PRB RESOLUTION

Opposing Deplatforming Based on Religious Viewpoint Discrimination

WHEREAS	NRB's founding in 1944 was catalyzed by corporate censorship against evangelical Christian communicators. Since its founding, NRB has devoted itself to protecting First Amendment guarantees of religious liberty, free speech, and freedom of the press;
WHEREAS	Monitoring and opposing threats to religious free speech is a key element of NRB's mandate. NRB opposes practices and corporate policies that effectively deprive individuals of platforms to speak, gather, and do business because of their religious beliefs or the incompatibility of their beliefs with prevailing cultural trends;
WHEREAS	In response to cultural and political events, corporations have designated a broad range of speech and online activity as "hateful" and "harmful" and have penalized users on that highly subjective basis;
WHEREAS	Numerous Christian organizations and individuals, including some NRB members, have been deprived of opportunities to distribute media, fundraise, process payments, host events, or otherwise do business on disingenuous and far- fetched grounds, including alleged "links" to controversial cultural events or so- called "harmful" ideas.
WHEREAS	In some cases, Christian communicators have lost such platforms and services simply for teaching Scriptural truth or conducting operations in accordance with Biblical principles;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED	that NRB reaffirms its commitment to oppose corporate deplatforming of Christian communicators, stand impartially for freedom and access for Christian communicators in an increasingly anti-Christian culture, and provide analysis of threats to religious free speech wherever they emerge.

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