



Public Comment Appendix for

2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

Case description

In July 2022, a Facebook user posted content in a public group that describes itself as supporting freedom for Iran.

The post contains an image depicting a caricature of Iran’s Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. In the image, Ayatollah Khamenei’s beard forms a fist, which grasps a woman wearing the hijab. The woman is blindfolded with a chain around her ankles. A text bubble in Farsi next to Ayatollah Khamenei says that being a woman is forbidden. Below the image is a caption in Farsi. This calls for death to the “anti-women Islamic government” and for death to its “filthy leader Khamenei.” It calls the Islamic Republic the worst dictatorship in history, in part due to restrictions on what people can wear. It calls on women in Iran not to collaborate in the oppression of women.

The group in which the post was shared has fewer than 1,000 members, who identified their locations to be in Iran, Afghanistan and the United States. On the day the content was posted, another user reported it under Meta’s [Hate Speech Community Standard](#). As a result of human review, Meta removed the post under the [Violence and Incitement Community Standard](#), which prohibits calls for death or high-severity violence against all people. Meta also applied a feature-limit against the user which restricted their ability to use Facebook, including preventing them from posting in groups. Hours after Meta removed their post, the user appealed the decision. However, due to what Meta describes as a temporary reduction in review capacity as a result of COVID-19, the appeal was not prioritized and was automatically closed without review after three days. In their appeal to the Oversight Board, the user states that **the post criticizes the Iran “dictatorship” and human rights violations in Iran.**

As a result of the Board selecting this case, Meta determined that its previous decision to remove the content was in error. It found that, although the post violated the Violence and Incitement policy, the newsworthiness allowance applied. Under the [newsworthiness](#) allowance, Meta allows violating content on its platforms “if keeping it visible is in the public interest.” In August 2022, Meta restored the post, removed the feature limits, and reversed the strike against the **user’s account.**

The Board would appreciate public comments that address:

- **How Meta’s Violence and Incitement policy and the newsworthiness allowance should treat calls for violence against prominent government or religious figures, and how to assess when such expression is rhetorical and does not pose a risk of harm.**
- **Meta’s moderation of content critical of the Iranian government and its senior officials, including whether and how the company uses policy exceptions during protests to allow calls for death against Iran’s Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.**
- **Meta’s moderation of content relating to anti-hijab protests in Iran, as well as other protests in Iran and the wider region.**
- **Meta’s enforcement of its content moderation policies for Farsi-language expression related to the political situation in Iran, as well as the company’s use of automation to enforce its rules.**
- **The fairness of Meta’s treatment of Farsi-speaking users of its platforms, both when their content is removed, and when they report content that they believe violates Meta’s policies.**
- The situation for free expression in Iran, including further contextual information about recent protests in the country, internet censorship and social media bans, and government responses to its critics in Iran and abroad.

In its decisions, the Board can issue policy recommendations to Meta. While recommendations are not binding, Meta must respond to them within 60 days. As such, the Board welcomes public comments proposing recommendations that are relevant to this case.



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The Oversight Board is committed to bringing diverse perspectives from third parties into the case review process. To that end, the Oversight Board has established a public comment process.

Public comments respond to case descriptions based on the information provided to the Board by users and Facebook as part of the appeals process. These case descriptions are posted before panels begin deliberation to provide time for public comment. As such, case **descriptions reflect neither the Board's assessment of a case, nor the full array of policy issues that a panel might consider to be implicated by each case.**

To protect the privacy and security of commenters, comments are only viewed by the Oversight Board and as detailed in the [Operational Privacy Notice](#). All commenters included in this appendix gave consent to the Oversight Board to publish their comments. For commenters who did not consent to attribute their comments publicly, names have been redacted. To withdraw your comment, please email [contact@osbadmin.com](mailto:contact@osbadmin.com).

