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WHAT THE FUCK EVEN IS FACEBOOK?

By Ariadna Gimenez

Facebook is a company that distributes news and information to billions of people, most of those people use it as their main source for such information. Facebook also places ads alongside news and videos, which earns them billions in revenue. They pay companies such as the NFL or Insider to produce videos that stream to mobile devices and computers, and they have their own original TV shows.

All of these make Facebook a goddamn media company, but apparently they don't see themselves as such. Sheryl Sandberg, Chief Operating Officer, says that Facebook cannot be considered a media company because it is run by technical workers and engineers, she described Facebook as a tech company rather than media.

Since one of their goals is to share media and profit off revenue for it, they should take responsibility

as a media business. We should expect Facebook to have safeguards, standards, and basic rules regarding the information they share, avoiding fake

news. Sheryl Sandberg said that as Facebook is a massive platform, massive responsibility should be taken for everything that happens within it. But still they try to avoid being classified as a media company and therefore avoid all the necessary procedures to be as responsible about the information shared. Just look at what happened when Russia paid for ads to promote misinformation during the US election...

Facebook's sky-high value is currently \$500 billion, that is its



ILLUSTRATION BY RONAN PORTER

value as a tech company, not media. In addition to this, if they admitted what they are, they would have to be placed under strict regulations in the US and other countries.

Facebook clearly has to take responsibility and control the validity of all the news they share and host, even if that involves losing a percentage of their gargantuan revenue.

Facebook, for the people who rely on you for news, get your shit together.

THE BOMBAY TIMES TRIES TO DO RIGHT AND FAILS MISERABLY

By Elena Perelló Sender

First, people should be aware that there is still a law in India that prohibits and criminalises sexual activities “against the order of nature” (a.k.a. us, the non-heteros). This is called Section 377. However, this law that seems to have been made by someone with a medieval mentality, is not the main point of this article.

Suknidh Kaur and six other LGBTQ+ students that were

being interviewed about this law were invited to participate in a photoshoot organized by The Bombay Times. Everything seemed positive, representation is good, right?

Well, it depends on the type of representation. The wrong kind can be damaging and dangerous, especially for a society that has been oppressed for such a long time. These students left the photoshoot when they were told they “didn’t look gay enough”.

They literally told LGBTQ+ students to come back looking as their stereotypes, the ones they are ridiculed for by a narrow-minded society, for a photoshoot that was supposed to address the issue of LGBTQ+ rights and dignity in the country.

Outraged but not surprised. Even those who appear to be pro-LGBTQ+, like to indulge and perpetuate harmful stereotypes. So please, learn how to work with LGBTQ+ people without being offensive and exploitative. If you cannot accept their authentic selves, don’t portray yourself as progressive because you are not. There is not only one way to be gay.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ACTUALLY SHUT THE FUCK DOWN

By Ronan Porter

So what the hell happened? How can the government of a country just shut down!? They run out of money, that’s how.

The Republicans and Democrats of Congress had to agree on a government funding bill before a set deadline and they failed. The main disagreement? Dreamers. Dreamers are the children of

illegal immigrants, people who came to the United States as children and were raised there and who, under the Obama Administration, were allowed to stay and be citizens.

The ugly orange Cheeto man and some of his Republican compatriots want to be utter assholes and kick them out – purely because of their parents’ decision. The Democrats refuse to let that happen and so refused to cooperate and pass the funding bill since it didn’t protect the Dreamers.

The shutdown meant all non-essential staff got sent home and essential services carried on working without pay. Of course

Cheeto man and his party played the blame game and said it was all Democrats’ fault. Nevermind that he previously said during the Obama administration that a government shutdown was a failure of the President.

A short term spending bill was passed three days later to end the shutdown and prolong the negotiation period. This is just further evidence of the chaos of the Drumpf Administration.

DRUMPF OR NOT?

“My twitter has become so powerful that I can actually make my enemies tell the truth.”

DID HE SAY THIS?

FIND OUT THE ANSWER IN OUR NEXT ISSUE OUT FEBRUARY 19TH

LAST ISSUE: YES, HE DID SAY THAT

DEFINITION OF THE WEEK

PARTIZAN

Something that is prejudiced in favour of a particular cause, biased, discriminatory’.