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Book censorship by Facebook gives a glimpse of “digital dictatorship”.
The censorship of the scientific book by K. Kataras “Silent New World” shows how the platform can undermine democracy.

- After a superficial and distorted censorship of the 400-page scientific book by Costas Kataras entitled “Silent New World – In Search of the New Normality in the Post-democracy era”, its promotion was banned by the platform and thereby confirmed one of the book's findings on the dangers that society and democracy face today from a "digital dictatorship". Facebook wrote back indicating that it was not in line with the platform's policy as it dealt with "Social Issues, Elections or Politics". This is such a non-specific and arbitrary reply that one would expect everyone to be censored or banned.

Perhaps they had some issues with the 7-8 pages on social media and a scientific analysis of the tools from the Cambridge University (Psychometrics Center), tools that were "given out" and thus created the 2018 Cambridge Analytica-Facebook scandal (the platform was convicted and fined 5 billion) and their use which influenced both the Trump election (2016) and Brexit. This is a small part of the 400-page book that covers topics from mathematics to economics and from geopolitics to artificial intelligence and genetic engineering. In what appeared to be an attempt to avoid any reference to a few pages Facebook banned an entire book.

The above illustrates the power of social media and its ability to restrict freedom of speech by exercising control over the societal narrative. Doing so, undermines democracy by distorting information with resulting impacts on election outcomes. The individual finds themselves immersed in a dark world of manipulation, while a coup is taking place against human rights and their free will.

- The author in the book (currently only available in Greek language) examines, among other things, how modern man was led to passivity, to a Big Sleep, and today, under pressure from technological developments, may end up becoming insignificant socially, economically, politically and culturally.

- On the website of the book, the visitor can see find a lot of information, such as: detailed contents, excerpts, analyzes, photographic material, points of sale / bookstores, etc.

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