

CENSORSHIP CHECKLIST

Follow the checklist below if you believe you are being censored by a government official.

- Take photos or screenshots of the social media page that blocked you or deleted your comments, including your comments if they are still visible or archived. If you can, also take some photos or screenshots of posts by others that stay up on the page (especially comments on the post you commented on.)

- Use the “So you’ve been censored on social media by a government official” flowchart to determine if your constitutional rights were violated.

- If the flowchart shows your rights were violated, contact the elected official via phone or email and ask to be unblocked (or for the official to stop deleting your comments). This low-key approach resolves many complaints.

- If you receive no response to the above request (or if you remain blocked and/or your comments continue to be deleted), download and personalize the ACLU of Northern California’s DIY Demand Letter and send it to the elected official.

- If you receive no response after 30 days, or if the government official refuses to unblock you or stop deleting your comments, contact the ACLU of Northern California at aclunc.org/our-work/get-help or call 415-621-2488.