

# Now we have proof of Israel's massive campaign to censor pro-Palestinian posts on Facebook and Instagram

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We may be under the impression that we see a good number of messages posted on social media in favor of the Palestinian resistance but in reality, according to a group of whistleblowers working at Meta (the Big Tech company running Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp), the messages we actually see are **only a small fraction** of all the pro-Palestinian messages that have been posted. Most of them we will never be able to see because they have vanished into thin air, censored. What's more, according to the whistleblowers, it is the Zionist state of Israel, with the full complicity of Meta's leadership, that is promoting this massive censorship of messages denouncing the ongoing genocide in Gaza.

These revelations appear in two bombshell documents that expose how more than 90,000 pro-Palestinian posts have been improperly removed from Facebook and Instagram at the specific request of the Israeli government. The whistleblowers even offer a sample of the emails Israel exchanged with Meta to get all those posts suppressed because, according to Tel Aviv, they are "pro-terrorist" or "anti-Semitic". (In reality, the whistleblowers say, most messages are no more than normal expressions of solidarity for the Palestinian cause.) In addition, due to the cascading effect inherent in the algorithms used by Meta to automatically sift through the messages posted on its platforms, another thirty-eight million pro-Palestinian posts have likely been suppressed or downgraded as of October 7, 2023. This constitutes **the biggest mass censorship operation in modern history**, say these activists who are now operating from their site "ICW" (*International Corruption Watch*) as computer-savvy investigative journalists in the tradition of Julian Assange.

But their revelations expose more than Meta's acts of censorship. They also show how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be easily manipulated to give biased answers: precisely those desired by the bad actor who has managed to "poison the well" of data used for training – Israel, in the present case. All this should give us ordinary Internet users pause for thought. Because if AI can be manipulated, then we too can be manipulated every time we read a so-called "objective" AI-generated answer in a Google search, every time we pose a question to an AI app that professes to be "unbiased" such as Chat-GPT, and every time we choose to watch a video suggested to us by YouTube AI because of its supposed "popularity". (In an earlier study, ICW showed how, on the contrary, You Tube's algorithms – in an extremely subtle way – push us to view politically right-leaning videos.) In other words, the apparent neutrality of the AI algorithms used not only by Meta but by all Big Tech companies, is purely illusory and we should be aware of it.

On the other hand, Meta claims that the mechanisms it uses to censor certain messages posted on its social media are straightforward and unbiased. At the top right of every post that appears on Facebook or Instagram, says Meta, there is a button to allow anyone to report the post in question and get it removed – because, for example, it spurs violence or uses slander or constitutes bullying. Thus any and all users can make *take down requests* regarding any post that they deem offensive; Meta's IA algorithms will then promptly decide whether or not that post is indeed in violation of Meta's Community norms. In conclusion, Meta claims that, if so many pro-Palestinian posts disappear from its platforms, it is only because a large number of users have reported them as offensive and Meta's "objective" algorithm has accepted to take them down.

But anyone who has used the "Report" button knows very well that only in some cases is a removal request made by an ordinary user ever accepted. The procedure outlined by Meta can by no means explain the disappearance of thirty-eight million pro-Palestinian posts.

In fact, what Meta does not say out loud is that there is also a second channel for getting undesirable posts removed, and that is precisely the channel used by Israel. Meta discloses a confidential email address exclusively to governments or large international bodies, which allows them to submit removal requests that will be handled – with top priority – not by an algorithm, but by a human being (a "reviewer"). Many governments, in fact, use this procedure to get irate messages posted by their disgruntled citizens censored. Meta accommodates their requests, at least in part, either out of condescension or to prevent its platforms from being blacked out in those countries.

Israel, however, is a case apart. It forwards to Meta requests to censor critical comments posted by its citizens in only 1.3% of cases. (By comparison, 95% of removal requests made by the Brazilian government concern messages posted by Brazilian citizens.) This means that in 98.7% of all cases, the Israeli government asks Meta to censor pro-Palestine messages posted on social media by citizens living **outside Israel**. And it does so through its specially created *Cyber Unit*. Thus, Israel has become the country with the highest number of removal requests per capita – three times more than any other country.

