

## ACTORS, ARTISTS & ACTIVISTS DONATE THEIR NIPPLES TO FIGHT CENSORSHIP

5/15/2019 New York, NY— What do Bravo’s Andy Cohen, artist Andres Serrano, actor-photographer Adam Goldberg, Red Hot Chili Peppers drummer Chad Smith, Whitney Biennial featured artist Paul Mpagi Sepuya and artist Spencer Tunick have in common? They have all donated (images of) their nipples to help the National Coalition Against Censorship (NCAC) challenge censorship of artistic nudity on Facebook and Instagram.

On June 2, artist-photographer Spencer Tunick will create a nude art action in New York City to bring attention to the rigid policies that prevent many artists from sharing their work, and museums from promoting their exhibitions, on the world’s most popular social media platforms. 100 nude participants will gather to create an artwork using the donated male nipple images to highlight the arbitrary gender distinction built into the platforms’ policing of artistic nudity.

Together with Tunick, NCAC’s #WeTheNipple campaign calls for a change in the Community Guidelines/Standards of both social media platforms to allow photographic artistic nudity.

NCAC and Tunick are calling on Facebook and Instagram to follow a path taken by YouTube over a decade ago. After NCAC and EFF’s intervention, the popular video-streaming platform changed its terms of service to allow artistic nudity.

Note: No nipple donors were harmed in the collection of nipples for this project.

Further campaign details are available at [ncac.org/wethenipple](http://ncac.org/wethenipple)

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The **National Coalition Against Censorship**, a coalition of over 50 national non-profits, has spent 45 years defending freedom of expression and combatting censorship in all its forms. Its Arts Advocacy Program is the only national project dedicated to working directly with individual artists and curators involved in censorship disputes. [ncac.org](http://ncac.org)

Twitter: [@ncacensorship](https://twitter.com/ncacensorship) | Facebook: [facebook.com/ncacorg](https://facebook.com/ncacorg) | Instagram: [@ncacensorship](https://instagram.com/ncacensorship)

**Spencer Tunick** is a world-renowned artist photographer who has staged more than 75 site-specific nude installations around the world. Throughout his career, he has fought for his right to photograph nude participants in public spaces. Now, in order to share his work on social media, he is forced to overwhelmingly censor it. [spencertunick.com](http://spencertunick.com)

Instagram: [@spencertunick](https://instagram.com/spencertunick) | Facebook: [facebook.com/spencertunick](https://facebook.com/spencertunick)

- Individual artist's censorship stories are available on the website. Video content is available on Instagram at [@ncacensorship](https://www.instagram.com/ncacensorship) as a highlight.
- Graphics available at [ncac.org/wethenipple](https://ncac.org/wethenipple)
- Campaign signatories will be added on a rolling basis. The list will be updated at [ncac.org/wethenipple](https://ncac.org/wethenipple)