

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: SOCIAL MEDIA BLOCKING BY A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL

START HERE

Is it a campaign page? Does it have the words “elect” or “vote for” on the page?

YES

Not an official page.

Please note: the results of this flowchart do not mean the ACLU of WV would pursue any legal action on your behalf.

NO

Does the title or bio of the page mention an elected position, i.e. “Sen. Smith’s Facebook Page”?

NO

Does the page have government office contact info, such as phone number or email address?

NO

Does the government official use the page to promote policy and discuss issues?

NO

Not an official page.

YES

YES

YES

Does the page have a posted comment policy? (Hint: look in the Notes, Bio, or About sections)

YES

Did you violate the comment policy or terms of use?

NO

TAKE ACTION
See the checklist for your next steps.

NO

YES

Did your post include profane language, personal attacks, threats, or attempt to sell something?

YES

Were you warned before being blocked?

YES

No basis for a complaint.

NO

NO