

**Reeves v Quora**

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Judge: Paul A. Goetz

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
NEW YORK COUNTY

PRESENT: HON. PAUL A. GOETZ PART 47

Justice

MICHAEL D. REEVES, Plaintiff, - v - QUORA, META PLATFORMS, INC, REDDIT INC, PREMISE DATA CORPORATION, Defendants. INDEX NO. 653823/2025 MOTION DATE 01/06/2026 MOTION SEQ. NO. 013

DECISION + ORDER ON MOTION

The following e-filed documents, listed by NYSCEF document number (Motion 001) 2, 5, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 34, 37, 39, 40, 47, 49, 60, 65, 69, 72, 86, 87, 92, 98, 99, 100

were read on this motion to/for ORDER OF PROTECTION

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were read on this motion to/for ATTORNEY - ASSIGN.

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were read on this motion to/for EXTEND - TIME.

The following e-filed documents, listed by NYSCEF document number (Motion 012) 114, 115, 116  
were read on this motion to/for FEE WAIVER.

The following e-filed documents, listed by NYSCEF document number (Motion 013) 101, 102, 103, 104,  
105, 106, 110, 111, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122  
were read on this motion to/for DISMISSAL.

Upon the foregoing documents, it is

ORDERED that defendant, Meta Platform Inc.’s (“Meta”) motion (MS # 3) to dismiss the complaint,<sup>1</sup> is granted as even “accept[ing] the facts as alleged in the complaint as true, accord[ing] the plaintiff the benefit of every reasonable inference, and determine[ing] only whether the facts, as alleged fit within any cognizable legal theory” (*Bangladesh Bank v Rizal Commercial Banking Corp.*, 226 AD3d 60, 85-86 [1<sup>st</sup> Dept 2024]), as required on a CPLR § 3211(a)(7) motion, plaintiff’s allegations fail to manifest a cognizable cause of action and to the extent that plaintiff’s allegations that Meta deleted his Facebook account can be interpreted as a breach of contract claim, the Facebook terms of service, which plaintiff agreed to upon registration and use of Facebook, to authorize Meta “to suspend or permanently disable [a user’s] access to Meta Company Products, and . . . permanently disable or delete your account” if, in the company’s “discretion,” the user has “clearly, seriously or repeatedly breached our Terms or Policies, including in particular the Community Standards[.]” (NYSCEF Doc No 29 ¶ 4.2), and therefore, plaintiff cannot assert a cause of action based upon the alleged deletion; and it is further

<sup>1</sup> While plaintiff purported to initiate this action under CPLR Article 76, it is unclear how this is relevant to plaintiff’s filings and thus the filings will be construed as a civil complaint (*Pezhman v City of New York*, 29 AD3d 164, 168 [1st Dept 2006] [“a pro se complaint should be construed liberally in favor of the pleader”]).

ORDERED that defendant, Quora's motion (MS #13) to dismiss the complaint as asserted against them is denied as moot in light of the stipulation of discontinuance; and it is further

ORDERED that plaintiff's motions (MS #1, MS #5, MS #7, and MS #8) seeking a preliminary injunction restoring plaintiff's allegedly deleted accounts is denied as moot in light of the decision and order on MS #3, and in any event plaintiff has failed to meet his burden of demonstrating a likelihood of success on the merits (*Newmark Partners, LP v Hunt*, 200 AD3d 557 [1st Dept 2021]); and it is further


ORDERED that plaintiff's motion (MS #10) to assign him counsel is denied as moot in light of the decision and order on MS #3, in any event "[a] party has no constitutionally guaranteed right to the assistance of counsel in a civil case" (*Leftridge v. Connecticut State Trooper Officer No. 1283*, 640 F3d 62, 68 [2d Cir.2011]); and it is further

ORDERED that plaintiff's motion (MS #11) seeking an extension to serve supporting papers is denied as moot in light of the decision and order on MS #3, in any event "[g]iven that plaintiff has failed to establish the meritorious nature of any of his claims, ... an extension of time to effectuate service is not warranted in the interest of justice" (*Stegemann v Rensselaer County Sheriff's Off.*, 155 AD3d 1455, 1459 [3d Dept 2017]); and it is further

ORDERED that the complaint is dismissed in its entirety as against all defendants, including non-appearing defendants, Reddit Inc. and Premise Data Corporation because "[i]f, despite accepting the allegations as true, no viable cause of action is stated, the court may *sua sponte* dismiss a plaintiff's complaint" (*Gordon v Rockwood*, 232 AD3d 976, 978 [3d Dept 2024]); and it is further

ORDERED that plaintiff's motions (MS # 9 and MS # 12) seeking a waiver of filing fees is denied as moot in light of the decision and order on MS #3 since the complaint has been dismissed; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk is directed to enter judgment accordingly.

  
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