



Kanye West Loses Talent Agency; Shopify Closes Yeezy Site

Description

Topline

Kanye West's talent agency has severed ties with him following his online posting spree filled with antisemitic messages and the sale of swastika-emblazoned T-shirts through his fashion brand. This resulted in Shopify shutting down his website, and he is also facing a lawsuit from a Jewish former employee who claims he texted her, "Hail Hitler."

Kanye West and Bianca Censori at the Grammy Awards.

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Timeline

Feb. 11 The Yeezy website displayed an all-white screen stating, "Something went wrong. What happened? This store is unavailable."

Shopify informed [multiple news outlets](#) that it was responsible for taking down the site due to West's non-compliance with commerce standards.

Uncertainty surrounds whether any of the swastika T-shirts were shipped to buyers during the brief period they were available.

Feb. 11 A Jewish former employee filed a lawsuit in California, alleging discrimination and harassment by West based on her religion and gender.

The plaintiff, who worked for Yeezy in 2024, reported instances of antisemitic remarks, including a text message stating, "Welcome to the first day of working for Hitler," alongside inappropriate content.

Feb. 10 33&West, a Los Angeles talent agency, announced it would no longer represent West, with his agent, [Daniel McCartney](#), specifically citing West's "harmful" rhetoric.

Vocabulary List:



1. **Severed** /'seɪ.vəd/ (verb): To cut off or break a connection.
2. **Antisemitic** /,æn.ti.sə'mɪt.ɪk/ (adjective): Prejudice against hatred of or discrimination against Jews.
3. **Discrimination** /dɪs,kɪm.i'neɪ.ʃən/ (noun): Unjust or prejudicial treatment of different categories of people.
4. **Harassment** /hə'ræs.mənt/ (noun): Aggressive pressure or intimidation.
5. **Rhetoric** /'ret.ər.ɪk/ (noun): The art of effective or persuasive speaking or writing.
6. **Lawsuit** /'lɔ:.su:t/ (noun): A legal case brought before a court.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. Which action led to Kanye West's talent agency severing ties with him?
Option: A. Online posting spree
Option: B. Sale of swastika-emblazoned T-shirts
Option: C. Both A and B
Option: D. Lawsuit from a former employee
2. What caused Shopify to shut down Kanye West's website?
Option: A. Violation of commerce standards
Option: B. Poor website design
Option: C. Hacked by a third party
Option: D. Legal injunction
3. Which agency announced that it would no longer represent Kanye West?
Option: A. 33&West
Option: B. Shopify
Option: C. Yeezy
Option: D. The Recording Academy
4. What did Kanye West allegedly text to a Jewish former employee?
Option: A. Hail Hitler
Option: B. Happy Birthday
Option: C. Good luck
Option: D. None of the above
5. What did the Yeezy website display on Feb. 11?



- Option: A. All-white screen
- Option: B. Error message
- Option: C. Sold out message
- Option: D. New collection preview

6. What did the lawsuit from the Jewish former employee allege?

- Option: A. Discrimination and harassment
- Option: B. Breach of contract
- Option: C. Copyright infringement
- Option: D. None of the above

True-False

- 7. Kanye West's talent agency cut ties with him due to his harmful rhetoric.
- 8. The swastika T-shirts sold by Kanye West were confirmed to have been shipped to buyers.
- 9. The Jewish former employee filed a lawsuit against Kanye West in New York.
- 10. Daniel McCartney was Kanye West's agent at 33&West talent agency.
- 11. Kanye West worked with the plaintiff in 2024.
- 12. The Yeezy website was taken down for technical issues, not compliance reasons.

Gap-Fill

- 13. The Yeezy website displayed an all-white screen on Feb. 11, stating, "Something went wrong. What happened? This store is _____."
- 14. Shopify took down Kanye West's website due to his non-compliance with commerce _____.
- 15. A Jewish former employee filed a lawsuit in California, alleging discrimination by Kanye West based on her religion and _____.
- 16. The plaintiff who worked for Yeezy reported instances of antisemitic remarks, including a text message _____.



referencing _____.

