Google Removed Natural News – Is This Alternative News Censorship?

Google has wiped NaturalNews.com and its published articles off its proverbial map. If you google Natural News the website does not come up in a search and neither do an estimated 140,000 articles published by the organization (as of 2/27/2017).

NaturalNews.com is not a small, inconsequential site. It is a website visited by an average of 7 million individuals a month. Yes, 7 million unique readers visit the website each month and 2 million have "liked" Natural News on Facebook.

Mike Adams, the Health Ranger, is a well-known proponent and purveyor of "alternative" news. His site, NaturalNews.com, promotes alternative health care, nutrition, natural healing, and supplementation. He has taken a clear stand against vaccines, GMOs, fluoride in drinking water, environmental toxins, and the chemicals we put in our food.

Adams also freely shares his views on politics and daily life. He is a staunch conservative who denies manmade climate change and supports President Trump, the right to bear arms, and a prepper lifestyle. Recently, he has also been warning his readers about fake news and impending censorship of sites such as his.

On February 16th, he reported the following:

> *FULL DISCLOSURE: I am being threatened with the complete destruction'of my reputation, my brand and my character by left-wing media operatives who have issued a new threat this week: 'Destroy Alex Jones or we will destroy YOU.'*

> *Alex Jones, of course, is the founder of InfoWars.com, one of the most popular multi-media publishers of pro-America news, videos and radio broadcasts in the world.*
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> *The warning implies that a barrage of left-wing media stories will target me personally – obviously spreading "fake news" lies – unless I agree to go public with "opposition research" targeting Jones that was previously delivered to me on a physical thumb drive."*

Adams also believes his support of President Trump has made him a target.

> *Malicious effort now under way to take out prominent Trump supporters and silence their support of our President."*

Google Wipes Out Natural News Content

On February 22, Natural News was "blacklisted" with no prior warning. All of its content is gone from the search engine. Adams states:

> *Some of the news now being censored by Google includes our laboratory testing of the U.S. water supply, where we conducted laboratory testing to discover that 6.7% of municipal water is contaminated with toxic metals. Google has also blacklisted our announcement of free laboratory testing services for Native American water supplies impacted by oil pipeline leaks. Also blacklisted is our exclusive coverage of the GlaxoSmithKline criminal indictment by the U.S. Justice Dept. and our interview with the whistleblower who helped achieved a record $3 billion settlement with the criminal drug company."*

No Response From Google

We emailed Google through the proper channels (the contact email reserved for media) on February 23rd. They did not respond to our inquiry.

The question is, why did Google do this? Was it because Adams supports Trump? Denies climate change? Exposes vaccines? Highlights fake mainstream news?

Two days after the event, Google sent an email to Mike Adams. Mike Adams told us,

> *Google is now citing a bullshit technical reason that was only concerning a dozen blog pages posted in 2013 – 2014."*

In an article, he wrote the following explanation about the email he received:

> *…a Google techie found an obscure third party advertising script running on a tiny number of articles published 3+ years ago under the* ***blogs.naturalnews.com*** *subdomain, where content is posted by outside bloggers. (Many websites host similar blogs, including the NY Times.) Google has so far provided us with ONE URL that they claim is a violation. (Yet they banned 140,000+.)"*

This action by Google not only shuts down traffic driven to the Natural News website through web searches for specific words or information, it also will result in a loss of income. Mike Adams told us,

> *They shut this down without any warning, it silenced about 1.8 million clicks a month, at least."*

Search Engine Land Reported:

> *Google has confirmed the site was not removed for its political views but rather because of a webmaster guidelines violation. A Google spokesperson told Search Engine Land…" and they qouted Google:*
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> *We don't comment on individual sites, but if we find that a site violates one or more of our Webmaster Guidelines we may take manual action against it. For webmasters who have questions about their own sites, our Webmaster team provides support through platforms such as the Webmaster Forums. Once a site has remedied the problem, the webmaster can submit the site for reconsideration."*

Mike is determined to win this fight. He says, "We will prevail!"

We, at OLM, do not always agree with Mike Adams. Most of us as the office today identify as progressive, not conservative or liberal. We supported Bernie Sanders, not Donald Trump. We do believe in manmade climate change and we aren't so convinced that there is a shadow government planning a coup. On the other hand, we don't know who really killed President Kennedy or the full story on 9/11. The mainstream media doesn't show us what's actually going on. We need alternative media. We need people like Mike Adams on both sides.

FYI: While they disagree politically, Michael Edwards considers Mike Adams a friend. This is not a title he bestows on many.

What we do know for sure is that censorship is dangerous. And while Mike Adams is very happy with the current administration, we grow increasingly concerned over censorship. And not only by government, but as we can see, big business has the ability to do massive damage to an

organization like Natural News.

Recommended Reading:

- *Doctors Against Vaccines – Hear From Those Who Have Done the Research*
- *Nurses Against Vaccines*
- *Statesmen Against Mandatory Vaccines*
- *Scientists Against Vaccines – Hear From Those Who Have Done the Research*
- *Scientists Against GMOs – Hear From Those Who Have Done the Research*
- *Doctors Against GMOs – Hear From Those Who Have Done the Research*
- The MMR Vaccine – A Comprehensive Overview of the Potential Dangers and Effectiveness
- Influenza Vaccine – A Comprehensive Overview of the Potential Dangers and Effectiveness of the Flu Shot