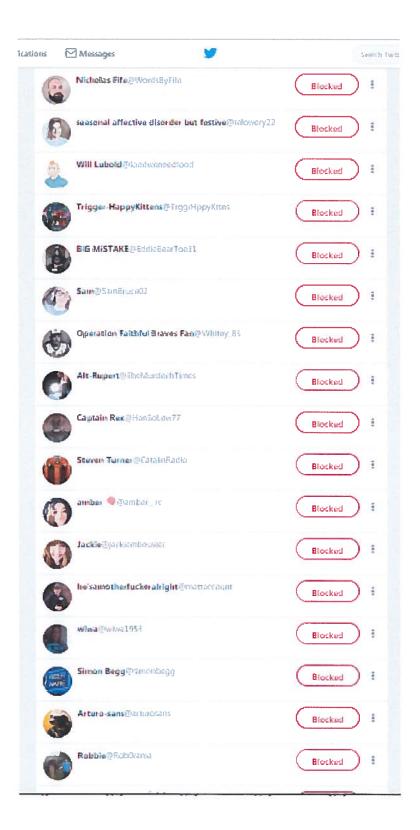


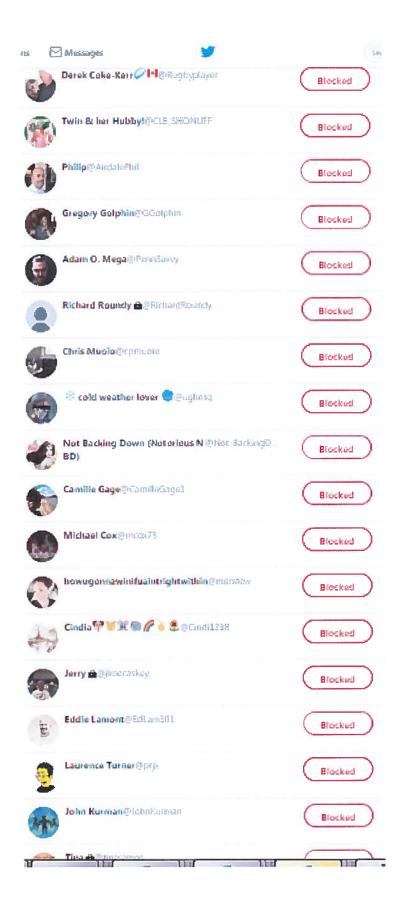


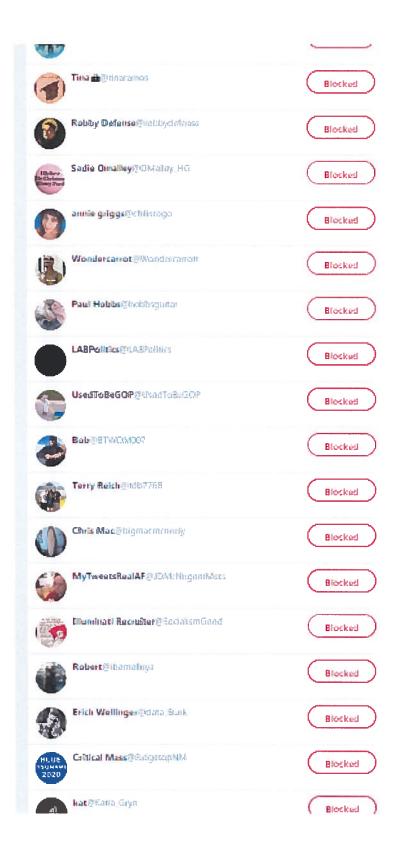


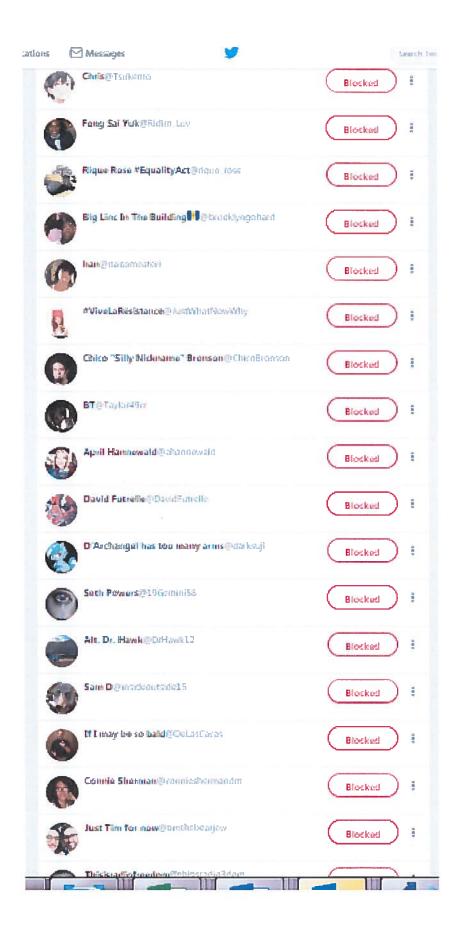


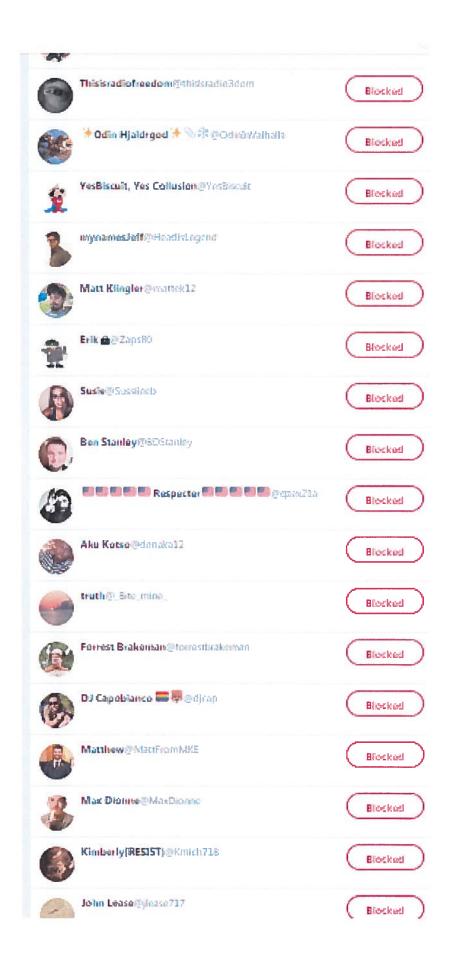


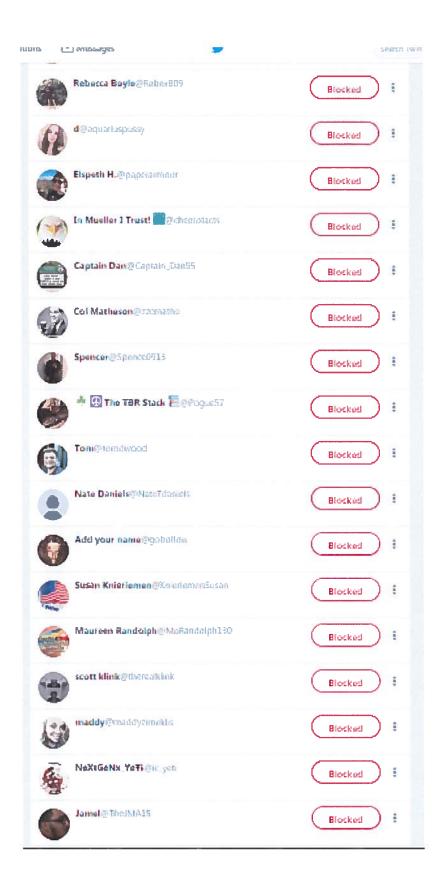


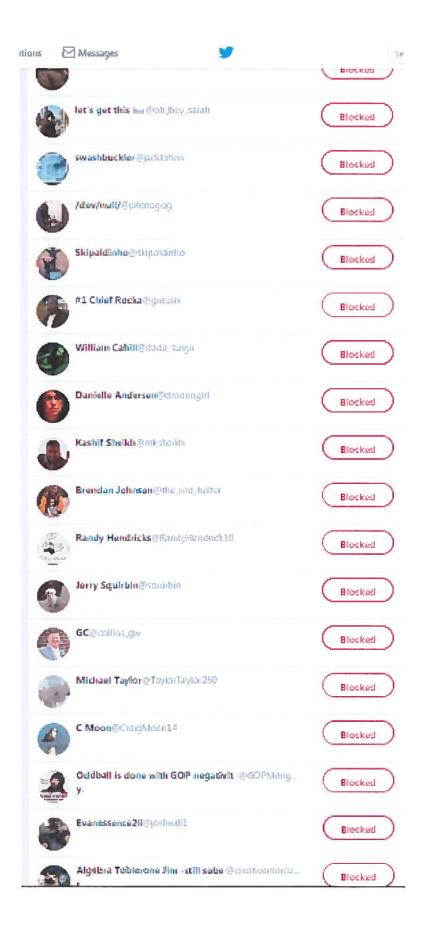


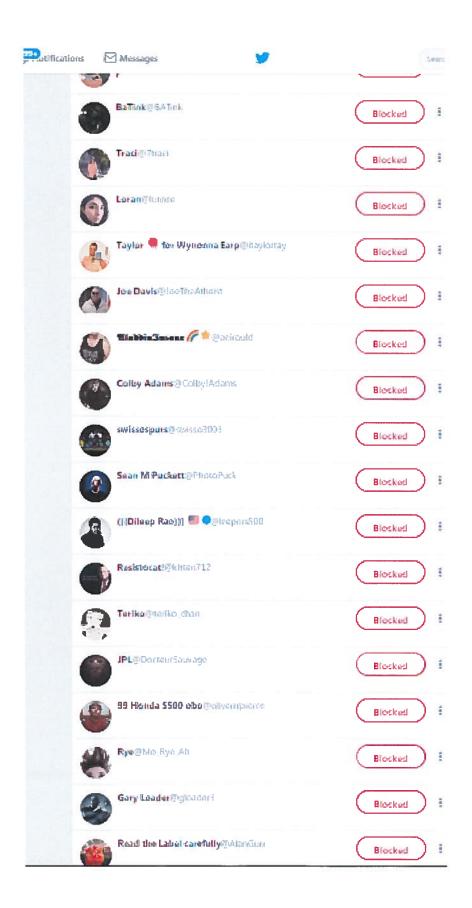


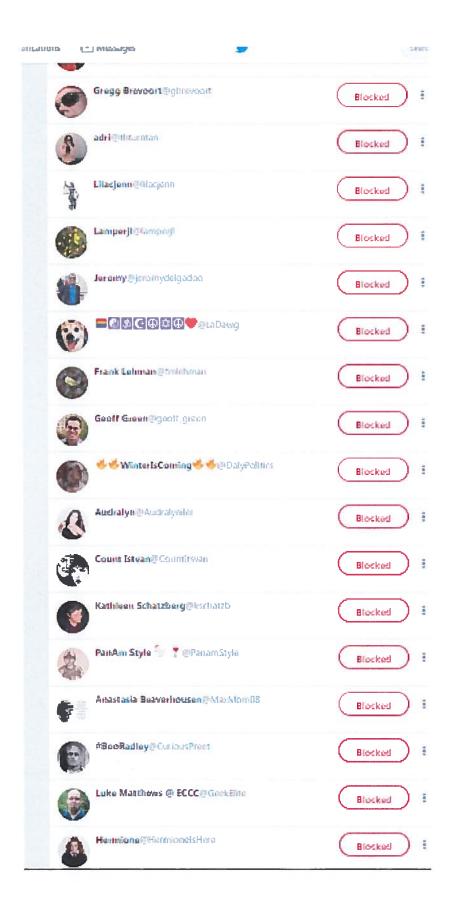


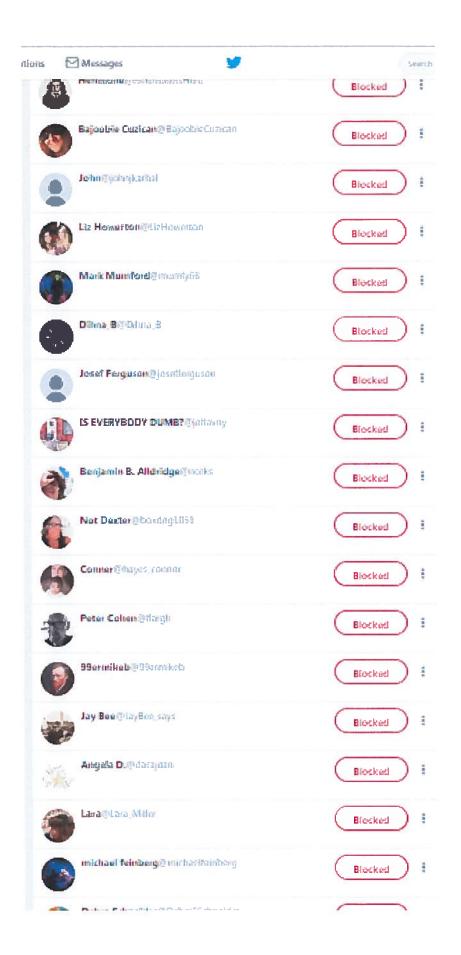


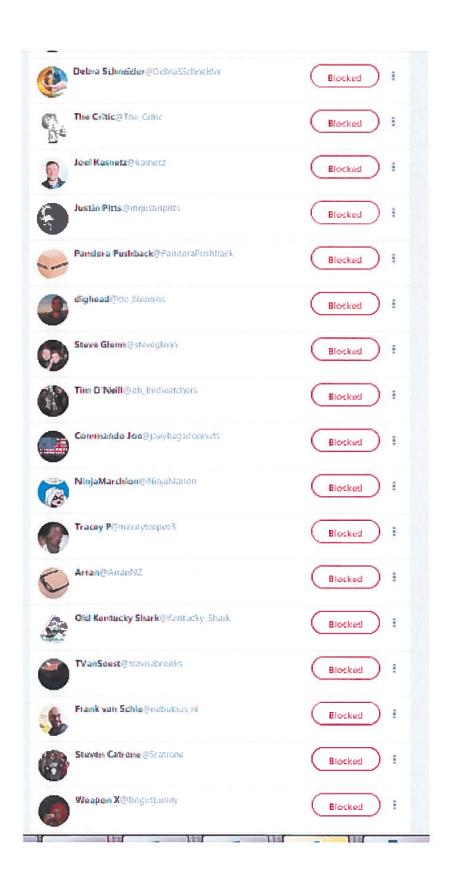


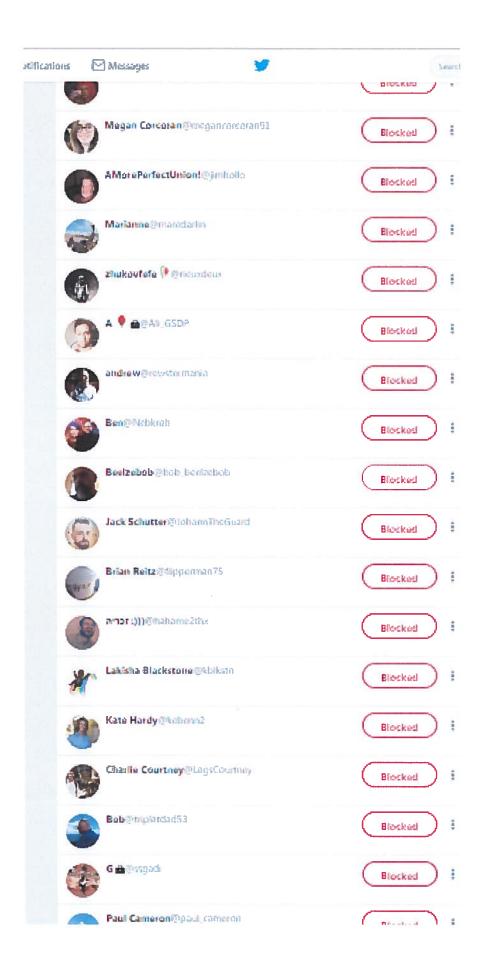


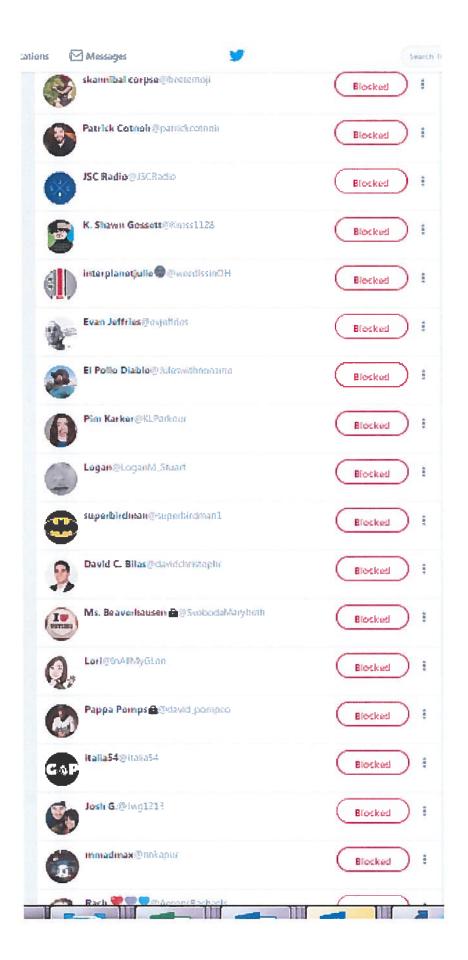


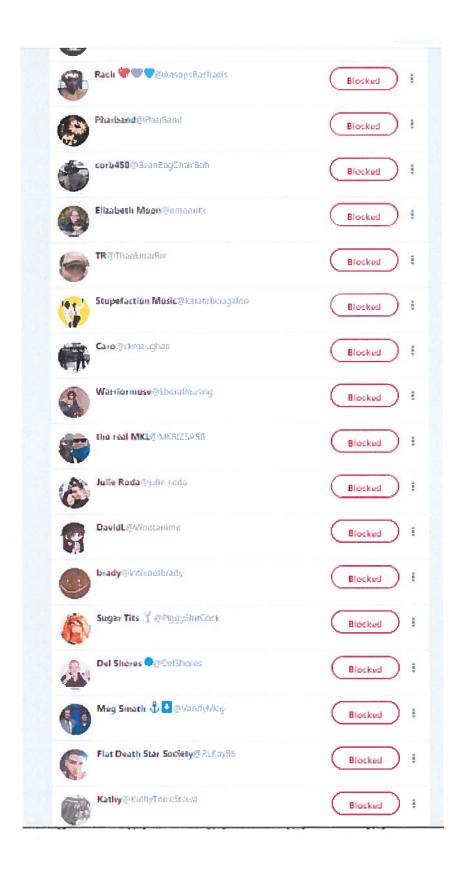


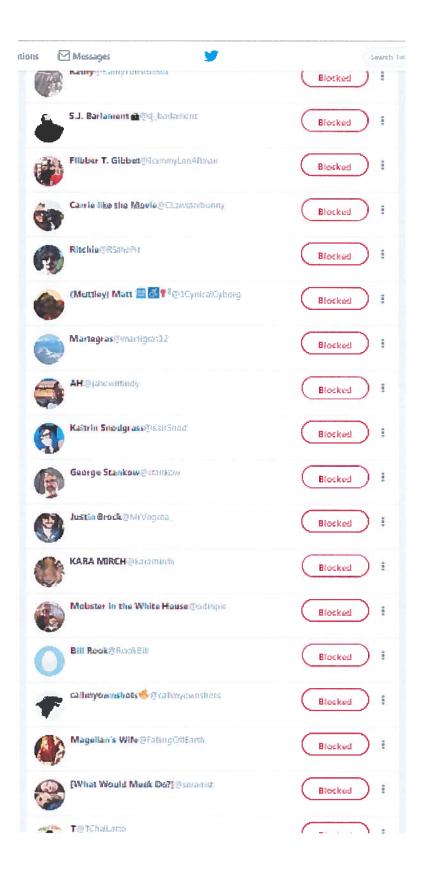


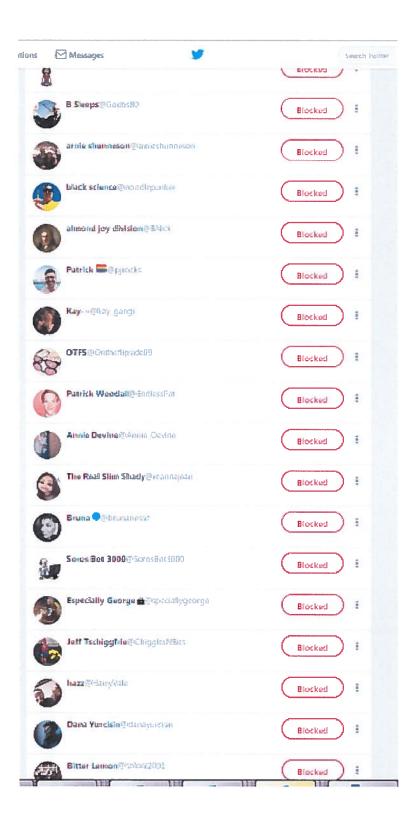


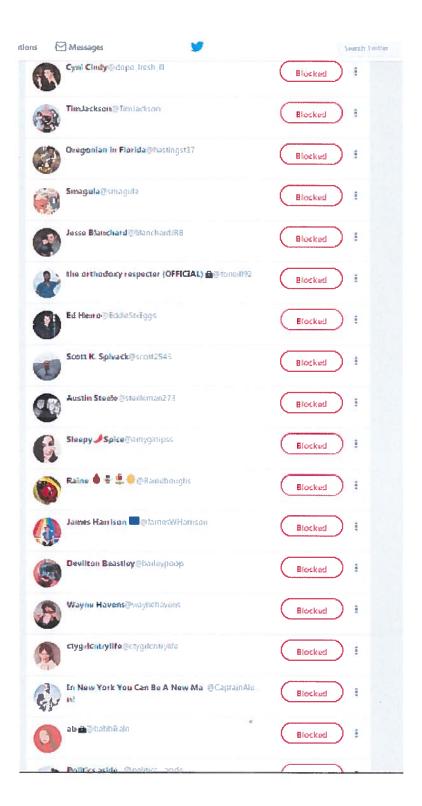


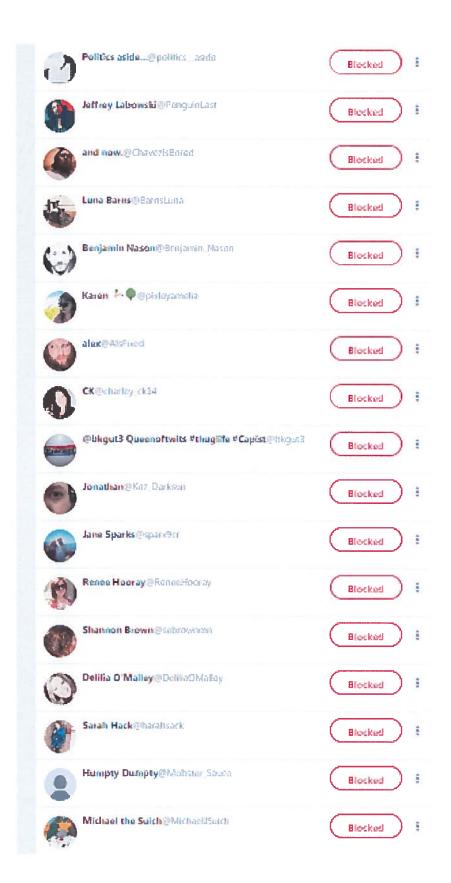


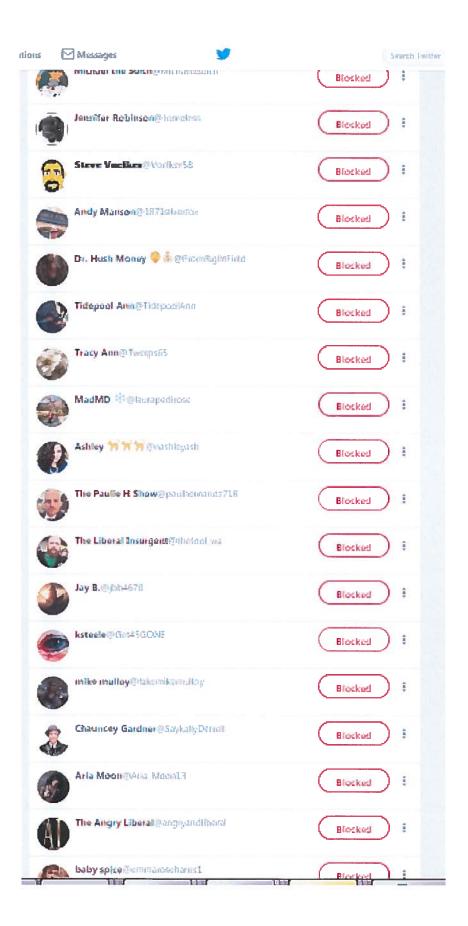


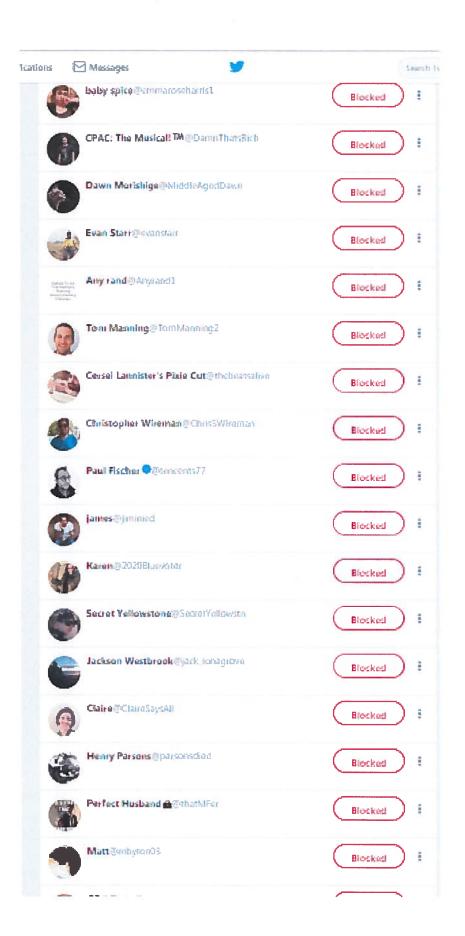


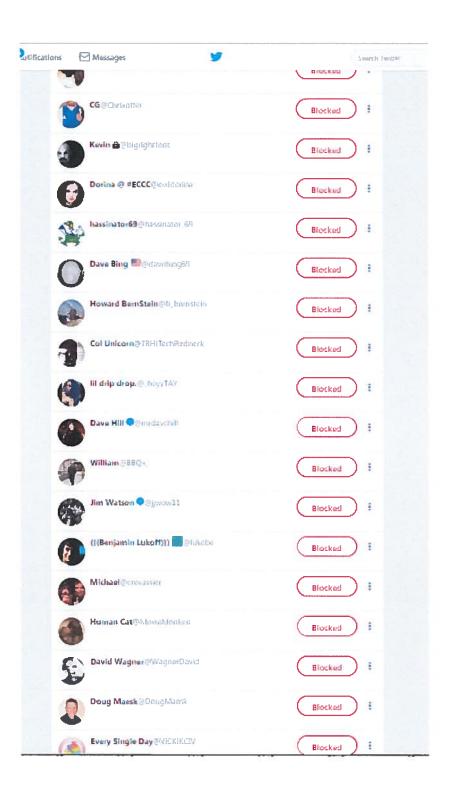


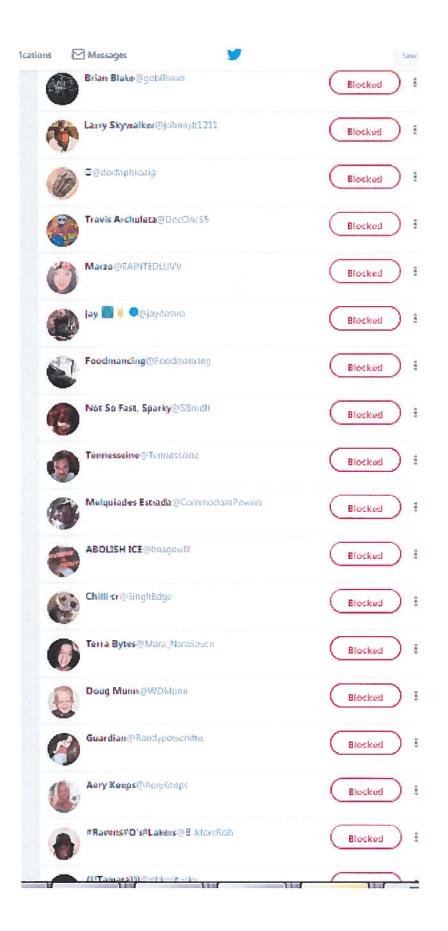


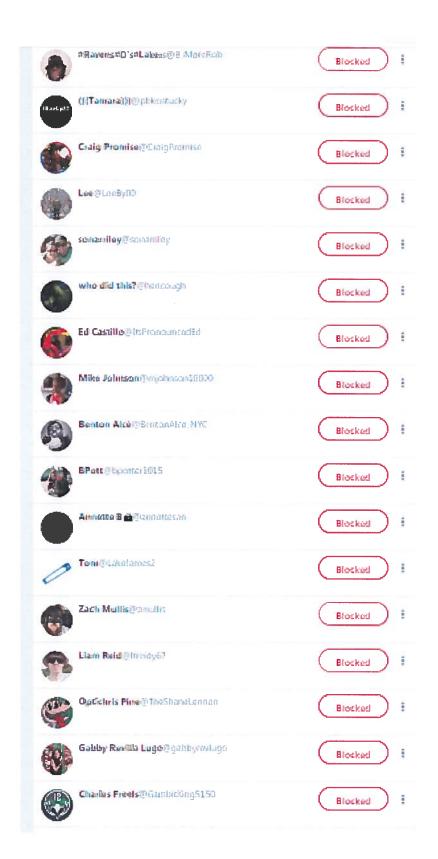


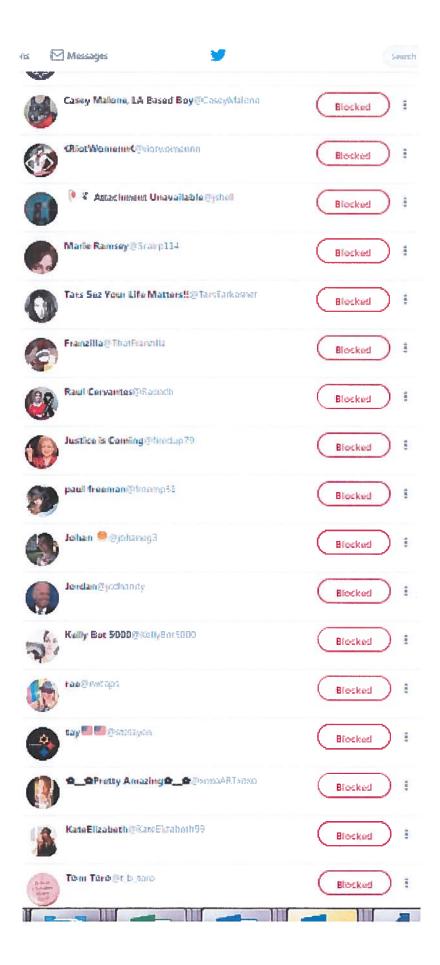


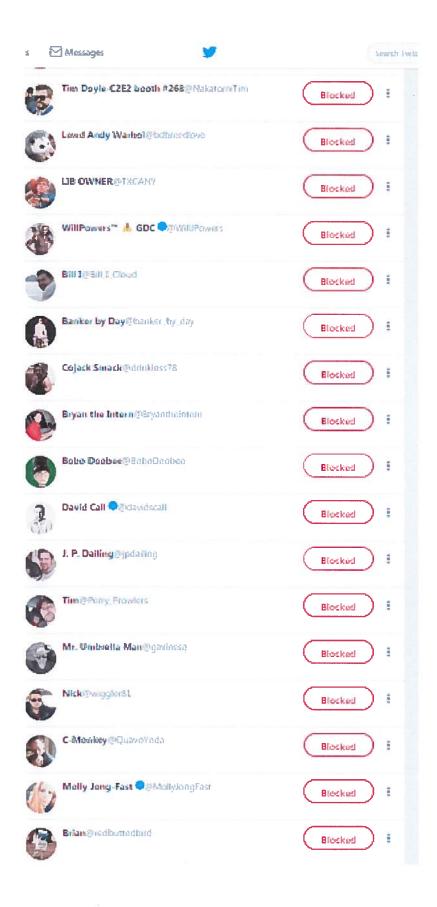


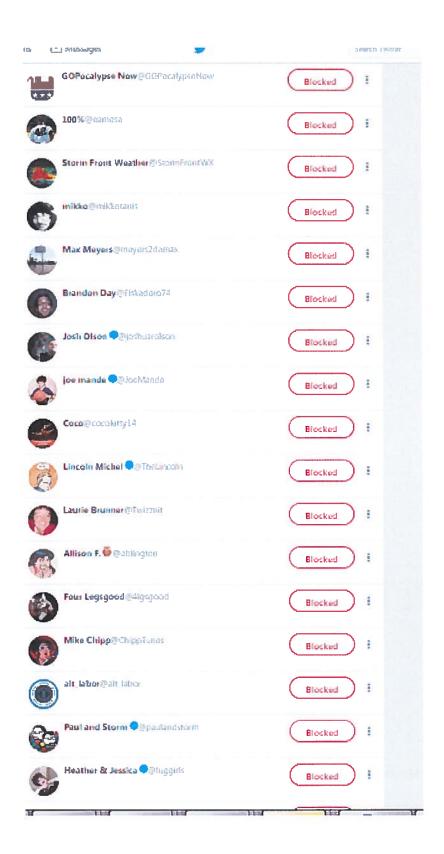


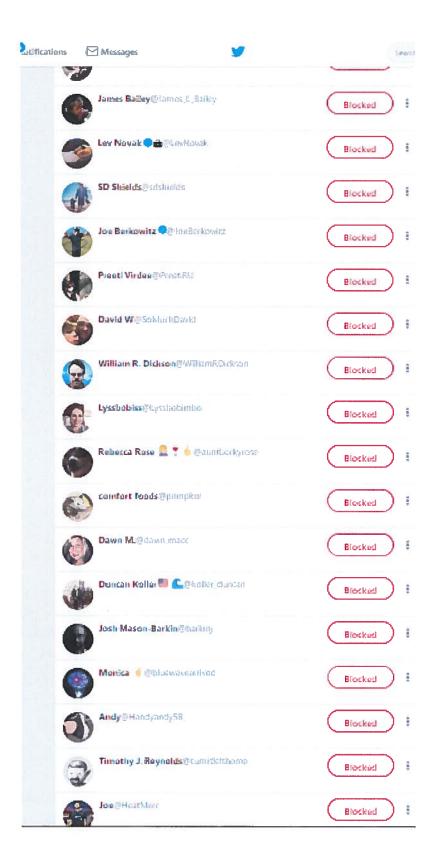


