

The Shadowbanning of Nicolas Smit

[Nicolas Smit, according to his LinkedIn profile](#) has a background in geology and mining technology, and self-describes as an engineer and advocate in a *Campaign for P100 Respirators* in Ontario and abroad, and states a goal of “*raising international awareness to the importance of elastomeric respirators and overlooked solutions that can help protect public health, the supply chain, national security and the economy during pandemics, wildfire emergencies & industrial accidents.*”

This is from a DM group chat on twitter when it was discovered among participants that Nicolas Smit was not showing up in Twitter searches. Names of some participants have been removed, and these screenshots are being shared publicly by Chloe Humbert with the permission of Nicolas Smit and other participants. The purpose is to document this outside of Twitter.



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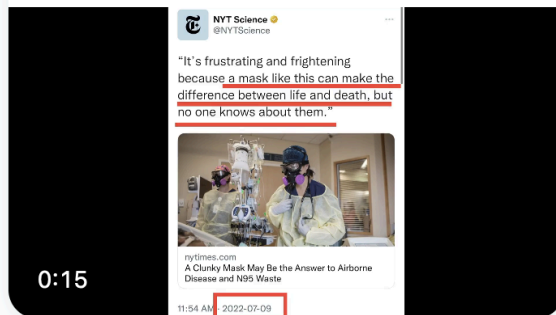


Nicolas Sm @PPEtohe · Jan 19, 2023

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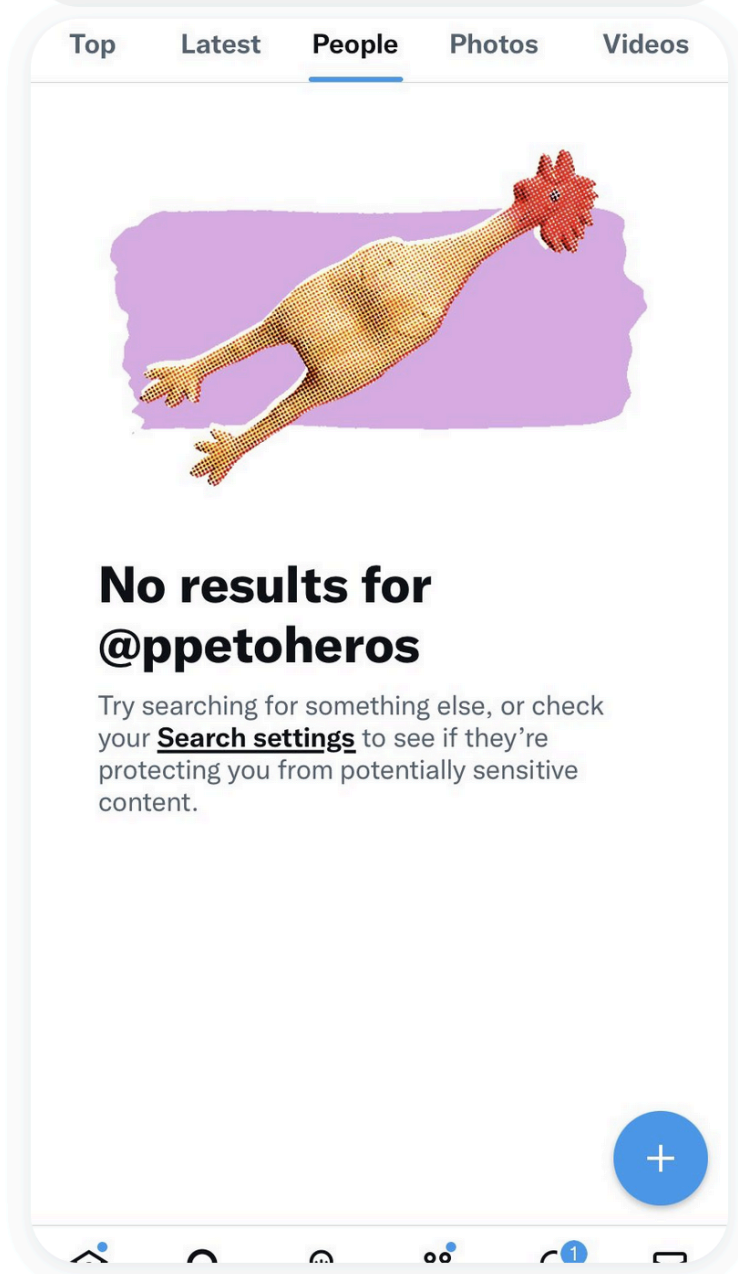


