



Jason Unruhe: Censorship of Dissenting Voices Common Routine in West



TEHRAN (FNA)- Jason Unruhe, political commentator, says the media outlets such as Press TV which criticize the US and expose its crimes are target of the Western censorship.

Speaking in an interview with FNA, Unruhe said, "Alternative media is subject to all manner of censorship... Facebook is a part of a larger social media world that is wholly dominated by the US, and thus, is made subject to its interests... There are many methods of doing so: banning, blacklisting, deboosting, shadow bans, and smear campaigns. There are all kinds of ways to prevent the public from having access to information that the empire would prefer they not receive."

Jason Unruhe is a Canadian author and political commentator based in Ontario.

Below is the full text of the interview:

Q: Facebook claims it provides "space for freedom of expression"; but it removed Press TV's page permanently, citing "failure to follow community standards" without specifying which rules were broken. What are Facebook's version of "freedom of expression" and "community standards"?

A: Frankly, Facebook's "community standards" are whatever Facebook wants them to be at any time. A cursory glance at these rules shows the intentional vagueness of them. This is no doubt deliberately done to allow Facebook to apply the rules however they see fit. Just the term "harmful content" can be seen in numerous ways. They do not exactly define what "harmful" is. We must acknowledge that Facebook is a part of a larger social media world that is wholly dominated by the US, and thus, is made subject to its interests. No doubt the specific reason for the removal is not given is so that Press TV cannot appeal the decision. Of course, you cannot defend yourself from an accusation if you do not know what the accusation is. I believe this to be legal trickery: if you cannot form an argument against the ban if you are not told the reason for the ban.

Q: Press TV has repeatedly been victim of censorship, not just by Facebook but also by Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. Is such treatment of media common in the West?

A: This kind of censorship is not seen in the mainstream media. If it has, it has been very rare. The reason is that the mainstream media carries out the particular narrative that fits the goals and aspirations of the US imperialist empire. Since the media does not question this, they are free from censorship. They "tow the line", if you will. Alternative media is subject to all manner of censorship. Many small media outlets that have a history of criticizing and exposing the crimes of the US empire have found themselves politically motivated targets of that censorship. One merely has to look at the case of WikiLeaks and Julian Assange to witness a prime example of it. The censorship of dissenting voices in the West is common. There are many methods of doing so: banning, blacklisting, deboosting, shadow bans, and smear campaigns. There are all kinds of ways to prevent the public from having access to information that the



...that precedents could be found for such moves against alternative news sources, such as Press TV.

A: This sets a very dangerous precedent for any media not under the control of the US or its allies. In any method of information control, one of the most important aspects is to omit important information. Press TV, CGTN, and Sputnik offer that kind of information. Already we have seen these outlets listed as "government-controlled" media. This labels them as products of "entities hostile to US interests". By giving the perception of hostility and thus a threat, the US creates a justification for censorship. Often these outlets are merely defending themselves and each other from information attacks by the US which justifies its jingoism. As they find more excuses to censor dissenting opinions and information, the information and media become increasingly monolithic. Freedom of speech will die. Without free access to information, people can be fooled by deliberately misleading media. The US prides itself on its supposed freedom of the press, an example that others should follow. Yet we see the opposite here right now.

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Jason Unruhe

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Jason Unruhe (born: September 7, 1981 [age 41]), formerly known online as **MaoistRebelNews2**, is a Maoist–Third Worldist **YouTuber**, author, former security guard, journalist, and political commentator. His channel mainly features **Rebel News** and is a source of Marxist perspective on news. His channel is a self-proclaimed news source of anti-capitalist opinion for the last 10 years on international politics, domestic politics, war and economics.

Originally from Toronto, Ontario he is currently living in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Jason has established over 41,000 subscribers and over 30 million video views.

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He subscribes to the political ideology of Maoism–Third Worldism, an unofficial name for what is theorized as the fourth stage in the evolution of Marxist theory. There is no official title, but Maoism–Third Worldism is the most common one.

Controversy

In the past, Unruhe has received criticism for certain political views and actions on social media. For example, back in September 2018, he received backlash on Twitter for implicitly threatening former U.S. President Donald Trump with violence, holding a baseball bat with barbed wire around it.^[1] Around a year later in July 2019, just after the Kyoto Animation arson attack in Japan, he made a tweet claiming that there were double standards regarding the grieving of the animators who died in the fire. He claimed that no one is sad about the thousands of suicide in Japan and were only sad when the animators died.^[2]

Other controversies include allegations of transphobia from other YouTubers and a falling out he's had with other Marxist–Leninists over their opinions of J. Sakai's "Settlers" and how to handle reparations to Native Americans in regards to past injustices.

