

**SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**  
***Appellate Division, Fourth Judicial Department***

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**CA 24-01447**

PRESENT: LINDLEY, J.P., CURRAN, BANNISTER, SMITH, AND NOWAK, JJ.

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WAYNE JONES, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS ADMINISTRATOR  
OF THE ESTATE OF CELESTINE CHANEY, DECEASED,  
PLAINTIFF-RESPONDENT,

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OPINION AND ORDER

MEAN LLC, ET AL., DEFENDANTS,  
ALPHABET INC., GOOGLE, LLC, YOUTUBE, LLC, AND  
REDDIT, INC., DEFENDANTS-APPELLANTS.  
(APPEAL NO. 5.)

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Appeals from an order of the Supreme Court, Erie County (Paula L. Feroletto, J.), entered August 29, 2024. The order denied the motion of defendants-appellants to dismiss the amended complaint against them.

It is hereby ORDERED that the order so appealed from is reversed on the law without costs, the motion is granted and the amended complaint is dismissed against defendants-appellants.

Same opinion as in *Patterson v Meta Platforms, Inc.* ([appeal No. 1] – AD3d – [July 25, 2025] [4th Dept 2025]).

All concur except BANNISTER and NOWAK, JJ., who dissent and vote to affirm in the same dissenting opinion as in *Patterson v Meta Platforms, Inc.* ([appeal No. 1] – AD3d – [July 25, 2025] [4th Dept 2025]).

Entered: July 25, 2025

Ann Dillon Flynn  
Clerk of the Court