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Damned if they do, damned if they don't. Personally, I feel that a lot of this hate towards Facebook is done by media types who are jealous that Facebook has stolen their role as a place to find news, no matter if it's fake or real.

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Yeah, as much as I dislike Facebook, at this point I'm kind of concerned about how much bad press is coming out about *one* company.

Most other tech companies (especially the ones still in the "hustling" phase) are just as bad as FB if not worse. It's starting to feel like a coordinated smear campaign, even if all of it is accurate.

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> Sometimes, the social network carries obvious fake news, such as images of bleeding protesters taken two years ago in Spain or spreads the rumors of tanks ready to move against the Yellow Vests (15,000 interactions).

This video of senseless police brutality looks in fact to be pretty real and from the latest events: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wK8b4pIAIJO&feature=youtu.be> . Yeah, I'm pretty sure there's lots of fake news related to the recent events but let's not throw the baby out with the bathwater by saying that everything that gets shared on social networks is fake news.

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I don't like Facebook more than anyone else, but at this point aren't we just blaming them for enabling communication?

By all means, criticize Facebook for privacy issues, but not for stuff like this, unless you actually want censorship on the largest scale ever in history.

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Facebook is proving to be a bestseller with the media. Not a day goes by without 3-4 of those stories becoming "news for hackers"

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How is this any different from the Arab Spring? Why should this be silenced while the Arab Spring had to amplified?

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The cynical answer would be: Because it's inconvenient while the Arab spring was inconvenient to people we didn't like.

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It's not. This is a phenomenon that'll probably keep going as long as we have pervasive social networks.

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/22451908-the-revolt-of-t...>

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Because this is 'bad' while Arab Spring was 'good'.

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Because the protests against the democratically elected leadership during the Arab spring... Oh wait.

You may hate something equally under any regime but there's a huge difference when that something is done in a democracy versus basically any other common form or government. In democracies issues can be (are?) solved at the election booth. Not so much in a dictatorship, a monarchy, or any "pseudo-democracy" (see China), etc.

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▲ yakcyl 1 minute ago [-]

> Populist has a derogatory connotation

For a very good reason.

> insulting peoples will seems improper

It does seem improper, but drawing the connection between calling out people drawn to populism and insulting them is one of the least discrete attempts at muddying the waters I've seen recently.

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And it could merely be that folk on the edge of French society — truck drivers, provincial plumbers, builders, deliverymen, teachers, parents — are saying 'Enough is enough. Stop making our lives harder.'

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