Trivia

- He is a proud supporter of the DPRK (Democratic People's Republic of Korea).
- He has written for Young Pioneer Tours, the DPRK Embassy of Norway, and is a contributor to PressTV.
- He is the author of several books.

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Videos	1.6K+
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Status	Active
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Maoist Rebel News

Not to be confused with the equally garbage wingnut newspaper Rebel Media.

“ This guy is like an edgy Stalin-wannabe that never grew out of his teenage angst communist years. ”

—Unruhe reads his hate mail^[1]

Maoist Rebel News is a YouTube channel run by **Jason "Roo" Unruhe** (his real name is **Jason Caden**) (1981–),^[2] a rap artist,^[3] *Red Alert* cosplayer, political commentator, and former security guard^{[2][4]} from Canada. Because making 9/11 jokes and screaming "Fuck you, dad!" for 20 minutes now counts as political journalism.

He's long been blacklisted by many in the socialist community, including some tankies, for plagiarizing their news sources (or essays written by his then-friends).^[5] He's basically the Stefan Molyneux of leftists, except less popular. He pledged support to Leading Light Communist Organization (LLCO).

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“ One of my few joys in life is making 9/11 jokes. ”

—^[6]

It's pretty obvious Unruhe lives his entire life online. It's doubtful he's ever been to a Marxist study group or anarchist infoshop. He makes outlandish claims regarding the history of (nominally) Communist leaders, rendering him something of a laughingstock in the community. He even goes so far as to be a DPRK^[7] and Khmer Rouge apologist.^[8]

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In a rare stopped clock moment, Unruhe criticizes the current Chinese Communist Party as "capitalist-imperialist" for its economic exploitation of African countries.^[9] Unfortunately, he still makes fun of Uighur victims^[10] and Hong Kong protestors.^[11] Oh yes, he promotes conspiracies that the US created COVID-19.^[12]

Grave dancing

On the 13th anniversary of 9/11, he showed true bravery by going after the victims of the WTC attacks. It's all right there in the title: he condemns those who died in the towers and says they "deserved" their fates.^[13] Likewise, Charlie Hebdo kinda acted like jerks sometimes, so they deserved to die.^[14] After an arsonist killed 33 people and injured 36 at Kyoto Animation Studio,^[15] Unruhe responded "Not all heroes wear capes. Anti-degeneracy gang rise up."^[16] You can bet next week, Unruhe will make a video entitled "Why the Colombians killed by FARC deserved it". ^{stage}whispers Jesus Christ.^[17]

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First Worldism

He throws around the term "First Worldist" as if every failure of Western culture can be encompassed in those words—but never explains what those words entails. And according to him, no-one in the first world is part of the proletariat.^[18]

He's made plenty of videos going after feminists^[19] on the basis that "First Worlders" don't really suffer because Third Worlders suffer more. Unruhe also believes "first worlders" are "parasites" because their wages and social services come from value generated by third world exploitation.^[20] He's gone so far as to say fighting for a minimum wage increase is a "First World privilege." Keep in mind that this is the same "Communist" who drinks expensive whiskey, goes on video game binges, smokes Cuban cigars,^[21] and regularly brags about how much money he makes from his channel.

His aversion to "identity politics" largely stems from the harsh reactions to his homophobic language and him refusing to apologize. Jason doesn't seem to get that the same "identity politics" he decries originated with the Maoist-inspired student movements of the 1960s. He goes on to attack his critics as "liberals." "I'm glad there's a trend reacting against this..." So, Jason, you're calling for some kind of...reactionary response?^[22]

Stalin was nice!

See the main article on this topic: [Stalin apologism](#)

Unruhe claims that deaths under the Stalinist purges were widely exaggerated. For example, Unruhe claims that the Ukrainian famine of 1932-1933, or Holodomor, was caused by failures of Stalinist farm collectivization. While some historians do support this view of the Holodomor, others contend that the Holodomor was a forced famine that claimed the lives of between 2.4 million and 7.5 million. Either way, trying to portray this as not the fault of Stalin or Stalinism is worrying at best.^{[23][24]}

Unruhe claims Boris Yeltsin's opening of Soviet documents revealed only--*only!*--a total of 775,866 executions. However, this statistic leaves out ethnic cleansing committed by the NKVD in the form of deliberate famines

which claimed 5-10 million lives.^{[25][26][27]}

Unruhe also asserts that the total number of executions is less than deaths caused by the CIA. Even if this is true, this is a red herring, as the CIA committing crimes has no impact on the question of whether or not Stalin was a genocidal dictator. This is a great example of whataboutism.