To reflect the wide range of views on cases, the Oversight Board has included all comments received except those clearly irrelevant, abusive or disrespectful of the human and fundamental rights of any person or group of persons and therefore violating the [Terms for Public Comment](#). Inclusion of a comment in this appendix is not an endorsement by the Oversight Board of the views expressed in the comment. The Oversight Board is committed to transparency and this appendix is meant to accurately reflect the input we received.



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### Regional Breakdown

13	6	42	0
Asia Pacific & Oceania	Central & South Asia	Europe	Latin America & Caribbean
36	0	65	
Middle East and North Africa	Sub-Saharan Africa	United States & Canada	

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Case number

PC-10811

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Censorship of content coming from Iran allows the Islamic Republic regime use more brutal force and massacre to suppress the protesters in Iran by hiding the reality from the world.

Full Comment

The contents coming out of Iran shows the brutal violence of the Islamic Republic government in suppression of the protester in Iran. These contents should not be removed as the social media is the only platform that Iranians have to show the world what they are going through. The censorship of these content labeled as **“violence” will make the Iranian movements and revolution hidden from the world** and allows use of even more brutal force against the people of Iran. We really need to show to the world the reality in Iran and have the world powers do action in support of the Iranians and the their basic human rights.

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Case number

PC-10812

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Arthur

Commenter's first name

Gwagwa

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Utrecht University

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Although freedom of religion of individuals and groups is a public good protected under international law, the speech in issue does not amount to incitement on religious grounds protected under articles 19 and 22 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). The speech in question failed to meet the threshold of imminence: It is vague and directed at an official office and a government and not the actual leader. It is a form of political speech and not 'fighting words'. In virtue of their position in public life, public officials are necessarily exposed to commentary about them by members of the public, whether or not such content may offend them. In this case, Facebook made a culturally relative decision.

Full Comment

The critical question in this case is: Under what circumstances can defamatory hate speech that incites violence be limited under international law? Does the position change if the speech is not directed to a specific identifiable audience and the targeted political and religious leader and government officials? names are not specified? What are the obligations of Facebook, as an intermediary or content reporter (not creator) under global standards?

Under Article 19 of the ICCPR, restrictions on incitement and hate speech are considered as legitimate restrictions to freedom of expression provided they meet the three part test: legality, legitimacy as well as necessity and proportionality. As far as incitement is concerned, restriction of such content is permissible provided it meets additional tests related to (a). the directness and imminence of the incitement, and (b) the causal link between the speech and the action, violence or

discrimination envisaged from the incitement. Article 22 of the ICCPR prohibits any advocacy of national, racial, or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence, and all of which are to be prohibited by law (Agnes Callamard, 2016).

The speech in question failed to meet the threshold of imminence: It is vague and directed at an official office and a government and not the actual leader. Although it is hate speech, it is a form of political speech and "fighting words" (words are written or spoken words intended to incite hatred or violence from their target). Although fighting words and their specific definitions, freedoms, and limitations vary by jurisdiction, SCOTUS in *Chaplinsky v New Hampshire*, 315 U.S. 568 (1942), define them as words which "by their very utterance, inflict injury or tend to incite an immediate breach of the peace". These were not fighting words as they lack specificity and even seriousness but could be construed as angry words that capture the Iranian public civics' public sphere agitation for political change.

In addition, as other jurisdictions have shown, the right of officials to claim protection is limited. The decision such as that in *New York Times Co. v. Sullivan*, 376 U.S. 254- a landmark decision of the US Supreme Court ruling that the freedom of speech protections in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution restrict the ability of American public officials to sue for defamation. The implication is that, in virtue of their position in public life, they are necessarily exposed to commentary about them by members of the public, whether or not such content may offend them. Although, as the French case of *Charlie Hebdo* showed, cases such as the present one may trigger violence. However the present case is distinguishable since the content under consideration is a form of political speech and not hatred based on the grounds of religion. Facebook should therefore have protected the values enshrined in in the ICCPR and other progressive legal rules such as the safe harbor instead of easily giving in to cultural relativism.