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Screenshot of direct message conversation. text reads #OSHAhearing bit.ly/OSHAhearing [Nicolas Smit @PPEtohe Jan 19, 2023](#) Replying to @PPEtoheros @nb_covid_info and 31 others - Here's evidence @COVIDOversight knew about the widespread negligence in July. I was asked by their top investigators how they should investigate & they confirm I gave them info that helped -Show more- QUOTE - NYT Science @NYTScience "It's frustrating and frightening because a mask like this can make the difference between life and death, but no one knows about them." nytimes.com A Clunky Mask May Be the Answer to Airborne Disease and N95 Waste 11:54 AM 2022-07-09 -- Nicolas Smit Jan 19, 2023, 3:46 PM

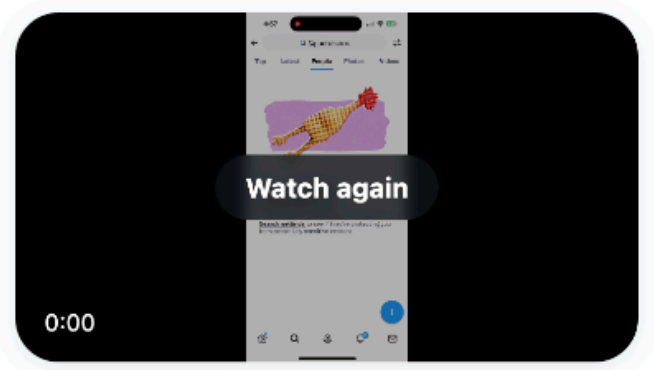
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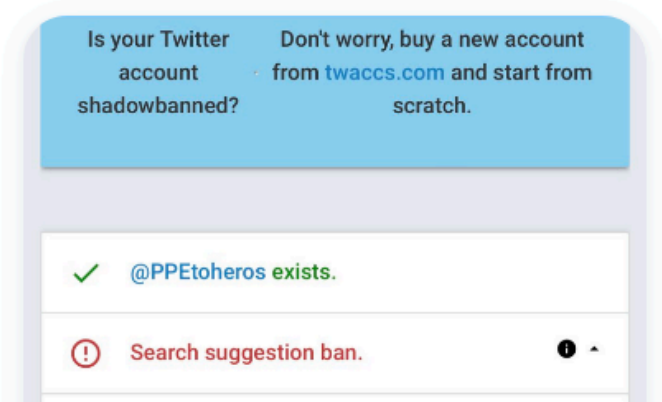
Screenshot of direct message conversation. Sooo something weird is going on here... when I search [@PPEtoheros](#) I don't get results in the People tab - Image is the Twitter 404 rubber chicken, text reads No results for [@ppetoheros](#) Try searching for something else, or check your Search settings to see if they're protecting you from potentially sensitive content.

I asked @watermelonpunch and it's being weird for her too. Anyone else?
Jan 19, 2023, 4:46 PM

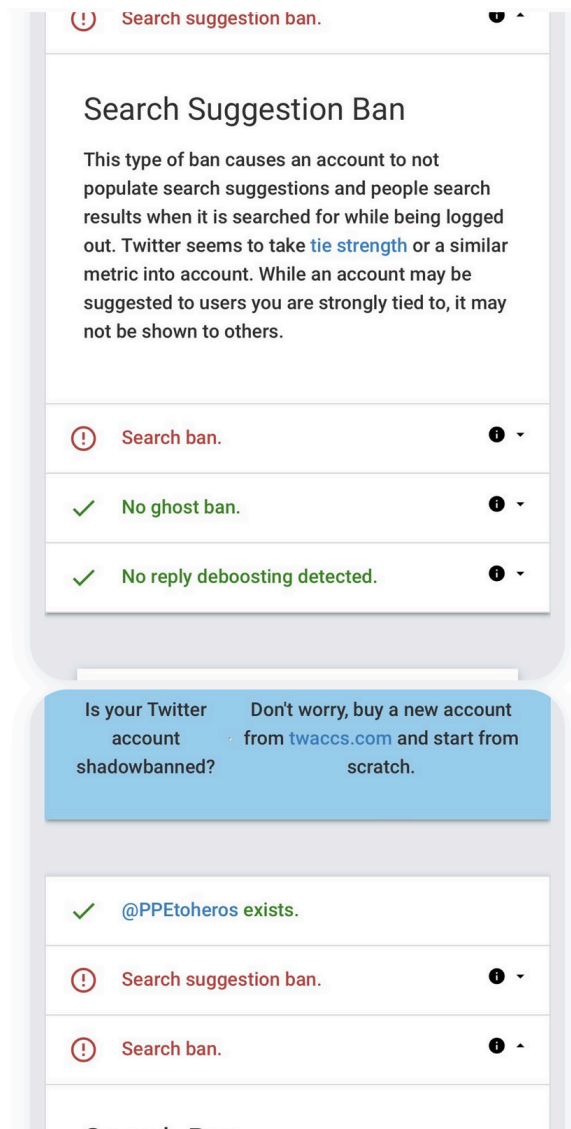
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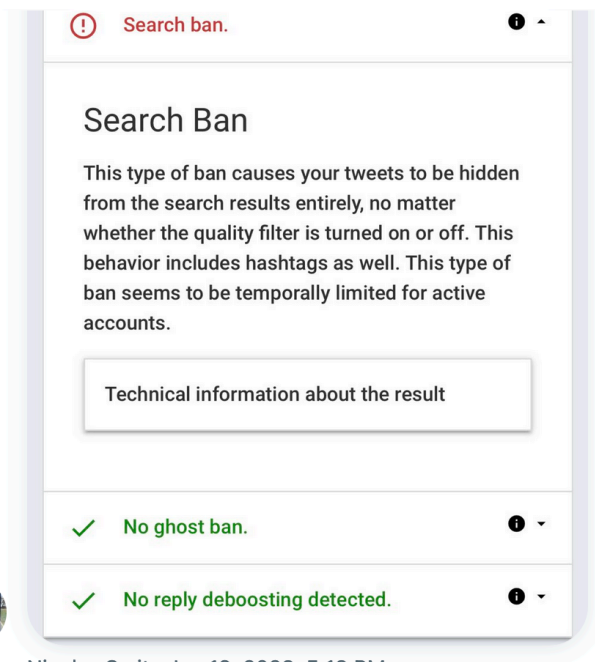
Wow, it sure is
Nicolas Smit · Jan 19, 2023, 4:59 PM



