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Wow. People are whining about 1984 because the Carrot Caligula got kicked off twitter.

Here's something I learned both 1) in high school civics, 2) college constitutional law class, 3) lifetime of being on the internet since before social media:

READ THE TERMS OF SERVICE.
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You will see two things:
1) that your social medium of choice is A BUSINESS, OWNED PRIVATELY. No, public trading doesn't make it publicly owned.
2) that said business has the right to DENY SERVICE TO ANYONE.

Which is legalese for "play nicely and we won't boot your ass"

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The First Amendment only protects you from the government censorship.

NOWHERE DOES IT PROTECT YOU FROM CONSEQUENCES ON A PRIVATELY OWNED PLATFORM.

Moreover, incitement of violence has never been protected speech.
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The "fire in a crowded theater" is court precedent.

So your so-called "rights" have never been absolute.

The other thing that everyone seems to forget:

NOBODY IS REQUIRED TO LISTEN TO YOUR SHIT.

You can't force people to be your audience.

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They can deplatform you. Fire you. Walk out on you. Cancel your contract.

This is protected in the 9th Amendment, which states that no one person's rights shall be used to infringe upon another person's rights.

So when you lose your account, your contract, etc...

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... these are direct consequences of your actions that have nothing to do with "the gubmint" or 1984, or anything.

It's just that nobody wants your ass.
And nobody is obligated to listen to your bullshit.
And this is people telling you to shut the fuck up already.

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And the right of @facebook, @twitter, etc to do this is outlined in their terms of service.

But hey. Don't even go that far. Anyone who was ever on LiveJournal, or on AOL, or on a topic forum in the early 2000s, knows all this already.

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Fact: nobody actually wants, likes, or gives a fuck about the Fanta Fascist or his legion.

It's just that the world is finally showing these assholes the door.

And all this whining is simply out of this being the very first time they had to deal with real consequences.

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What's that they used to say to us? "Snowflakes need a safe space".

Well, let them go to Parler. They're so fragile they need their own safe space because heaven forbid they are held accountable for their shit once in their drab little lives.

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