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Case number

PC-10813

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

For the freedom of speech, you need to address what is happening in Iran the same way you covered what is happening in Ukraine. The matters of middle east should not get different attention because violence has been constant there. In addition, you should not let religious beliefs change the way you recognize something as offensive. Iranians around the world are no different from others regarding their perspective on politics and religion. If you think we are different, then you are under the influence of Islamic Republic.

Full Comment

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Case number

PC-10814

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Yasmin

Commenter's first name

M

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

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Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

The IRGC is listed in the United States as a terrorist organization. It is only natural that people are opposing terrorism, and their voices should not be shut down. Freedom of speech is one of the fundamental building blocks of society and it is very important that we hear first hand from the Iranian people about what is happening in the country. This is a matter of feminism, human rights, and freedom of soran and not a political issue. Please stop censoring content about Iran.

Full Comment

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Case number

PC-10816

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Azita

Commenter's first name

Esla

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

None

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Iranian regime uses violence against people of iran and the only way for people inside iran to communicate with abroad is social media. Please allow them to post crime of government of iran for awareness of rest of the world.

Full Comment

Iranian present regime is committing crimes every day. Social media is the only way for people inside iran to show case the regime's atrocities. Please allow posting of opinions and violence coming from iran.

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Case number

PC-10817

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

We are calling out the Heads of states that ARE killing people. Censoring us is being indifferent to the mass murders.

Full Comment

I can understand not wanting a platform to promote killing a head of state but these posts are **only a symbol. You must remember that it is these "Heads of States" like Khamenei, who are mass murdering people.** If Instagram shuts down the voices of those begging for Human Rights needs to be met, then Meta and the Oversight Board is being indifferent to the injustices, murders, rapes, and acts of torture that **are occurring. Indifference is the same as contributing when you know there's an injustice occurring.** By removing posts, you are helping the oppressors and contributing to the injustice.

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PC-10819

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

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Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

As Persians fight for their human rights in Iran, social media companies must empower and uplift them and limit their reach.

Full Comment

As Persians fight for their human rights in Iran, social media companies must empower and uplift them and limit their reach.

Please stand by us as we make the world a safer, more free, more just and more beautiful place.

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Case number

PC-10821

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Saghi

Commenter's first name

Tehran

Commenter's last name

Commenter's preferred language

UCSD

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Iran is in the middle of a revolution and internet has been taken away from them, it is the responsibility of platforms such as FB and Instagram to allow posts from this region and important information to be made available for a worldwide audience. Do not censor this content, in effect you will be censoring the oppressed.

Full Comment

Posts that have been shared have been blocked, depicting music or a presentation, has happened to me many times, always affiliated with Iran

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PC-10822

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Leyla

Commenter's first name

Passaran

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Please do not censor Iranian protest content. It's our right to want freedom and normal leaving conditions. We have to be able to report the violence Islamic republic is using against Iranians.

Full Comment

Please let Iranian voice to be heard.

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PC-10823

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Neda

Commenter's first name

Oshie

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

Yes

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Please consider the Iranian PEOPLE

Full Comment

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PC-10824

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

**Meta's censoring of socio-political and ethno-political related issues has proved dangerous. In Iran where Meta's platforms I.e., Facebook (banned), access to Instagram and Whatsapp has been restricted by the regime and Iran's country-wide internet shutdown, the need for social media users to amplify the voices of Iranian citizens; actively being brutalized by a dogmatic, theocratic dictatorship, has exemplified itself as being an unconditional aid to dilute suppression of voices. Further suppression of speech and imagery goes against the premise of a movement, wherein the basis is Human Rights.**