17. 33&West, a Los Angeles talent agency, announced it would no longer represent Kanye West due to his "harmful" _____.

18. The Yeezy website temporarily displayed an all-white screen on Feb. 11, with the message, "This store is _____."

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. C. Both A and B 2. A. Violation of commerce standards 3. A. 33&West 4. A. Hail Hitler 5. A. All-white screen 6. A. Discrimination and harassment

True-False: 7. True 8. False 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. unavailable 14. standards 15. gender 16. Hitler 17. rhetoric

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What legal agreement is made before marriage to protect assets?

- Option: Postnuptial agreement
- Option: Prenuptial agreement
- Option: Cohabitation agreement
- Option: Separation agreement

2. Which term describes a subject that causes public disagreement or argument?

- Option: Acceptable
- Option: Controversial
- Option: Consensus
- Option: Unanimous

3. Which term best describes a person who can recover quickly from difficult conditions?

- Option: Fragile
- Option: Vulnerable
- Option: Resilient
- Option: Delicate



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4. What term is used to describe a very successful and widely known product or movie?
- Option: Flop
 - Option: Blockbuster
 - Option: Niche
 - Option: Underdog
5. What term refers to the income generated from the normal business operations of a company?
- Option: Expense
 - Option: Liability
 - Option: Equity
 - Option: Revenue
6. What is the unfair treatment of different categories of people or things especially on the grounds of race age or sex?
- Option: Inclusion
 - Option: Equality
 - Option: Discrimination
 - Option: Harmony
7. Which term refers to a particular attitude toward or way of regarding something?
- Option: Objective
 - Option: Perspective
 - Option: Prejudice
 - Option: Partiality
8. What term means a detailed analysis and assessment of something especially a literary philosophical or political theory?
- Option: Critique
 - Option: Praise
 - Option: Compliment
 - Option: Applause
9. Which word best describes a situation where one deeply thinks about before deciding?
- Option: Impulsively
 - Option: Foresighted
 - Option: Contemplated
 - Option: Spontaneous
10. What is the term for the action or process of recognizing or being recognized?
- Option: Denial
 - Option: Rejection
 - Option: Recognition



Option: Oblivion

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. A sudden inheritance unexpectedly changed his _____.
12. The controversial statement caused a significant _____ from the public.
13. The criminal was known for his _____ deeds.
14. The company was involved in a lengthy and expensive _____.
15. The children were captivated by the _____ characters in the cartoon.
16. The young artist showed a _____ talent for painting.
17. Managers must take _____ for the performance of their team.
18. The _____ market trends indicate a shift in consumer preferences.
19. The company has a zero-tolerance policy towards any form of _____ in the workplace.
20. The financial analyst provided optimistic _____ for the company's growth.
21. The actor received critical _____ for his outstanding performance.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

22. The investors engaged in speculation to anticipate market movements.
23. The politician made several antisemitic remarks that sparked outrage.
24. Despite facing challenges she remained calm and accomplished her goals.
25. She maintained her composure even in the midst of chaos.
26. His actions were reflective of his strong moral values.



27. The partnership was severed due to irreconcilable differences.
28. Her persuasive rhetoric swayed the audience in her favor.
29. The artist faced harsh criticism for his latest work.
30. The discriminatory policies were widely regarded as antisemitic.
31. Her talent was finally recognized by the prestigious award committee.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Prenuptial agreement 2. Controversial 3. Resilient 4. Blockbuster 5. Revenue
6. Discrimination 7. Perspective 8. Critique 9. Contemplated 10. Recognition

Gap-Fill: 11. Fortune 12. Backlash 13. Infamous 14. Lawsuit 15. Animate 16. Remarkable 17. Accountability
18. Emerging 19. Harassment 20. Projections 21. Acclaim

Matching sentence: 1. Speculation 2. Antisemitic 3. Accomplished 4. Composure 5. Reflecting 6. Severed
7. Rhetoric 8. Criticism 9. Antisemitic 10. Recognized

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