

# Gab Is in Full Meltdown, and Founder Andrew Torba Blames the 'Deep State' | The Daily Beast

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Months after a Gab user allegedly massacred Jewish worshippers at a synagogue, the extremist-friendly social-media site is in the middle of a full-scale meltdown, freezing its signups on Wednesday.

Gab advertises itself as a “free speech” alternative to Twitter or Facebook, but it’s more like a haven for violent extremists, including Robert Bowers, the white supremacist who [posted anti-Semitic conspiracy theories to Gab](#) before allegedly [murdering 11 Jews](#) in a Pittsburgh synagogue in October. Another pair of [Gab users were accused the next month](#) of plotting an attack of their own. The site suffered a financial blow after the incidents, with payment processors and web-hosting companies cutting ties with them.

Now the site is struggling to stay online and canceling services, amid reports that its founder Andrew Torba might be in trouble with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Torba has blamed everyone from the deep state to leftists—everyone except himself.

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