Full Comment

The Board has a responsibility to ensure the proper removal of alleged posts that violate platform guidelines, and yet, in contrast to this, Meta has removed nonviolent hashtags, nonviolent comments, nonviolent imagery, nonviolent videos, **and nonviolent posts; related to Iran's Human Right's movement. I sought out the public comment to relay my input of how these guidelines are being broken by the platform moderators within Meta. While Meta aides quirky news headlines in being favored by the algorithm, this in turn makes it increasingly difficult to stabilize engagement on posts that deserve to be in the same spaces, without bias of what gets to be seen. Again, I will emphasize that this is a Human Rights movement and the people of Iran deserve to be listened to, seen, felt. Their voices deserve to be amplified, uplifted, and boosted. Collectively, Iranian's and non-Iranian's alike are applying their efforts. The Oversight Board and Meta must acknowledge and prioritize the solutions provided by Iranian platform users of Meta's social media spaces- along with emphasizing and supporting the importance of incoming news**

and supplying platform users with a well-structured space to share this information, thus we can mitigate the loss of voices through social media platforms.

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PC-10827

Public comment number

Asia Pacific and Oceania

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

Yes

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Please stop censoring Irans content. People of Iran are fighting for freedom, for basic human rights and for their lives. We are their voice and your censorship makes it hard to spread awareness and get international help. Its tge decent human thing to do, to allo us to help our trapped families.

Thank you

Full Comment

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Thank you

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PC-10829

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Negin

Commenter's first name

Kalan

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

NA

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

I think the Meta policy makers should understand that the Islamic regime in Iran is a dictator regime and is brutally killing people, so when people and specially artists protest in these platforms (Facebook, Instagram, etc.) The forces of that regime will try to remove these posts by reporting them, so The Meta policy makers should aid and help these protesting people and review the reported post more carefully and not remove them so fast when thousands of cyber armies are reporting them

Full Comment

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PC-10830

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Maria

Commenter's first name

Arya

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

#womenlifefreedoms

Full Comment

We keep saying basic human rights, but I don't think the non Iranian truly understand what we mean , it's not about right to vote or right for education.... It's much more basic than that, it's the right to eat/drink what ever you want , read watch / write what ever you want , have an opinion and express it in any form you want , check in to a hotel or travel an unmarried women to where ever she wants , practice what ever religion she wants , date or marry who ever she wants , study what ever subject she wants , own a freaking dog as a pet if she wants and wear what ever she wants , these are basic human rights... that Iranian don't have and get arrested , tortured and killed on a daily basis for the last 43 year and I'm here writing to you and beg you please please help Iranian to be free . Thank you

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PC-10831

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

The Islamic Republic has been repressing the Iranian people for the past four decades and depriving them of the most fundamental rights. There is a tremendous amount of anger and grief, especially at this time when overt violence is applied to quench the uprising. Iranian people need to be heard and seen.

Full Comment

Images of the regime's brutality need to be seen by the world.  
People's defiance against the thugs need to be seen.  
Despite chanting death to the dictator, people want him and his officials to be tried in a just court as death is too good for them.

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Case number

PC-10832

Public comment number

Asia Pacific and Oceania

Region

Maryam

Commenter's first name

Barzegar

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

**Meta is filtering the news about Iran. I don't see any post related to Iran's situation in my explore.**

Full Comment

**Islamic regime is using censorship to not allow people spread the news. They're killing people everyday but due to censorship they can't send the videos. At least Meta could help to spread the news. I don't see any post on my explore. Seems they're all get filtered out by Meta. We need more help to raise awareness about this situation. Women are fighting for basic human rights and there is not enough media coverage. We feel there is a discrimination here as it's happening in Middle East and no one cares about Middle East!**

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Case number

PC-10833

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Soroosh

Commenter's first name

Ahmadi

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

The newsworthiness of certain posts is massively important to the human rights movements, specifically the recent stories related to Mahsa Amini's murder by the Islamic republic and womens rights in Iran.