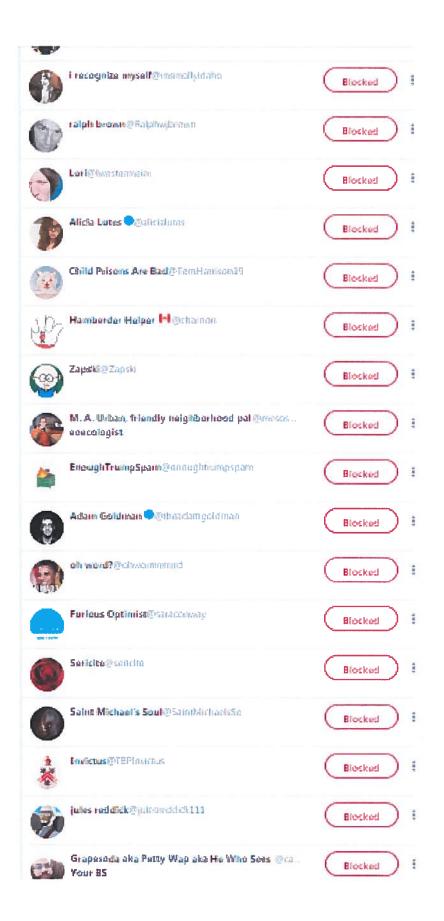


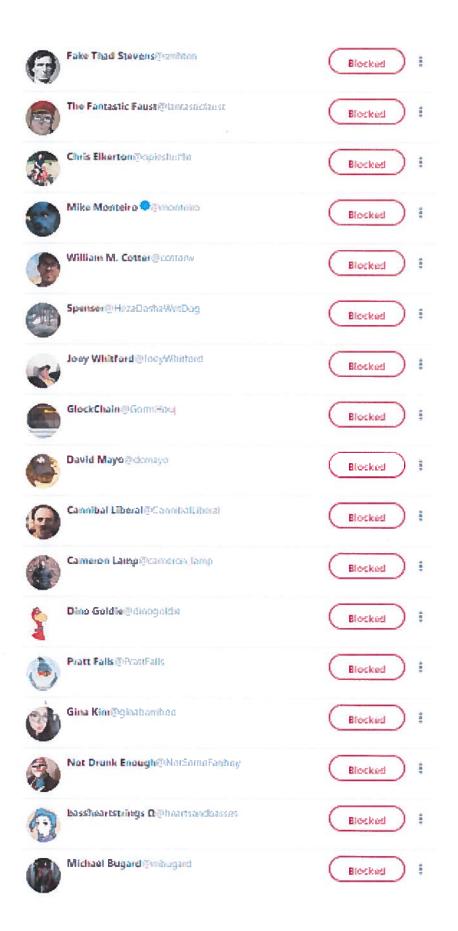


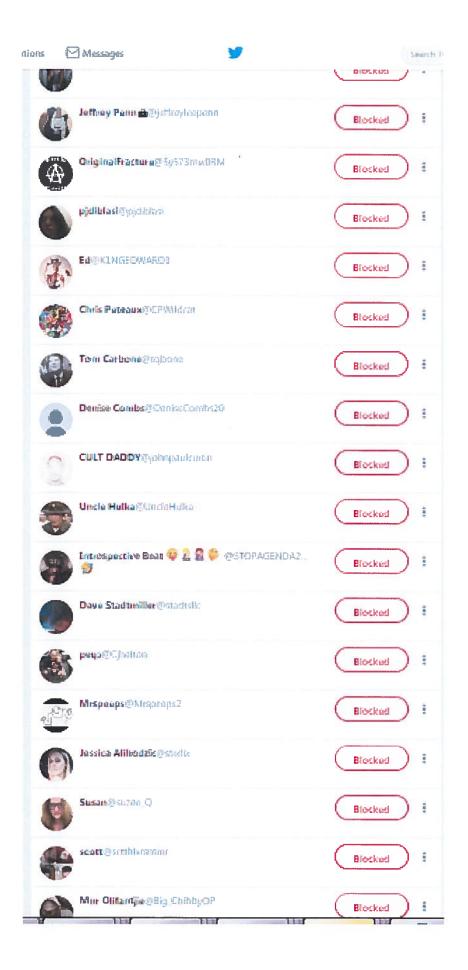


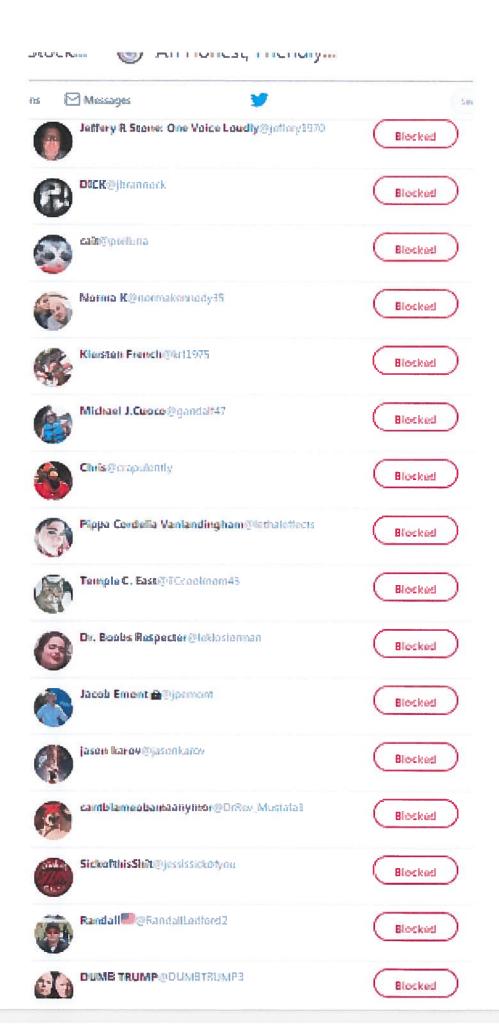


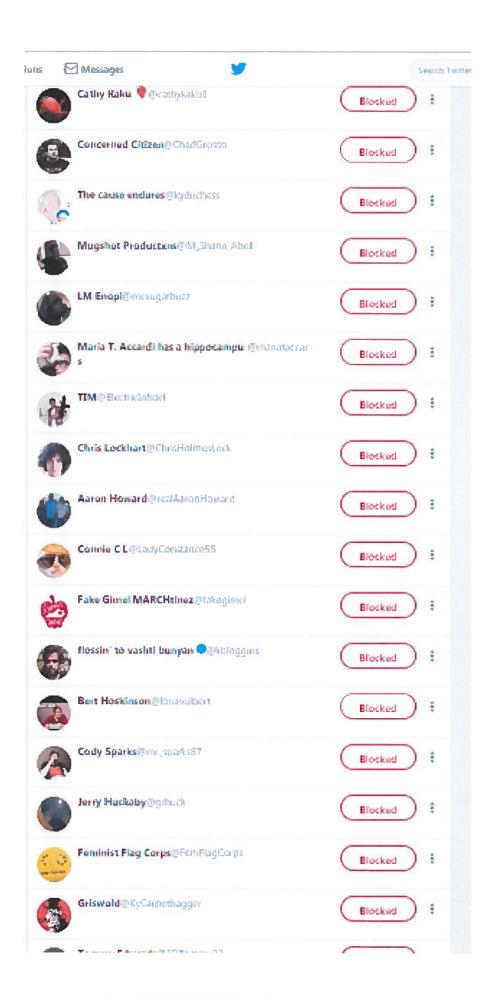


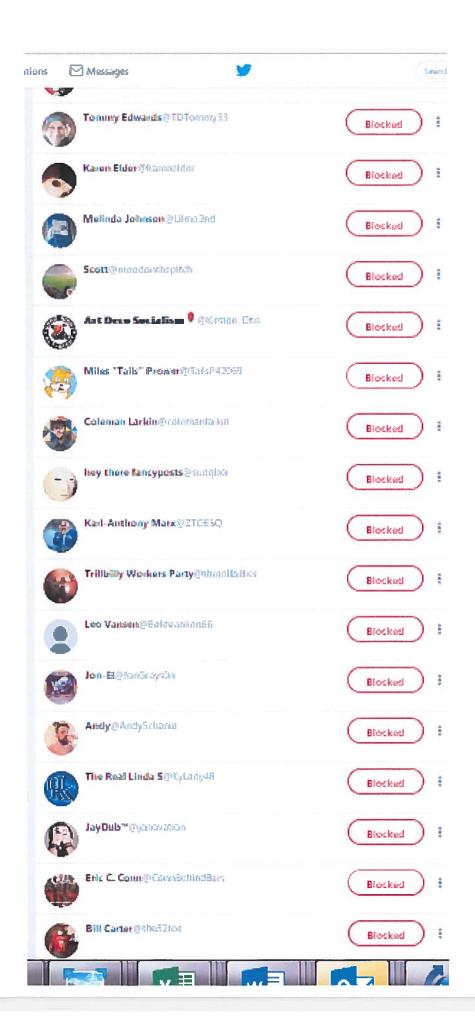


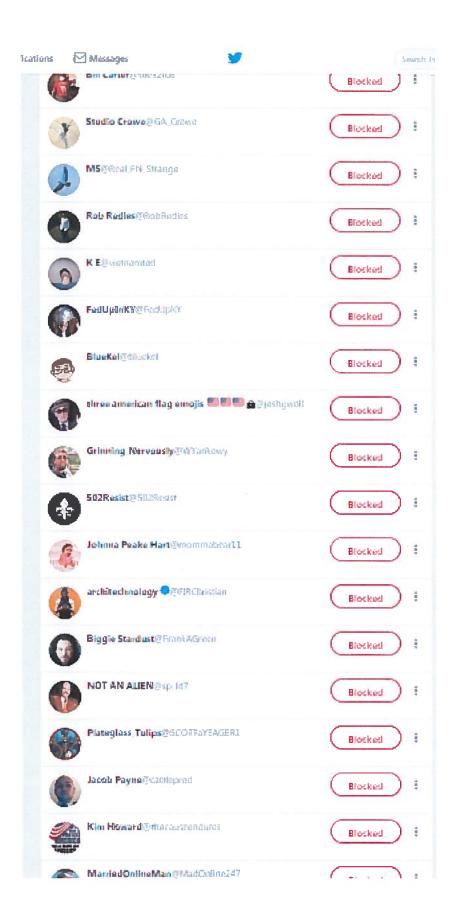


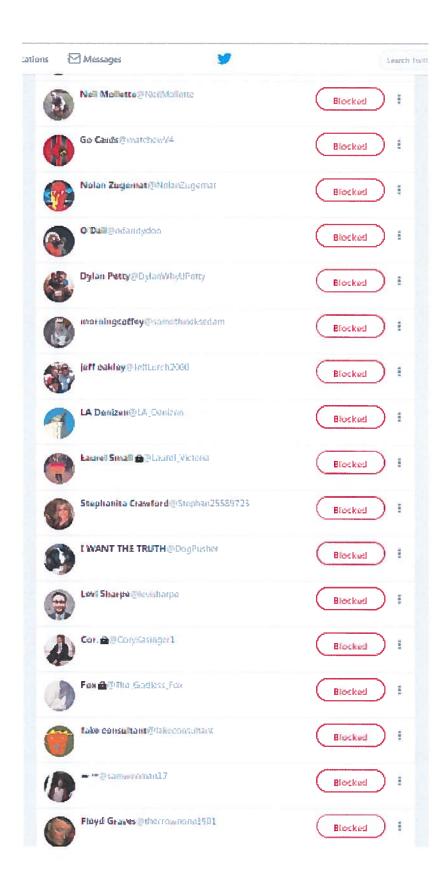


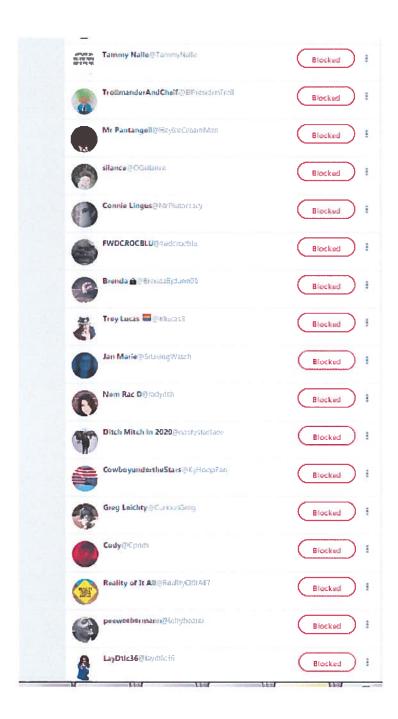


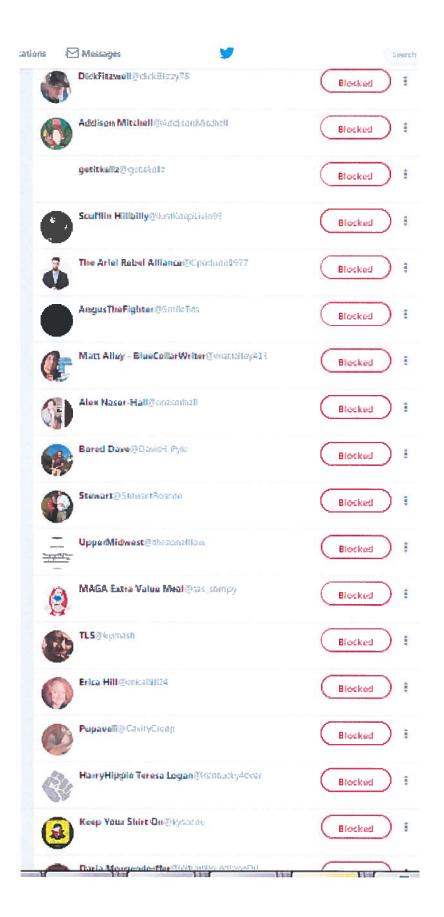


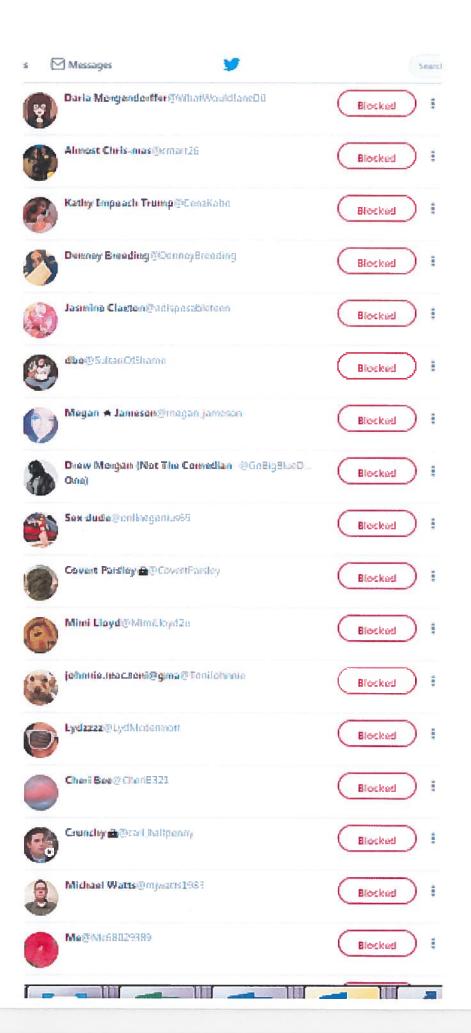


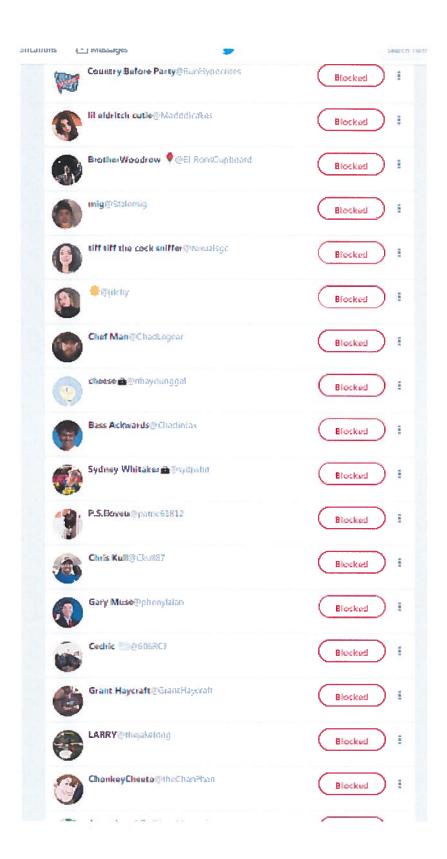


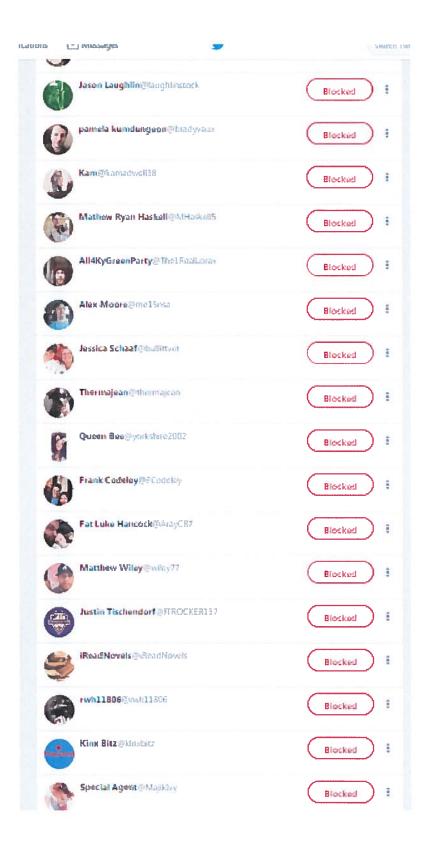


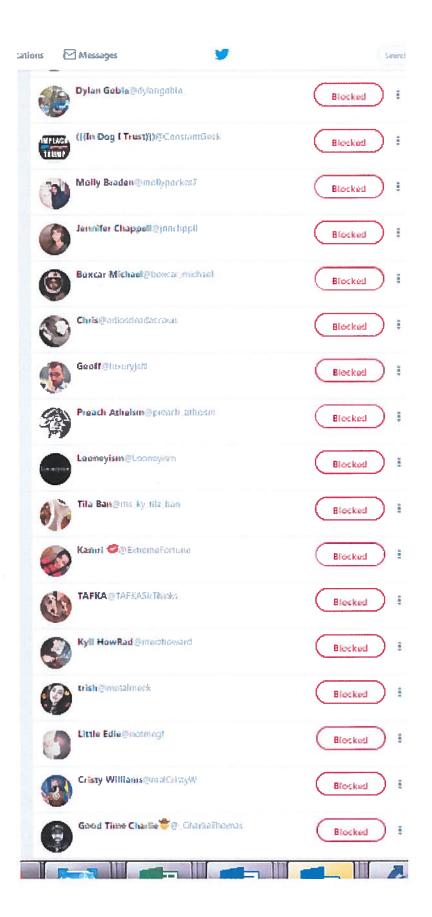


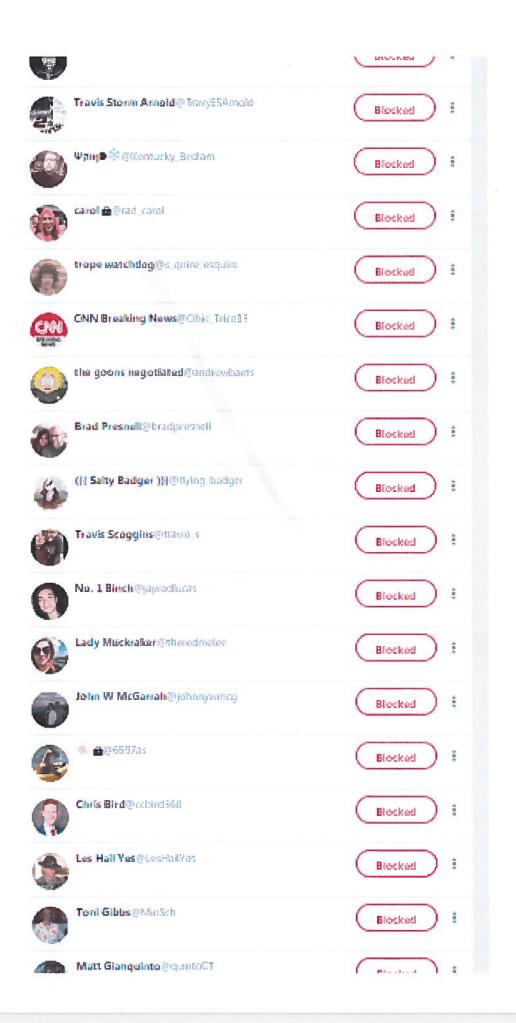


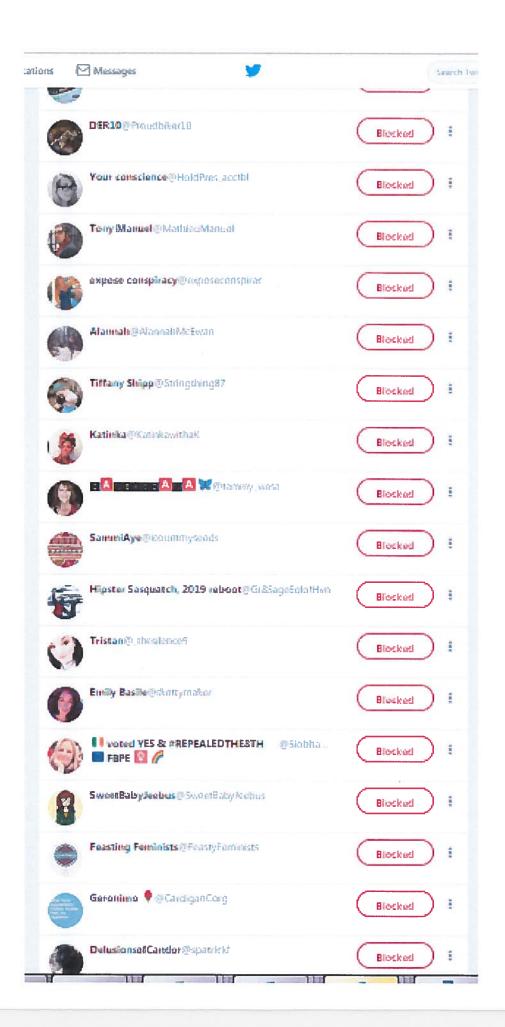


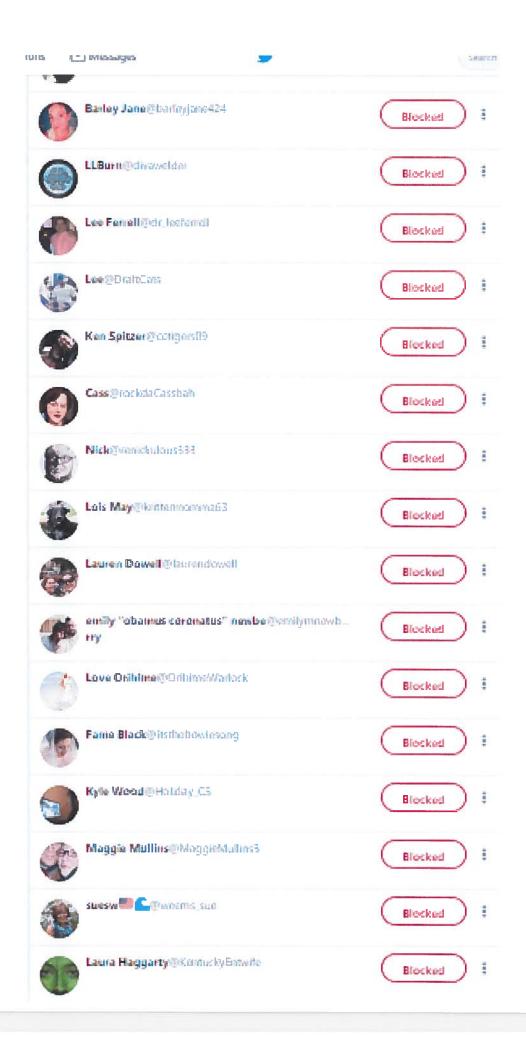


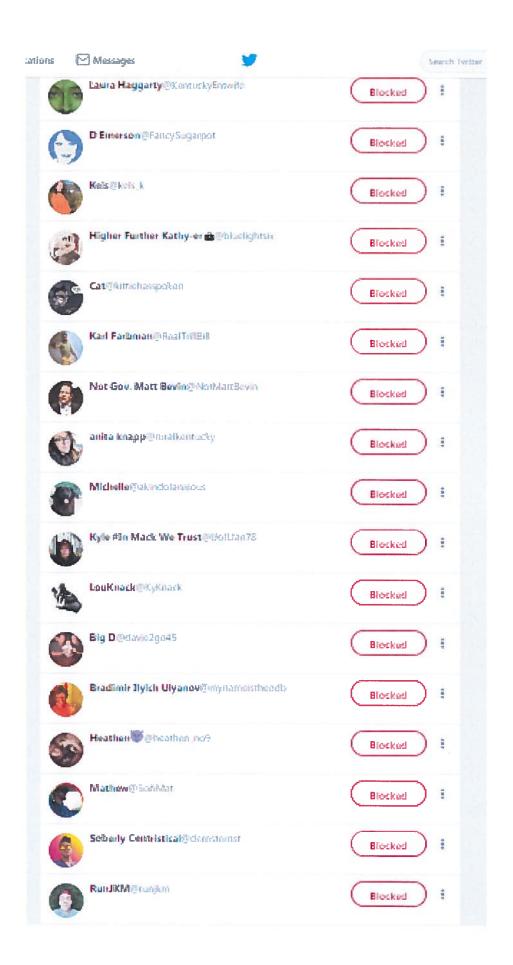


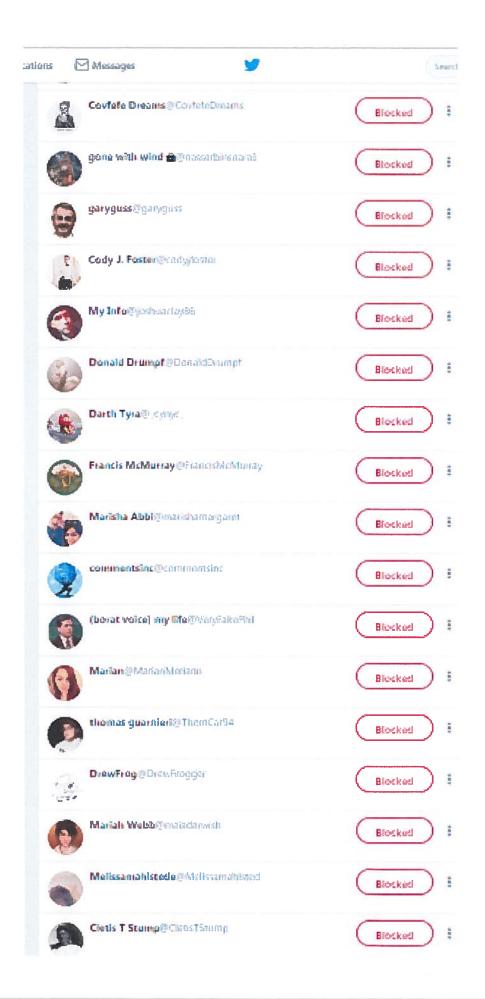


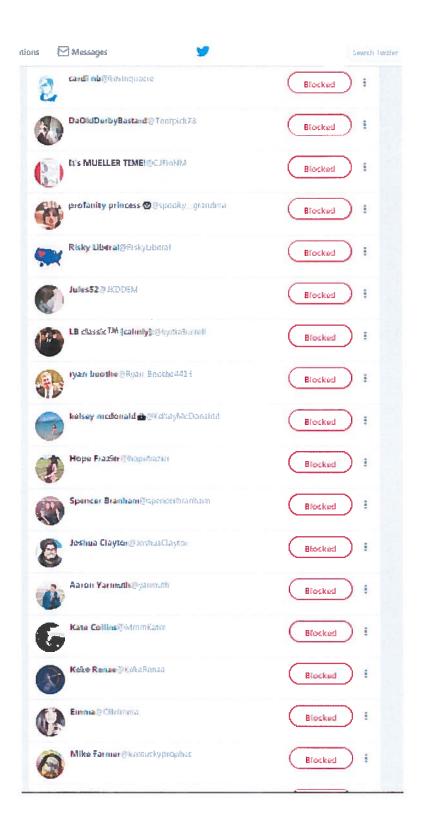


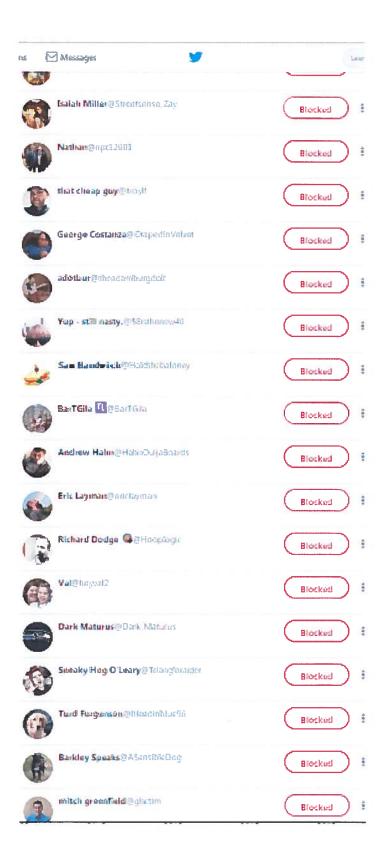


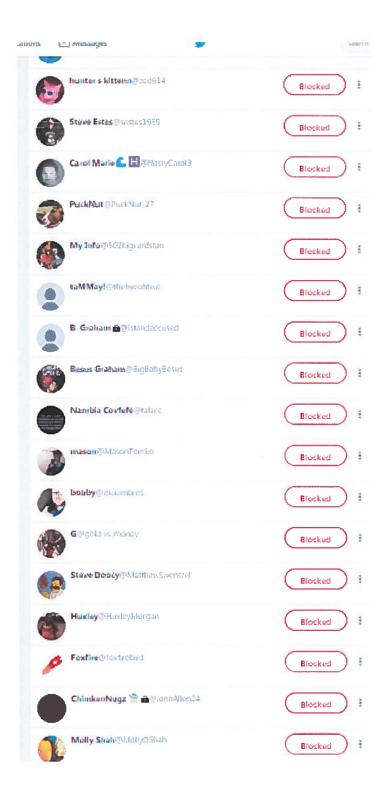


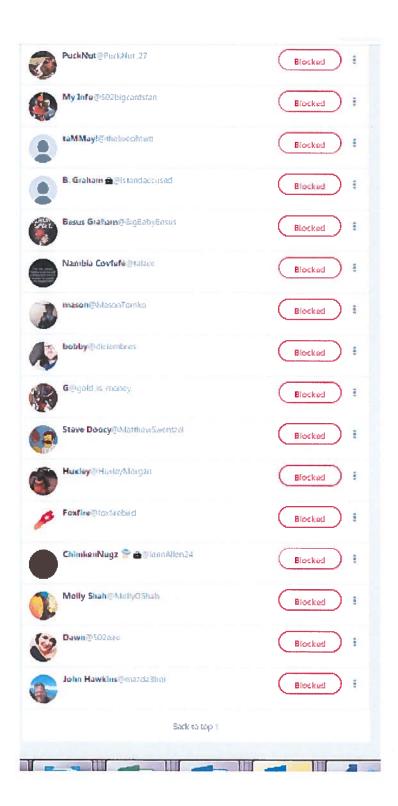














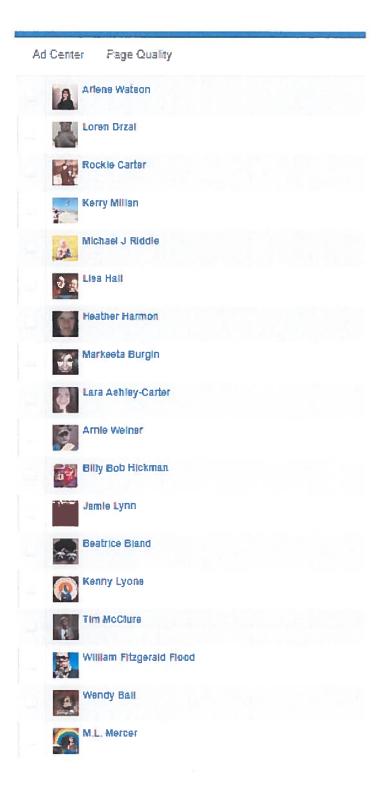






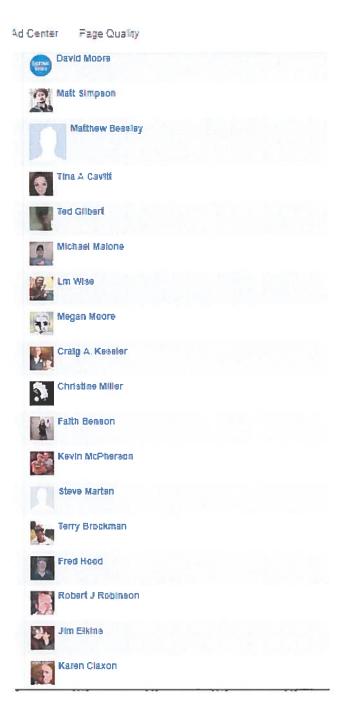








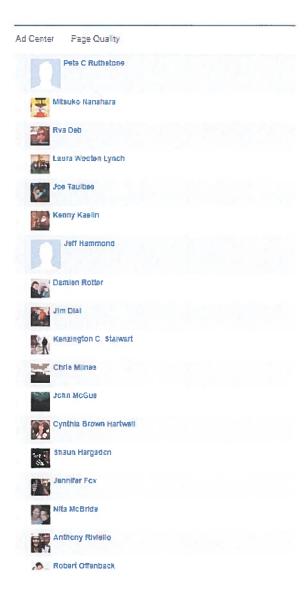


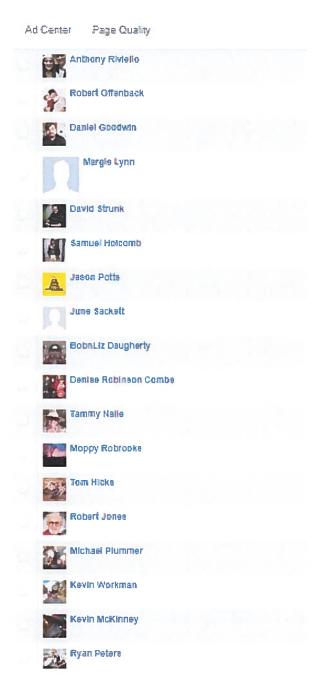




