

Recently our account on Twitter was the target of trolling by a couple of accounts claiming to be run by Tibetans, the nature of insults and fact-free accusations was such that we reluctantly decided to block one of those. It's regrettable such action was required, however no reasonable discourse was possible, especially amid the welter of abusive claims.

We have come across such negativity previously and it can be no mere coincidence that the handful of accounts all shared a venomous agenda relating to a religious schism that afflicted (and still does) the wider Tibetan community.

For the record our purpose as a volunteer network is to focus entirely upon the plight of Tibetans inside occupied Tibet. To support their hope for national freedom and human rights. We have throughout our activism chosen not to get embroiled in arcane and toxic disputes on Tibetan deities or the cultic claims of one side or another. We consider such dispute to be entirely unhelpful to the Tibetan cause.

Unfortunately sometimes trouble comes knocking on your door and this happened 8/14 with one of our Twitter crew. Who in all innocence responded to a tweet which expressed interest in making a donation to our activism, our colleague acted in good faith with no ill intent or partisanship. What was not known to him was that the account in question had clearly caused offense to the trolls previously alluded to. One of which saw that as an opportunity to issue a stream of abuse against our motivation in supporting Tibet. Despite efforts to maintain a civil exchange it was obvious our colleagues on Twitter were making no progress in seeking reason. On that basis it was determined to block the individual's account.

We genuinely appreciate solidarity shown to us by one of our longstanding friends within Anonymous, but advised them that it was pointless to converse with those whose minds were closed to everything except pushing their agenda. To us that objective seems to be about creating discord and disharmony within the wider Tibetan scene. The orchestrators of such friction may well be sourced to the United Work Front of the Chinese Communist Party, Tibetans who regard themselves as acting in faith with the position of Central Tibetan Administration. Or even fundamentalists who consider their hateful discourse to be in the service of some deity or another.

It's hard to be sure, within the choking murk of aggressive trolling, but one thing's for certain and we'd like to restate our position so that there's no misunderstanding.

We don't give a damn about the perceived rights or wrongs of a vitriolic argument on the matter of prohibited Tibetan deities. So whether you support one side or another, if you regard yourself as a dedicated champion of the CTA, or are a poorly paid 10 Cent troll pay attention. We don't care! Our focus is the cause of Tibet's just national independence and the condition of the nearly 6 million Tibetans inside occupied Tibet. Be mindful therefore that we will not tolerate trolls of one persuasion or the other, your accounts will be ignored and/or blocked. The rarified disputes of Tibetan Buddhism are of no concern to us.

Anyone has the right to criticize, that's a freedom we totally respect. But to the few who would denigrate our work, while we acknowledge your freedom to do so, we trust you may allow yourselves time to consider the years of dedicated work which our team invest in their support of Tibet. This is offered because people genuinely care, they cannot bear to see the suffering of people in occupied Tibet and offer their time as volunteers.

Our record is there a matter of public account, we campaign actively across a range of issues linked to Tibet and administer a major online resource on information relating to the Tibetan cause. If anyone has any doubts concerning our dedication, motivation or integrity then they should visit www.tibettruth.com and spend time going through the considerable record of achievement, reportage and campaigning it features.

Our team on Twitter do an amazing job, ensuring that Tibet is given the widest exposure across social media, again they volunteer, they care deeply. It is a matter of regret that their efforts, while receiving massive public support and encouragement are on occasion subjected to totally unjustified calumny and vitriol. We can only remind our colleagues that when compared to the tyranny endured by Tibetans such negativity is of miniscule concern. Trolls come and go, what remains is the good hearts of those who dedicate themselves to Tibetan national freedom.

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