

Social Networks and "Freedom of Expression" in the U.S.

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In the showcase of values Made in USA ??that the United States exports or attemots to impose on the world, freedom of expression always had a place at the head of the table, however, social media has apparently become a problem for the sacrosanct first amendment.

A very good example of the above is the trial, held in New York, which has found Brendan Hunt guilty, a.k.a. "X-Ray Ultra", court clerk, age 37, who was accused of having threatened to kill North American congressmen, including Democratic leaders Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer and the young representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (AOC).

According to AFP agency, Hunt was indicted for making public several messages calling for violence on social media. The first, on December 6<sup>th</sup>, on Facebook, asked Trump to organize "a public execution of Pelosi, AOC, Schumer, etc "and" machine-gun those communists." "If you don't do it, the public will do it."

He also posted an 88-second video on the BitChute platform, preferred by the extreme right, entitled "Kill your senators", in which he says looking at the camera: "We have to go back to the Capitol, and this time we must go with our weapons ... What you must do is arm yourself, go to Washington, probably for the inauguration (...) and put bullets in their heads. "

By such expressions, Brendan Hunt, the son of a retired judge who presents himself as an actor, musician, and journalist, faces a maximum sentence of 10 years in jail.

Another similar case is that of an insulting message from a highschool cheerleader who, despite its apparent triviality is currently being debated nothing less than in the Supreme Court of the United States.

Since she was not promoted to her high school elite team, Brandi Levy, 14, posted a selfie with a friend of hers, on a Saturday in 2017, away from her high school in Mahanoy City, Pennsylvania, where, in addition to appearing with her middle finger raised, she wrote: "Fuck the school, fuck cheerleaders, fuck softball, fuck everything!".



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The school sanctioned and she was deprived from her activity as a cheerleader for a year, so her parents went to court on behalf of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, which guarantees the freedom of expression.

As the courts ruled that schools cannot regulate comments made off campus, local school authorities then requested the intervention of the Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court is now reviewing her school's decision to deprive her from her her activity as a cheerleader for a year and by late June all nine Superior court magistrates will have to decide whether the directors of North American public schools have the right to sanction their students for comments made outside their institution.

According to AFP, the school authorities of Mahanoy received the support of Joe Biden's Democratic government, for which "that categorical rule also could substantially undermine schools' efforts to address harassment and bullying, many of which could take place outside campus, but which, nevertheless, could deprive victims of the same educational opportunities."

Both cases, that of Brendan Hunt as Brandi Levy, in addition to putting in questioned the repeated North American freedom of expression, show the dangerous role social media plays in fostering division and hatred in North America's increasingly torn society.

It's clear that networks, blessed by the empire when they are used as weapons of war beyond the borders of the U.nS., it's necessary regulate them when they are a boomerang for that pandemonium that some still call "american way of life".