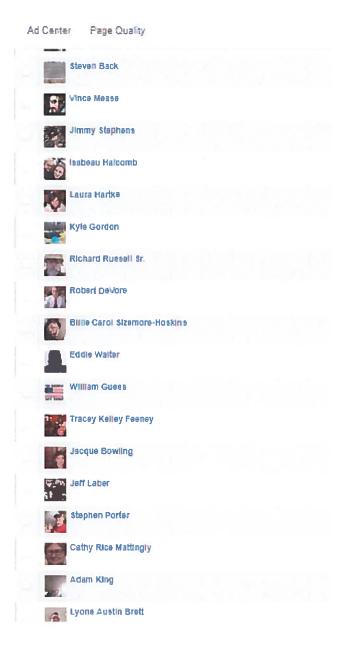










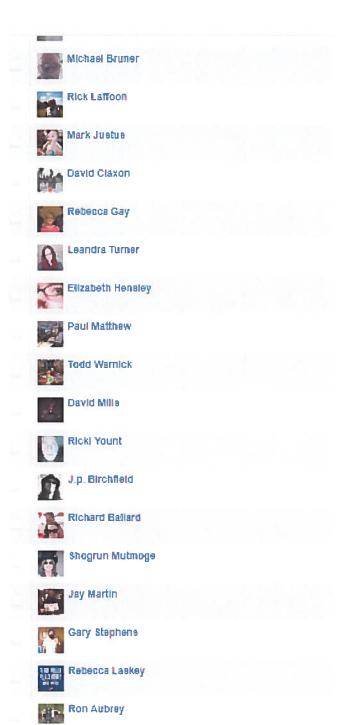








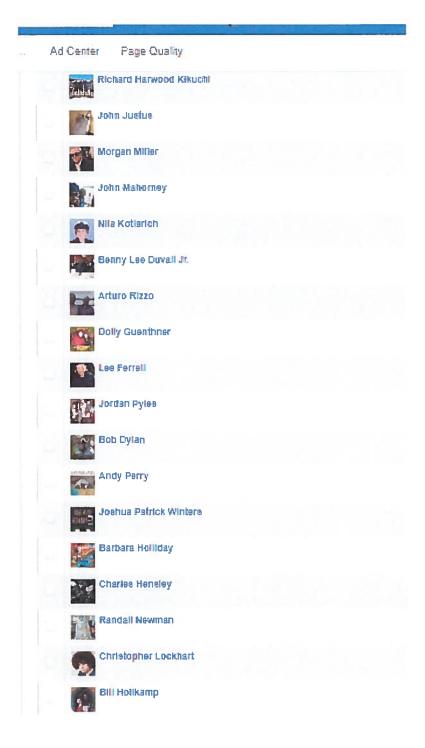


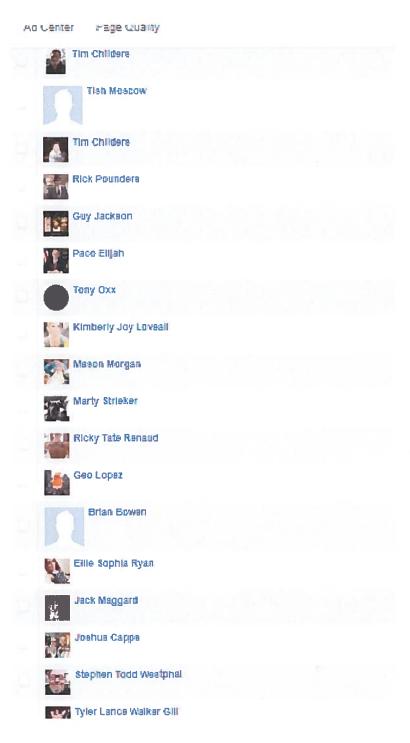


















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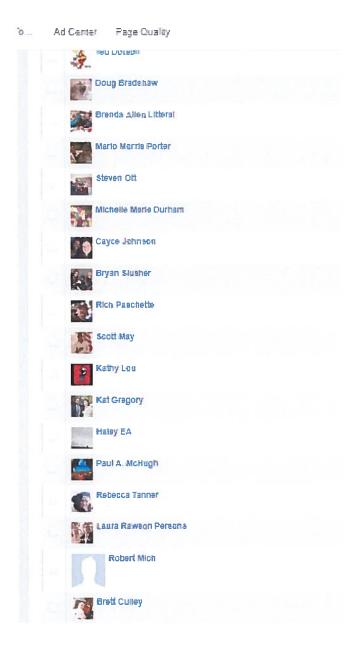
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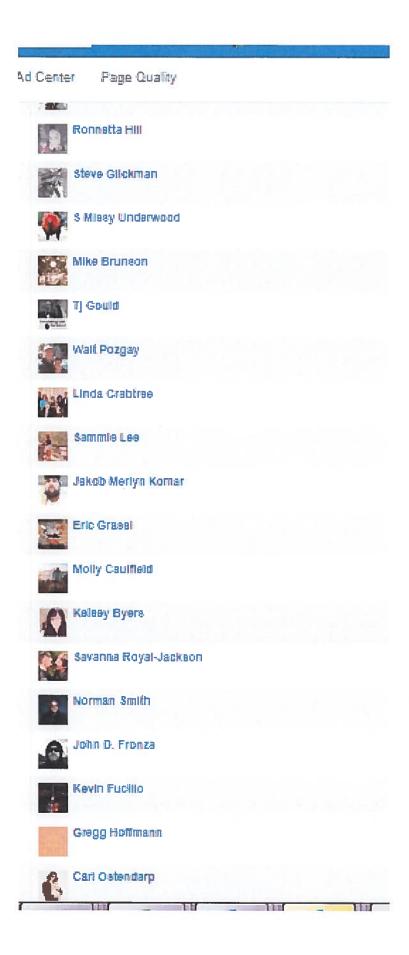


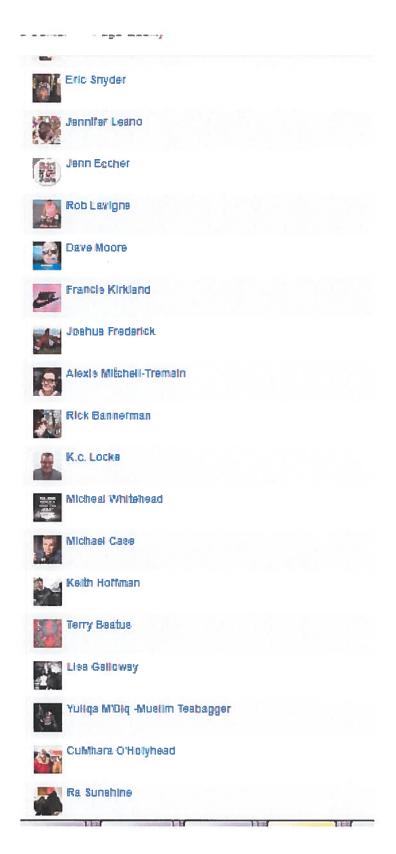
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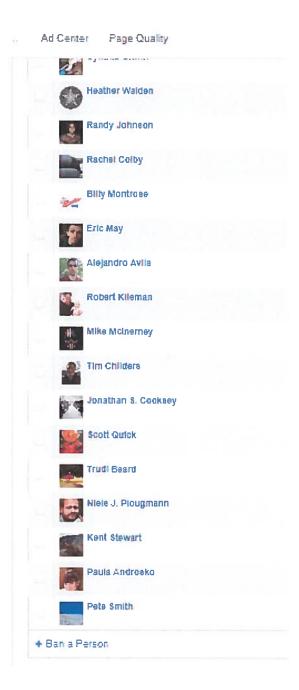






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                    CENTRAL DIVISION AT FRANKFORT
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       DREW MORGAN AND MARY HARGIS
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                 Plaintiffs
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                                           CASE NO. 3:17cv00060
       vs.
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       MATT G. BEVIN, in his
       official capacity as Governor )
   7
       of Kentucky,
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                 Defendant.
