

Focus on Religious Freedom

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"Well, now we know. **Facebook has a secret rule book for policing speech.** I was banned from posting ... because of a post back in 2016 about North Carolina's House Bill 2 (the bathroom bill). Facebook said the post went against their 'community standards on hate speech.' Facebook is trying to define truth."

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Living Hope is "a ministry that for nearly 30 years has helped individuals resolve their feelings they deem incongruent with their faith. We help people deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ through Bible study and accountability. We walk with them to align their lives with the teachings of Jesus Christ," said Ricky Chalette, executive director of Living Hope Ministries.

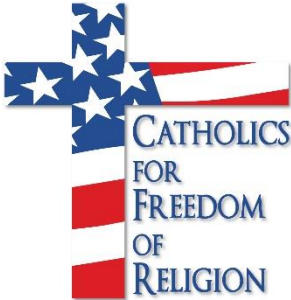
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