Unruhe then claims that most executions occurred in 1937-1938, which is accurate. However, Unruhe then uses the concentration camps for communists, social democrats, and trade unionists by Germany as justification for these executions. He then asserts that many had their death sentences revoked, for which he provides no citation and then speculates on the total number of deaths based on data from deaths in one purge.

We have no way of knowing the exact number of people executed in Stalin's purges, but we do know that the purges happened and we know the minimum number of executions (775,866). According to the declassified Soviet archives, during 1937 and 1938, the NKVD detained 1,548,366 persons, of whom 681,692 were shot.^[28] Some historians, such as the self proclaimed "Sovietologist" Robert Conquest, claim that the numbers declassified by the Russians are inaccurate and the total number of deaths may be twice as high as reported.^[29]

Even with Unruhe's statistics, Stalin is still directly responsible for the deaths of 40,000 prisoners, 90% of whom are confirmed executed. Stalin himself signed 357 execution lists over the course of the Great Purge to make this possible.^[30] Even if we accept Unruhe's stats, Stalin is still responsible for the death of 36,000 individuals, which is enough to consider Stalin a mass murderer and not someone to glorify. Stalin personally directed Nikolia Yezhov to torture individuals arrested until confessions were extracted. Recent documents have revealed the following Stalin quote: "Isn't it time to squeeze this gentleman and force him to report on his dirty little business? Where is he: in a prison or a hotel?"^[31]

Conspiracy theories

In a debate with "Socialism or Barbarism!" an anarchist-communist YouTuber, Unruhe stated that he "doesn't doubt for a second" that the USA is directly funding ISIS, while the other YouTuber merely stated that the US was funding Islamic rebels that might as well be ISIS. The center point of this debate however, was Unruhe's belief that Rohava Rojava is "an agent of US imperialism", because they "took land from the Assad government to carve up the country", and also stated that the YPG^W was kicking Arabs out of their homes, and gave his source as "news agencies".^[32]

See also

- Internet tough guy
- The Amazing Atheist
- Tankie
- Rand Paul — Endorsed him for President.^[33]

Videos

- What the fuck did you just fucking say about me, you little bitch? (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cpq0bA1ZExU>) - Considering how much time he spends in a basement, you'd think he'd be

familiar with this oldest-than-dirt cospypasta.

- Hey YouTube, Anita Sarkeesian, Anarchists, and Betas: Suck My Cock! (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QqmX81ompWs>) - This is some kind of brilliant, lonelygirl15 prank, right?
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Jason Unruhe and autisme



[NAS70104](#) *over 2 years ago*

Dear people,

On Youtube there is a communist YouTuber named Jason Unruhe (aka Maoist Rebel News) who makes interesting videos about politics: He defends North Korea, for example, saying that there is democracy there and things like that.

What bothers me most about Jason is that he seems to attack autism as some sort of "disease". He says that autism is not an identity and that liberalism makes autism an identity, because according to Jason identity politics is liberalism.

Below Jason's videos:

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Greetings

Johannes



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Everyone has views and opinions and there is a lot of information that is on Youtube as a platform that I disagree with when it comes to politics, autism and other related subjects. You have to remember that every time someone watches or stumbles onto their content it promotes and encourages the content creator's view point. You don't necessarily have to understand their point of view, but you have to at least try and understand where they're coming from and learn to respect it.

I kind of agree that being autistic shouldn't be someone's whole identity but it's also a lot more complicated because it's apart of what makes you, you. Those that are social warriors for autism often fail to represent the entire diverse range of autistic individuals and some of them have used their autism as a business or a weapon to sell their own agendas.

An example here would be that I personally dislike "The Aspie World" as a lot of his content is extremely contradictory & extremely repetitive. "The Aspie World" on YouTube often fails to explain from experience but instead pushes fictional &

stereotypical opinions on what autism actually is in order to push merchandise & their brand which is having serious negative effect of the general publics opinion and views on individuals with autism. "The Aspie World" influence created a massive issue a year ago where because "The Aspie World" was rejected from appearing on a tv show that would of promote his career not awareness and they directly and encourage an entire impressionable fanbase of young autistic audience to go after show creators personally which gave us so much negative press in media outlets across the country.

The content creator who is behind "The Aspie World" fails to see that his family, location & early intervention has enabled him to succeed and I just cant relate to them at all & many people on the spectrum especially those who diagnosed later in life are frequently compared to individuals like "The Aspie World" and Elon musk which is like comparing the average working class the the extremely wealthy.



[Desmond79](#) *over 2 years ago*

I find it ironic that a Communist would deride identity politics; given that the latter is pursued by Marxist American Lecturers.

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