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                  The deposition of NICOLE BURTON, taken
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- 1 pattern of them doing that, then yes, or if it's an
- 2 extremely abusive comment, yes.
- $3 \mid Q$. And is it your understanding that others in the
- 4 office follow a similar practice on -- with respect
- 5 to blocking abusive comments on Twitter?
- 6 A. That would be my understanding.
- 7 Q. So I understand -- so we're going to go through
- 8 | the other categories. I want to make sure I have
- 9 them correct.
- 10 A. Okay.
- 11 Q. So we talked about abusive. There's obscene?
- 12 A. Obscene and vulgar.
- 13 Q. Obscene and vulgar. You would call it obscene
- 14 and vulgar as that category.
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. Okay. And then what are the other categories?
- 17 A. Besides those two?
- 18 Q. Yeah, we have abusive, obscene and vulgar, and
- 19 then --
- 20 A. Off topic and/or spam.
- 21 Q. Off topic and/or spam, okay. Just want to make
- 22 sure we're using the right language as you understand
- 23 it. Okay. Let's talk about obscene and vulgar.
- 24 A. Okay.
- 25 Q. My first question is what -- is there a

- 1 difference between obscene and vulgar?
- 2 A. Not specifically. We use those
- 3 interchangeably.
- 4 Q. So --
- 5 A. Obscenities would probably refer more to
- 6 maybe -- yeah, we use those interchangeably, yeah.
- 7 | Q. Okay. So give me your understanding of obscene
- 8 and vulgar, and if you want to use them
- 9 interchangeably you can just refer to it as obscene,
- 10 or you can refer to it as obscene and vulgar, but for
- 11 our purposes if I say just obscene I'm referring to
- 12 what you refer to as obscene and vulgar.
- 13 A. Okay. So an obscenity, a vulgarity would be
- 14 words that would -- basically any word that's going
- 15 to be caught by broadcast television censoring, that
- 16 | would be a vulgarity or an obscenity. I'm just going
- 17 to use both every time.
- 18 Q. That's okay.
- 19 A. So typical curse words, if it's going to be
- 20 | blocked on broadcast TV for, then it would fall under
- 21 that category. Any nudity.
- 22 Q. Quickly just so it's clear, when you refer to
- 23 | nudity, you're saying not text, but if somebody were
- 24 to use a photo?
- 25 A. A photo, correct. Yeah, I think that would be

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- fuzzy kind of a thing, I don't know if you've ever heard that term.
- An evergreen post, so by evergreen I mean
- 4 | something that's just -- it could go up at any time.
- 5 It's something that just kind of a Kentucky, we're
- 6 proud of Kentucky, kind of feel good post, if you
- 7 will.
- 8 Q. Okay. So what type of post would you consider
- 9 to be off topic?
- 10 A. I would just have to see replies. Like being
- 11 subjective -- can you clarify your question? Because
- 12 I don't -- without seeing the replies, like I can't
- 13 think of something right off the top of my head, like
- 14 that would be off topic.
- 15 Q. So -- sure. So let's look at some replies.
- 16 A. Okay.
- 17 Q. Let's look at Exhibit 9.
- 18 A. Okay.
- 19 Q. Is it fair to say that this is -- this Exhibit
- 20 9 is a series of screen shots of replies to the tweet
- 21 that we saw in Exhibit 8?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Okay. So -- so are there replies here I mean
- 24 look at the replies here. What would you consider to
- 25 be not on topic?

