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Facebook To Show Users Which Russian Propaganda They Followed (bloomberg.com)

Posted by [BeauHD](#) on Wednesday November 22, 2017 @04:20PM from the Russian-activity dept.

An anonymous reader quotes a report from Bloomberg: *Facebook will show people which Russian propaganda pages or accounts they've followed and liked on the social network, responding to a request from Congress to address manipulation and meddling during the 2016 presidential election. The tool will appear by the end of the year in Facebook's online support center, the company said in a blog post Wednesday. It will answer the user question, "How can I see if I've liked or followed a Facebook page or Instagram account created by the Internet Research Agency?" That's the Russian firm that created thousands of incendiary posts from fake accounts posing as U.S. citizens. People will see a list of the accounts they followed, if any, from January 2015 through August 2017. Facebook will only be showing people the names of the pages and accounts, not the content. A user will only see what they liked or followed, so if they simply saw IRA content in their news feeds, they won't be notified.*

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An unpopular opinion (Score:1)

by [MograsBamrooni \(147312\)](#)

If these pages really did influence the election, maybe we're just not ready for democracy (democratically elected republic, wh

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- Re: (Score:3, Insightful)**
by [PopeRatzo \(965947 \)](#)
If these pages really did influence the election, maybe we're just not ready for democracy
Or, it could mean that we're ready for an actual democracy, not a pretend one where votes in certain states count for more than votes in others.
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- Re: (Score:3)**
by [grasshoppa \(657393 \)](#)
Actually, I'm a fan of the electoral college. At least, I understand what it's benefits are. I'd be interested to see straight popular vote, but my suspicion is that everyone would end up hating it.
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- Re: (Score:2)**
by [Bamfarooni \(147312 \)](#)
What about the electoral college do you like? I don't see any redeeming features.

- Re:An unpopular opinion (Score:4, Insightful)**
by [Penguinisto \(415985 \)](#) on Wednesday November 22, 2017 @04:49PM ([#55606461](#)) [Journal](#)
Dunno about GP, but I like the fact that big, heavily-populated states (California, New York, Texas) don't get to set the agenda for the rest of us. Unlike Congress (specifically the Senate, with two Senators per state), the Electoral College is the only thing that allows smaller states to get a voice in the Executive branch of government. Remove the Electoral College, and you have a situation where candidates only need pander to a small handful of states, and could literally tell all the other states to go piss up a rope without fear of losing. It would also heavily slant the Executive branch's agenda towards the concerns, demands and desires of the megacities, but screw over everyone living outside of them.
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- Re: (Score:2)**
by [ganjadude \(952775 \)](#)
or maybe we could limit the power of the federal government and stop expanding it so that way the states have more power than the fed, as intended

- Re: (Score:2)**
by [Khyber \(864651 \)](#)
"Dunno about GP, but I like the fact that big, heavily-populated states (California, New York, Texas) don't get to set the agenda for the rest of us"
Actually, they have more electoral votes, so they still get to set the agenda for everyone else. Bigger populations means bigger representation.
So the EC is entirely unfair.
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- Re: (Score:2)**
by [Bamfarooni \(147312 \)](#)
Actually, the electoral college is exactly like Congress. Each state gets 1 vote for each member of Congress. So I'm not sure I follow your argument that's somehow different.
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- Re: (Score:2)**
by [PopeRatzo \(965947 \)](#)
Dunno about GP, but I like the fact that big, heavily-populated states (California, New York, Texas) don't get to set the agenda for the rest of us.
So really, what you're saying is that your fellow citizens don't know what's best for them and people in states

why only russian propaganda? (Score:1)

by Anonymous Coward

Is facebook now the thought police? why are they only targeting Russian propaganda? why cant they show me when i have liked or followed ANY propaganda?

Oh wait, its because they have their own political agenda.... The board should be sacked along with all C suite executives at they no longer are interested in maximizing returns for their shareholders. They have instead opted to use their influence to try and sway popular opinion, its a bold strategy but not one that will maximize returns as it is based on th

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