Not only that, but unlike other countries, Israel benefits from a 94% acceptance rate of its take down requests, a figure that the ICW deems a statistical anomaly and a dangerous one at that. In fact, since the human reviewers' acceptances are subsequently used to train Meta's AI algorithms, those algorithms undergo anti-Palestinian "poisoning" and then begin to automatically censor any future posts with content similar to the ones removed by the human reviewers at the request of the Israeli *Cyber Unit*. In this way, Israel succeeds in censoring the entire world.

The ICW whistleblowers' documents also contain an unexpected revelation. The country with the highest number of take down requests made by the *Cyber Unit* is not the United States or a European country but... Egypt, which accounts for 21% of the total requests made to Meta. Why the special focus on Egypt? The ICW documents do not say but it is easy to guess: Facebook is the primary communication tool among Egyptians and it was an avalanche of Facebook posts that triggered, in January and February 2011, gigantic anti-government demonstrations in Cairo's Tahrir Square (some with two million participants) and the subsequent fall of the then dictator Hosni Mubarak. Today, a similar massive tam-tam of Facebook posts decrying the blockade of humanitarian aid for Gaza at the Rafah crossing could possibly trigger a massive assault on that crossing. Indeed, it is only a five-hour drive from Cairo. Clearly, then, Israel has every interest in preventing such a protest: if two million protesters showed up as in 2011, their assault on the Rafah crossing would be impossible to stop. Hence the absolute priority given to removing Egyptian posts condemning the blockade or calling for action to support Palestine..

The documents leaked by Meta whistleblowers were written up by a computer scientist specializing in AI going by the name "nru"; he created two reports that he then posted on the [ICW NRU website](#), *Meta Leaks Part 1* on August 11, 2025 and *Meta Leaks Part 2* on August 15. The two documents also exist in pdf format, the [first part can be found here](#) and the [second part here](#). A draft of the first part appeared on April 11, 2025 on DropSite News but did not stir up a reaction. This does not mean, however, that Meta's censorship of pro-Palestinian posts has gone unnoticed or that it does not arouse anger.

Indeed, a year and a half ago (Dec. 21, 2023), Human Rights Watch (HRW) formally accused Meta of systematically censoring a good portion of pro-Palestinian comments posted on Instagram and Facebook. As evidence, HRW collected and analyzed the complaints of a thousand users of these platforms whose posts were taken down by Meta. Unfortunately, theirs is necessarily indirect evidence since neither they nor HRW have access to the algorithms actually used; thus, Meta was able to attribute the apparent censorship to unspecified *bugs* in its software that it then promised to correct over time. And so nothing came of the HRW accusations.

Now, however, thanks to the revelations of a small group of whistleblowers within Meta, we have concrete evidence that Meta is continuing to censor pro-Palestinian posts, knowingly and with impunity.

One last consideration: thanks to their explanation of the "data poisoning" technique practiced by Israel, we now see more clearly the limits of Artificial Intelligence. AI is patently a "stochastic parrot," that is, a creature that "talks" using probability calculations instead of true awareness of what is being said. This parrot can thus be made to prioritize presenting to users those bits of information that its masters have trained it on most intensively. In other words, whoever controls the training of an AI will control the possibilities of inference by which that AI is able to create its answers. Today those who control the training of AI in the Western World are a pitifully small number of Silicon Valley billionaires with links to the Zionist lobby but also to all the biggest lobbies, from arms to pharma.

In conclusion, AI is a tool to be used, yes, but with caution; Meta products (Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp), on the other hand, should be jettisoned. As for the Meta Leaks documents, they reveal only one of the various Zionist intrigues aiming at stifling the cries rising up from Gaza. These intrigues need to be countered with resolute action.