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- 1 | would be -- if you were to be training me on how to
- 2 | monitor the Governor's social media pages, can you
- 3 give me an example of something I would be looking
- 4 for that would be off topic?
- 5 A. So what I would tell you to look for is
- 6 something that was clearly off topic. Wouldn't be
- 7 | much debate to it whether or not it was on or off
- 8 topic, so it would be clear, and I would tell you to
- 9 look for repetitive off-topic comments.
- 10 Q. And how many off-topic comments should I be
- 11 looking for?
- 12 A. Look for a pattern. Whether it be under a
- 13 specific post or whether it be a pattern of maybe the
- 14 same -- the same comment or same kind of comment, the
- same kind of off-topic comment or the same kind of
- 16 off-topic -- yeah. Showing a pattern over an
- 17 | extended period of time or under a specific post or
- 18 in that day.
- 19 Q. Okay. So are we talking two, more than two?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 O. More than three?
- 22 A. I would say I would look -- it would depend.
- 23 If it was more than three on one post, yes. If it
- 24 was more than three over a course of a month, no.
- 25 Q. So more than three on one post as a sort of

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- 1 A. I don't know.
- 2 Q. Are you aware of anybody who is able to block
- 3 using their mobile device?
- 4 A. Can you repeat the question?
- 5 Q. Yeah, are you aware of anybody in the
- 6 communications department who can block while
- 7 using -- when using their mobile device?
- 8 A. Yeah.
- 9 Q. But you can't?
- 10 A. No. What I'm saying is sometimes through the
- 11 app it doesn't give me the option to block a specific
- 12 | comment. It would just let me hide it. That's not
- 13 consistent. It's an app thing, honestly.
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. Yeah. Technology.
- 16 MR. KUHN: Corey, we've been going about an
- 17 hour and a half.
- 18 MR. SHAPIRO: Yeah, let's take a break. It's a
- 19 good time.
- 20 (Recess from 4:25 p.m. to 4:39 p.m.)
- 21 Q. What is your understanding of the process for
- 22 having someone reinstated, having their account
- 23 reinstated?
- 24 A. What's my understanding of --
- 25 Q. Of the process.

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- 1 A. The process? I know we have a written policy.
- 2 They are asked -- the account holder, to have a
- 3 specific account unblocked or reinstated, would be
- 4 asked to abide by specific guidelines, and upon their
- 5 agreement would be reinstated.
- 6 | O. And how does someone find out about that
- 7 process?
- 8 A. I don't know that someone finds out about it.
- 9 I think they just ask. They would ask.
- 10 Q. Okay. So there's nothing on Facebook that says
- 11 | if you're blocked, contact us?
- 12 A. No.
- 13 Q. No?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. There's no FAQ, frequently asked questions?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. And same thing with Twitter?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. Who has the power, for lack of a better word,
- 20 to approve reinstating any user?
- 21 A. I would say that the communications director
- 22 | would have any final approval if that was needed.
- 23 Q. Have you ever approved someone?
- 24 A. To be reinstated?
- 25 O. Correct.

Meredith, Chad (Gov Office)

From:Maglinger, Woody (Gov Office)Sent:Tuesday, June 19, 2018 11:54 AMTo:Burton, Nicole (Gov Office)

Cc: Kuhn, Elizabeth G (Gov Office)

Subject: FW: Gov. Bevin's Official Twitter Account



From: Maglinger, Woody (Gov Office)
Sent: Saturday, January 13, 2018 11:30 AM
To: 'Bob Crawford' <bob.crawford@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Gov. Bevin's Official Twitter Account

Mr. Crawford,

Thank you for your response. I construe your response as an agreement that you will not violate the rules outlined in my previous e-mail.

As a result, we will unblock your account. However, please be aware that your account will be blocked once again if you violate these rules after being unblocked.

What is your Twitter handle? (example: @johnsmith_18)

Thanks again, Woody

From: Bob Crawford [mailto:bob.crawford@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, January 12, 2018 12:27 PM

To: Maglinger, Woody (Gov Office) < Woody.Maglinger@ky.gov >

Subject: Re: Gov. Bevin's Official Twitter Account

Mr Maglinger

Excuse me, but I have always followed the rules of basic courtesy. You seem to indicate I did one or more of these things to get blocked to begin with and I did not. I'm offended by the implication. My crime may be disagreeing with the Governor, but I am not behaving the way you have outlined here.

To continue to be public servants to the Commonwealth, I would strongly advise toughening your delicate skins and quit accusing residents of Kentucky of doing things they have not done. Blocking me from viewing an elected official's Twitter feed is not only petty, it's hostile.

Bob Crawford

Sent from my iPad

On Jan 10, 2018, at 7:27 PM, Maglinger, Woody (Gov Office) < <u>Woody.Maglinger@ky.gov</u>> wrote:

Mr. Crawford:

We have received your request to be unblocked from Gov. Matt Bevin's official Twitter account.

By engaging with Gov. Bevin through social media, you must agree not to post:

- Obscene, indecent, or profane comments, pictures, and/or videos;
- Abusive comments (such as threats of violence, defamatory statements, fraudulent statements intended to mislead others, or derogatory comments regarding race, color, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnicity, age, religion, or disability);
- Comments that are clearly not related to the topic of the post on which the comment is made;
- Comments made for the purpose of promoting or endorsing commercial services or products;
- Comments that violate any local, state, or federal laws and/or are otherwise unlawful.

Will you agree to follow these rules in interacting with Governor Bevin through social media? If so, we will be happy to unblock your account, with the understanding that future violations of these rules will result in having your account blocked once again.

Thank you,

Woody Maglinger

Press Secretary Office of Governor Matt Bevin Phone: 502-564-2611 Woody.Maqlinger@ky.gov

Keep up with Governor Bevin: <

From: Park, Jon (Gov Office)

Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2018 2:59 PM

To: Stamper, Amanda (Gov Office) < Amanda. Stamper@ky.gov >

Subject:

Bob Crawford (55978)

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Working together to become the best version of ourselves. United We Stand, Divided We Fall #WeAreKentucky

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Meredith, Chad (Gov Office)

From:

Stamper, Amanda (Gov Office) Monday, June 5, 2017 1:39 PM

Sent: To:

Maglinger, Woody (Gov Office)

Subject:

RE: (Draft) RESPONSE: Media Inquiry



"Gov. Bevin is a strong advocate of constructive dialogue, and he welcomes thoughtful input from all viewpoints on his social media platforms. Unfortunately, a small number of users misuse those outlets by posting obscene and abusive language or images, or repeated off-topic comments and spam. Constituents of all ages should be able to engage in civil discourse with Governor Bevin via his social media platform without being subjected to extreme vulgarity or abusive trolls."

From: Maglinger, Woody (Gov Office)
Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 12:44 PM

To: Stamper, Amanda (Gov Office) < Amanda. Stamper@ky.gov>

Subject: (Draft) RESPONSE: Media Inquiry

Any better? ... Additional suggestions?

Hey, Charlie -

Gov. Bevin is a strong advocate of constructive dialogue, and he welcomes input from all viewpoints on his social media platforms (Facebook and Twitter).

Unfortunately, we do occasionally have to block a small number of users who misuse those outlets. During a typical week, we block just a handful of users—less than 10. (The vast majority of these are on our Twitter account, as opposed to Facebook. Also, a portion of these users are not Kentucky constituents, but individuals from outside the Commonwealth.)

We block users for three main reasons: 1) vulgarity or obscenity (text or images), 2) verbal abusiveness and/or bullying toward other users, and 3) spamming/advertising. There is not a policy/process on unblocking per se, but we would consider any such request on a case-by-case basis.

Thank you, Woody

From: Charles Ornstein [mailto:Charles.Ornstein@propublica.org]

Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 9:48 AM

To: Maglinger, Woody (Gov Office) < Woody.Maglinger@ky.gov >

Subject: RE: Media Inquiry

Hi Woody, As you probably know, the Kentucky Democratic Party has been critical of the governor regarding social media blocking. In particular, they say the governor and/or his staff have blocked constituents from following him on Twitter. I was hoping you could tell me 1) How often this has happened, 2) Why it has happened, 3) How you all decide when to block someone, 4) if there is a process for getting yourself unblocked, 5) if there are Constitutional concerns?

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The ACLU has said similar blocking in other states is unconstitutional and that people are allowed to hold up objectionable signs at public meetings and this should be no different. Curious for your response to that.

Thanks, Charlie

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From: Maglinger, Woody (Gov Office) [mailto:Woody.Maglinger@ky.gov]

Sent: Monday, June 05, 2017 9:44 AM

To: Charles Ornstein **Subject:** RE: Media Inquiry

Good morning, Mr. Ornstein -

Very sorry I missed your call on Friday.

Is there any specific information we can provide to you?

Thank you,

Woody Maglinger

Press Secretary Office of Governor Matt Bevin Phone: 502-564-2611 Woody Maglinger@ky.gov

Keep up with Governor Bevin:









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Governor Matt Bevin @ GovMattBe**V47**3Sep 30
As the sun sets on another weekend, we are thankful for our beautiful Kentucky home. #WeAreKY



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Saddened to hear of tonight's death of KY Representative Dan Johnson...My heart breaks for his family tonight...These are heavy days in Frankfort and in America...May God indeed shed His grace on us all...We sure need it...



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Bill H @grovergeeb

Replying to @GovMattBevin

He killed himself because he was busted for molesting a teen member of his church/unlicensed drinking establishment.

12/15/17, 9:33 PM







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Rep. Dan Johnson posted racist images of the Obama family in 2016 and now the @KentuckyCIR just broke a story detailing how he sexually assaulted minors, in his church, after he got them drunk. Is this the standard for Kentucky Republicans @GovMattBevin @KYGOP @KYHouseGOP ???

Ryland Barton @ @RylandKY

Rep. Dan Johnson Accused Of Molestation. Both State Political Parties Call For Resignation wfpl.org/state-rep-dan-... via @WFPLNews

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Gawd damn Godless GOPs. Is this standard???

8:50 PM - 11 Dec 2017

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Miss interested @miss_intere... 11m
Replying to @GovMattBevin
What about Johnson's victim? How
much consideration do you have in
that direction? PS- Blocking
constituents and citizens is a dirty
Trump trick- are you no better than
that?





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Jeff Quin @jeff_quin 2h
Replying to @GovMattBevin
Your support of these abusers
show your true colors. It is always
support of party regardless of the
lack of values. The Moore debacle
being the latest atrocity for the
GOP. Don't profess your support for
his family without a show of support
for his victims.

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Cristian Istrate @eugen_istrate 10m
Replying to @GovMattBevin
Despicable is what he did! He
should have thought about the
damage he's causing...





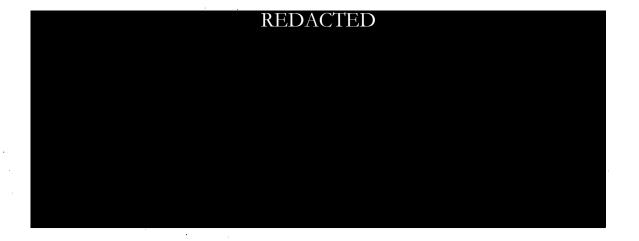
Joner @Fakemot 16m
Replying to @GovMattBevin
so this guy lied about his education,
his work history, his family, and the
assault, all while holding a bible.
Enjoy your trip to Hell Johnson



Robert Hanka @HankaRobert 22h
Replying to @CovMattBevin @WHAS11
You cannot demand
(COMMAND) respect it is earned he
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human#PurgeCop @WHAS11



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Allison Saxton Qalisaxion 2h
Replying to @GovMattBevin
Agreed And you need to make a
statement concerning his victim as
well She should be in our prayers
even intore so.



Kevin @Korastus · 1h

Replying to @GovMattBevin

He was a racist child molester who exploited multiple tragedies to push lies making himself out to be a hero, you pathetic heap of trash. He deserves no respect or consideration. His victims do.

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The Currency of Cool @currencyofcool · 1h

Replying to @GovMattBevin

He was a con-artist. Innocent people don't just run off and kill themselves if someone makes a false claim about them.

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Saddened to hear of tonight's death of KY Representative Dan Johnson...My heart breaks for his family tonight...These are heavy days in Frankfort and in America...May God indeed shed His grace on us all...We sure need it...

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Elaine Matthew @undhockeyfan

Replying to @tolovana66 @GovMattBevin and @JonSawyer91

However not a single reference to the woman molested by Johnson.....

12/14/17, 12:59 AM

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Brandy Hearn DeFalco @defalcob

Replying to @GovMattBevin

He was a sexual predator and once again left the victim to suffer his actions. He is a COWARD, A LIAR A ARSONIST AND A TRAVELING SIDE SHOW OF A CHURCH...his words of racist bigotry directed at the Obama's shoud see judgement coming his way. My heart is saddened for the young girl

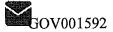
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Replying to @GovMattBevin

I am deeply saddened to hear of the sexual assault perpetrated on this young woman, who was denied justice. My heart breaks for her...may God shed her grace on this young woman...SHE sure needs – and needed – it.

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Kinetic Meow @KineticMeow

Replying to @GovMattBevin

Would ask sincerely to also extend that respect for the victims. Stop defending this child molester. If he didn't sexually abuse minors there would be no nasty comments towards Dan Johnson.