Screenshot of direct message conversation. Redacted person says: I asked @watermelonpunch and it's being weird for her too. Anyone else? Jan 19, 2023, 4:46 PM Wondering if Twitter is suppressing Nicolas's account Jan 19, 2023, 4:58 PM. Nicolas Smit says Wow it sure is, posted a video of doing a search. Jan 19, 2023, 4:59 PM Screenshot of shadowban checking service. Text reads Is your Twitter account shadowbanned? @PPEtoheros exists. Search suggestion ban.



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Nicolas Smit · Jan 19, 2023, 5:13 PM



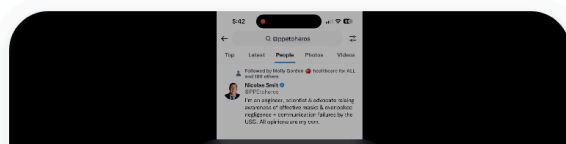
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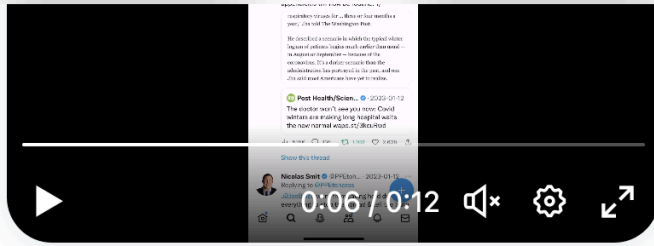


Sound the alarm to people like [@TaylorLorenz](#)

Nicolas Smit · Jan 19, 2023, 5:18 PM



Screenshot of direct message conversation. Screenshot of shadowban checking service. Text reads Search ban. Search Ban This type of ban causes your tweets to be hidden from the search results entirely, no matter whether the quality filter is turned on or off. This behavior includes hashtags as well. This type of ban seems to be temporally limited for active accounts. Technical information about the result No ghost ban.No reply deboosting detected. Nicolas Smit Jan 19, 2023, 5:13 PM Redacted conversation participant says: What do we do? This is wrong! Jan 19, 2023, 5:17 PM Nicolas Smit says Sound the alarm to people like @TaylorLorenz Jan 19, 2023, 5:18 PM



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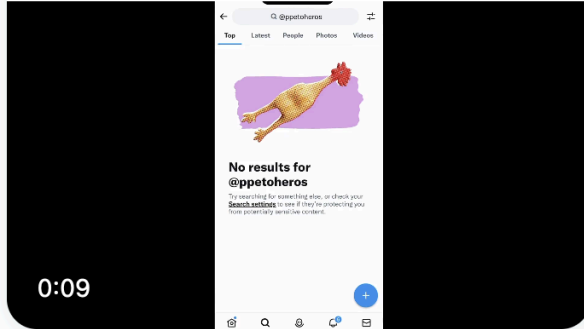


Nicolas Smit · Jan 19, 2023, 5:45 PM

 **Nicolas Sm** @PPetohe · Jan 19, 2023

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Nicolas Smit · Jan 19, 2023, 6:28 PM

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Twitter has been weird in other ways too, like randomly unfollowing me from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Jan 19, 2023, 6:38 PM

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Deaths

New Deaths (Weekly Total)

3,907

Total Deaths

1,095,149

Death Trends



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