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## Big Tech has a glaring double standard when it comes to web scraping | Fast Company

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A couple years ago, I received an email from <u>Google</u> telling me that my browser extension, <u>RegretsReporter</u>, was at risk of being removed from the Chrome Web Store for violating Google's policies. It made me deeply uneasy—not because our extension was doing anything malicious, but because it seemed one of the most powerful companies in the world might be coming after me for my work.

Just three weeks before, I had <u>published research</u> that was <u>covered by the press</u> <u>around the world</u> showing how YouTube's recommendation algorithm had been routinely surfacing harmful content to people—research that was powered by the very browser extension that Google was now threatening to shut down.

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