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## Facebook Algorithm Employee Is a Pro-Chávez, Ex-Venezuelan Official

It looks like “foreign interference” isn’t an issue when it’s the Left engaging in it.

Although Facebook often sells its censorship measures as ways to cut down on election interference by foreign actors, the social-media giant hires many foreign workers who are able to use their roles to mold American public opinion in a way that’s favorable to their home nations.

In an interview for *#DELETED: Big Tech’s Battle to Erase the Trump Movement and Steal the Election*, a Facebook source [told](#) author Allum Bokhari about the agenda of many of Facebook’s foreign hires:



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In the integrity kickoff meeting shortly after the election, employees fantasized about how they could improve elections here and abroad. Many noncitizen tech workers were upset that they could not vote in the U.S. election when they saw the results. Some saw Facebook’s election efforts as a gateway to [influence] the vote without needing a vote. Facebook is fighting foreign influence with its own foreign influence.

One of these foreign employees is Martin Sanchez, who spent seven years as a government official in Venezuela and even created a website to promote the ideals of former socialist dictator Hugo Chávez before taking up work at the social-media giant.

While consul-general of Venezuela in Chicago and San Francisco, Sanchez worked to advance the principles of “Bolivarian socialism.” He then did a stint at LinkedIn for three years before moving on to Facebook in 2018.

Sanchez’s [LinkedIn profile](#) describes his role at the company in the following way: “Leading UI [User Interface] at the Feed and Stories Content Classification team. I work with Data Scientists to build cutting edge Machine Learning and visualization tools to improve Facebook’s content classification.”

In short, Sanchez, a committed socialist, is developing the algorithms that automatically “classify” content posted to the platform.

Ariel Sheen, a doctoral student at Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana in Medellin, Colombia, provided Breitbart News with details about Sanchez’s involvement in the international communist movement.

“I began investigating Martin Sanchez following research into the Venezuelan government’s plan to radicalize the Western Hemisphere and the detection of two patterns: Venezuelan state enterprises employing members of militant anarchist, communist and secessionist organizations — such as the Party for Socialism and Liberation — and Venezuelan ambassadors being present at strategic



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conferences held by these groups,” Sheen told the outlet.

“Sanchez’s position at Facebook is worrisome considering his avowal of Trotskyist politics, indicating a ‘by any means necessary’ approach to achieving revolutionary political change,” Sheen added, going on to determine that “considering his prior role in Venezuela’s irregular warfare efforts at undermining America and Facebook’s commitment to transparency on issues related to political influence, it’s alarming that Facebook would not be forthcoming about his activities there.”

Sanchez’s first foray into tech was as co-founder of the website Aporrea.org, a pro-Chávez site, in 2002. Venezuelan writer Christian K. Caruzo has described Aporrea as “one of the first, if not the first pro-Chávez website.... Ground zero for Chavista stuff online. This was back before Facebook, Twitter.”

Aporrea is an abbreviation of “Asamblea Popular Revolucionaria” — the Revolutionary People’s Assembly. The website’s [mission statement](#) reads:

We are a means for debate, denunciation and the generation of ideas, with a view to building Socialism for the 21st Century. We seek to break the media fence imposed by the private media, committed to the coup and counterrevolutionary conspiracy in Venezuela, a manifestation of imperialist globalization, against which we also fight alongside the other peoples of the world.

Aporrea was born in May 2002 as the website of the Popular Revolutionary Assembly, a space for popular-revolutionary articulation, established on April 10, 2002, essentially to confront the coup offensive of the Venezuelan bourgeoisie against the government of President Hugo Chávez

Aporrea’s declared principles: ... becoming a direct instrument of social organizations and movements acting in the revolutionary and transformation process of the country.

Sanchez is linked to the Trotskyist movement that has supported the appropriation of land from private-sector farmers in his country.

And we already know the company Facebook uses to perform its fact-checking [is staffed](#) by Democrat donors and ex-CNN employees.

Given the background of the Facebook team, it should be of no surprise to anyone that the social network is doing everything within its power to censor conservative voices and ensure a Biden victory in next week.



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