The Secretary and

#ThursdayThoughts

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Governor Matt Bevin @GovMat... · 6h ∨ Would ask sincerely that all the nasty, vulgar comments & other despicable responses to the news of KY Representative Dan Johnson's death, be kept in the minds and hearts of those who have them...Don't share..Please have respect for his family and friends at this time...Thank you

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Replying to @GovMattBevin

GOP: We Love Jesus.

Also GOP: F's over the poor, F's over the sick, makes excuses for other rapists & pedophiles who are also GOP.

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Replying to @GovMattBevin

He was a molester....good riddance

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brittany @soloharry2017

Replying to @GovMattBevin He's a child molester. No sympathy at all for him.

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Replying to @GovMattBevin

Don't forget the pedophile stuff. May God bless the state of Kentucky for having such a moron run it it...they sure do need it

12/14/17, 8:10 AM



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Todd Bolus @ToddBolusPLLC

Replying to @GovMattBevin

What about the girl he molested, the contractors he ripped off? Where are they in your litany of thoughts and prayers?

12/13/17, 8:46 PM from La Grange, KY

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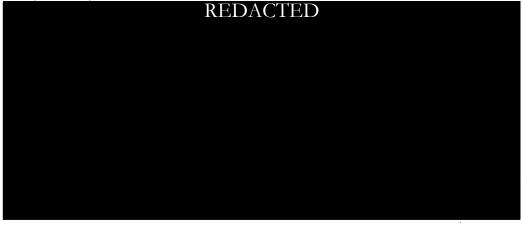


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Carla Chipana @carlachip

Replying to @GovMattBevin may god shed his light on the victim and forgive this child molestor. How about let's not elect / hire more molestors?

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Stephanie Wireman ® @Steph4Oceans

Replying to @GovMattBevin

He was a racist child molester. My stomach turns at the thought of you supporting and mourning this monster. Speaks volumes of your values and character. Party before anything else. Sickening

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Representative Dan Johnson's death, be kept in the minds and hearts of those who have them...Don't share..Please have respect for his family and friends at this time...Thank you

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Replying to @zh_fj @GovMattBevin and @YoungWood609

I agree with respect to family members. However, this disaster of a human deserves no quarter. Claimed to raise the dead. Didn't. Claimed to give last rights at 9/11. Didn't. Claimed not to have sexually abused a minor. Did. I think Ivanka said it. Special place in hell for him

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You mean suicide.

A fake Conservative Preacher who was a #Pedophile. He lived without honor and he died without honor.

May his victims find comfort in his death.

Governor Matt Bevin @ @GovMattBevin

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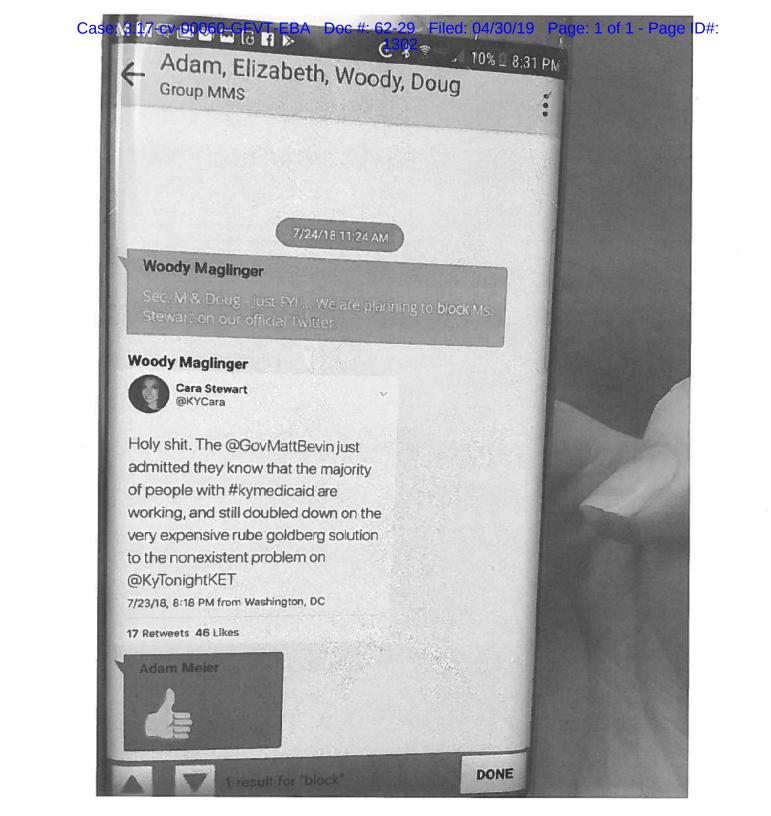


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Sean Hiler @sean_hiler · 4m

@GovMattBevin wtf is wrong with you this isnt the fist time I've seen you blocked someone for speaking about medical cannabis for not even giving a shit about what they have to say your a disgrace to be where you are this is PATHETIC of you!!!! #VoteYouOut twitter.com/270CJ/status/9...

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Wait is stacking the Board of Education one of @GovMattBevin responsibilities? Who gave this man the task considering he doesn't give a shit about public education? Teachers shouldn't be fighting this alone. The future of education is at stake people!

7:37 AM - 18 Apr 2018

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Cara Stewart

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Holy shit. The @GovMattBevin just admitted they know that the majority of people with #kymedicaid are working, and still doubled down on the very expensive rube goldberg solution to the nonexistent problem on @KyTonightKET

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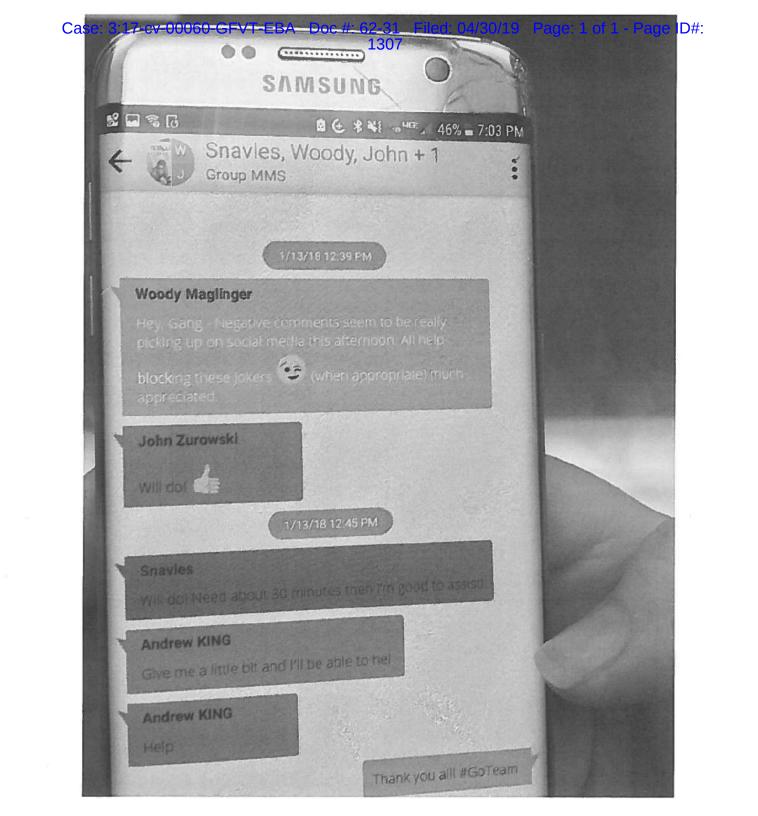


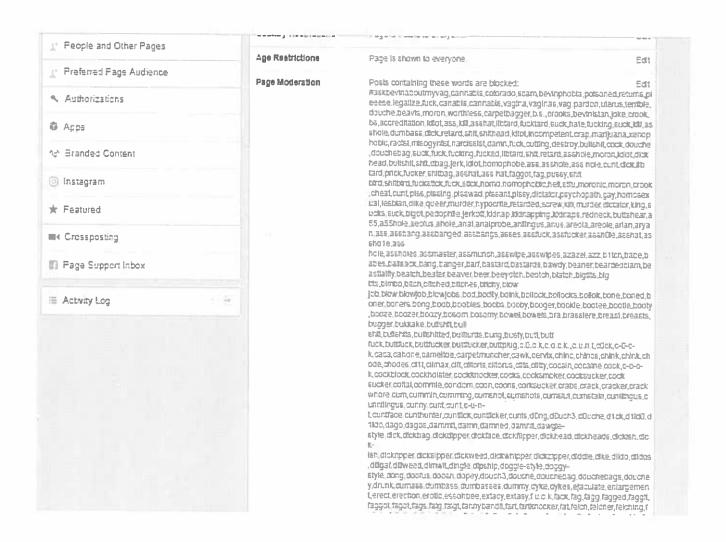


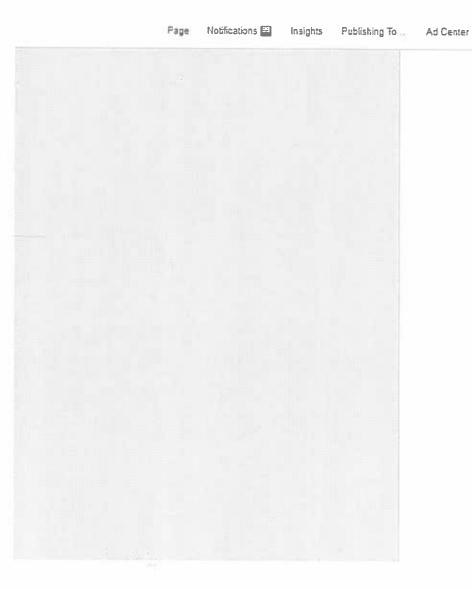












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4	DREW MORGAN and MARY HARGIS
5	Plaintiffs,)
6	-v-) CASE NO.
7) 3:17-cv-00060 MATT G. BEVIN, in his official) capacity as Governor of)
8	Kentucky)
9	Defendant.)
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13	The deposition upon oral examination of
14	CATHERINE EASLEY, a witness produced and sworn before
15	me, Tamara Duvall-McClain, CCR, RPR, Notary Public in
16	and for the County of Jefferson, State of Kentucky,
17	taken on behalf of the Plaintiffs at the offices of
18	Kaplan Johnson Abate & Bird, 710 West Main Street,
19	Fourth Floor, Louisville, Kentucky, on November 2,
20	2018, at 9:34 a.m., pursuant to the Federal Rules of
21	Civil Procedure.
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2	Q	is Castro's evil son and is the devil, whether
3		that would be off topic?
4	Α	No, because it's the Governor's page and he's
5		always a topic, so I would have left those.
6	Q	Okay.
7	Α	If they called him again, if it was a
8		four-letter word or said the Governor is BS.
9	Q	I'm handing you what's previously been marked
10		Exhibit 8 and Exhibit 9. We'll look at Exhibit 8.
11		And this is another screen shot from Governor
12		Bevin's account; is that correct?
13	Α	Yes.
14	Q	And this post shows a picture of a sunset and says
15		"We are thankful for our beautiful Kentucky home;"
16		correct?
17	Α	Correct.
18	Q	What would be the topic of this post?
19	Α	State pride, being thankful for a beautiful
20		Kentucky home.
21	Q	Okay. Just looking at 8, we can't see any
22		comments; correct?
23	Α	Correct.
24	Q	Okay. Can you just tell me there are some
25		notations underneath the picture with some numbers
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Α	Repeated off topic. I mean, again, we're it's
	off topic, so I would hide it here, but it's, you
	know.
Q	If Governor Bevin is always on topic, then
	wouldn't an election of Governor Bevin be on
	topic?
Α	Not on his official page.
Q	And then the last one we have, 25, we have a post
	saying "Two years ago today we began a fresh start
	together as one Kentucky. Thank you for the
	opportunity to serve as your Governor." Are any
	of the comments below that off topic?
Α	Yes.
Q	Which one?
Α	Barbara Weatherly.
Q	And what's off topic about that?
Α	It doesn't have to do with the fresh start or
	well, actually, no, it's on topic. I mean, part
	of his job is to appoint, and he serves as
	Governor, so, no, it's not off topic.
Q	Can you tell me about what the purpose of Governor
	Bevin's social media presence is?
Α	To inform his constituents of his positions on
	policies, to get his message out, to provide
	information.
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY

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DREW MORGAN and MARY HARGIS,

Plaintiffs,

v.

No. 3:17-cv-00060-GFVT-EBA

MATT G. BEVIN, in his official capacity as Governor of Kentucky,

Defendant.

ORDER

This matter having come before the Court upon the Motion of the Plaintiffs, Drew Morgan and Mary Hargis, for Summary Judgment to be entered in favor of the Plaintiffs, and the Court having reviewed the record, applicable law, and being sufficiently advised, the Court finds that there is no genuine dispute as to any material fact and Plaintiffs are entitled to judgment as a matter of law.

Therefore, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that the Motion for Summary Judgment filed by Plaintiffs is **GRANTED** as to all claims set forth in the Complaint.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

- 1. Defendant Matt G. Bevin, in his official capacity as Governor of Kentucky is permanently enjoined from enforcing the policy of permanently blocking individuals from participating in his official social media fora: Gov. Matt Bevin (Facebook) and @GovMattBevin (Twitter);
- Defendant shall within ten (10) days from the date of this Order, restore access to all
 individuals and organizations who have been permanently blocked from participating on those
 online fora;

3. The Court hereby finds that the Plaintiffs are the prevailing party in this action and are entitled to recover their reasonable costs, disbursements and attorneys' fees from Defendant pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1988, in such amount as will be determined upon the resolution of subsequent motions made to the Court.

The Clerk of the Court is hereby directed to enter judgment in favor of Plaintiffs. This order is final and appealable.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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