



## Statement on Facebook's De-Platforming of NVIC Mar. 8, 2021

A highly rated small charity among U.S. non-profit organizations, the National Vaccine Information Center was founded in 1982 by parents of DPT vaccine injured children to prevent vaccine injuries and deaths through public education. After maintaining a Facebook page since 2008, on Mar. 2, 2021, the 39-year old National Vaccine Information Center (NVIC) was de-platformed by Facebook, a social media and networking service established in 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg and other Harvard graduates. After sponsoring the Fifth International Public Conference on Vaccination: *Protecting Health and Autonomy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* online in the fall of 2020, NVIC began receiving multiple warnings from Facebook that NVIC's page "violated community standards."

Commenting on the removal of NVIC's page from Facebook, NVIC co-founder and president Barbara Loe Fisher said, "We are not surprised that Mark Zuckerberg views the truthful information that NVIC publishes about vaccine science, policy and law as a threat to perpetuating false narratives about vaccine safety created by the [pharmaceutical industry](#) and its [business partners](#). The U.S Congress has encouraged the creation of [public-private business partnerships](#) between vaccine manufacturers and federal agencies for the past three decades. In order to be part of those [lucrative partnerships](#), Silicon Valley companies like Facebook are clearly happy to engage in [censorship](#). If NVIC had not done such a good job educating the public about vaccination and health for four decades, our Facebook page would still be up."

She added, "NVIC encourages everyone to leave social media networks eroding civil liberties, which include freedom of thought, speech and conscience, and join those that protect freedom of speech. To stay connected with NVIC, become a registered user of the free online [NVIC Advocacy Portal](#) and defend vaccine choices in your state; become a subscriber of our free *NVIC Newsletter* and free weekly journal digital newspaper, [The Vaccine Reaction](#); and interact with our followers on [MeWe](#), [Telegram](#), [Gab](#) and [Parler](#).

NVIC co-founders worked with Congress to secure vaccine safety informing, recording, reporting and research provisions in the 1986 National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act. NVIC is a consumer advocacy organization that defends the ethical principle of informed consent to medical risk taking, including vaccine risk taking, and does not make vaccine use recommendations. NVIC publishes fully referenced information on three websites: [NVIC.org](#), [NVICAdvocacy.org](#) and [TheVaccineReaction.org](#).

In October 2020, NVIC sponsored the pay-for-view [Fifth International Public Conference on Vaccination: Protecting Health and Autonomy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century](#) held online with more than 50 speakers presenting information on vaccine science, policy, law and civil liberties, and now conference presentations are available for free viewing. Following the conference, NVIC was targeted by [political operatives](#) and global non-governmental organizations and corporations that are working with governments to [silence criticism](#) of vaccine safety and one-size-fits-all mandatory vaccination policies and laws.