Full Comment

The brutality of the Islamic Republic regime is sometimes only conveyed through art and photos that are themselves by extension brutal as well. These posts allow the massive number of people who are being oppressed and killed by the regime to find a voice and therefore it is a very substantial aid to these human rights movements. **Iran's terrorist regime routinely blocks internet access to its people in order to silence them.** They need every help they can get in order to find a broader audience and a louder voice and allowing these posts to circulate helps that. Thank you.

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PC-10834

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Meta is suppressing the flow of **info about Iranians fighting for freedom. Yes it's not pretty but it's their life that they put on the line and instead of getting support, Meta is shutting them down which makes them accomplice to Islamic Republic regime!**

Full Comment

We demand that **Meta don't censor the message that Iranian people are sending for help and support. Meta is deleting the content and the hashtags and also when we report the regime's assets on their platform they say they found nothing wrong!**

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Case number

PC-10835

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Sahar

Commenter's first name

Ebrahimi

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

I have noticed that as a fashion lover I tend to be shown a lot of fashion related content on instagram. I have been using mahsa amini's hashtag to help amplify iranian voices, everyday for over two weeks now. however, I still don't see anything related to her story and what's happening in iran on my explorer page. islamic republic's a terrorist regime therefore most related content are going to be marked sensitive by meta. but this is not right. this is our reality. we are living in a world where brave innocent people, mostly teenage girls, are dying for a better future for all of us. those of us living abroad can do as little as sharing their stories so that their voices are heard by those with power of making bigger changes

Full Comment

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PC-10836

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Ahmad Reza

Commenter's first name

NajarbZadeh

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

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Full Comment

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Case number

PC-10838

Public comment number

Europe

Region

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Commenter's first name

Gorshied

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

People of Iran need you pls help

Full Comment

People of Iran need you pls help they are being slaughtered

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Case number

PC-10839

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Haideh

Commenter's first name

Ghandchi

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Freedom of women's rights is nothing to be reported and hidden away. What is happening in Iran is barbaric and should be shared so people can see the extremity of the situation so governments can help stop this by any means necessary.

Full Comment

Iran shuts down the Internet so the world cannot see the savagery it uses to kill its own people. In the name of Islam they control and kill whoever they want (technically the religion doesn't condone such things). The people of Iran are tired of being oppressed for 43years. We have the right to hate the dictatorship who doesn't allow our families to visit us, who makes women cover up themselves, who forces a way of life that the people do not want and cannot escape from. These are basic human rights the Iranians want back! Any posts for the Iranian people, against the terrible misogynistic murderous government should be allowed. A government who kills women for showing their hair should have no right for anything. They have had no voice for too long, let's help them speak up and get back their country.

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Case number

PC-10841

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

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Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

The respect of People's freedom to share there battle in social mEdia when living under an oppressive government

Full Comment

I think it would be at least, fair, for Meta to allow People to share their concerns over the situation in Iran. The social média are sometimes thé only Window they have on the world to show their sttrugle and suffer for having their elementary rights and freedom. Therefore, Meta rules should be adapted to the ongoing events and for exceptional situation in Iran.. I hope People will win thé fight of freedom. I hope no woman in the world will ever risk her life wearing or not a scarf upon her head. Please give them the ability to raise their voice

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Case number

PC-10842

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Hal

Commenter's first name

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Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Freedom

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Iranian youth are dying to protest for basic human rights at the hands of the most oppressive regime.

Full Comment

Meta the public interest in helping for the world to hear the voice of the youth and the Iranian people in Iran fighting for their democracy outweighs anything. If all of **us abroad don't help in anyway we can we do will have blood on our hands.** The regime is killing innocent protestors and from the ground I hear through family they want the world to know what the regime is doing to them. Thank you for caring.

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10843

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Freedom of expression for those in Iran, fighting for their freedom

No limits on those sharing content about Iran

Full Comment

Dear oversight board,

Thank you for reading my submission.

I am an Iranian woman and it saddens me to see the expression of fellow fighting Iranian women curbed. Your platforms are banned in Iran and people go to great lengths to get VPNs that can bypass the censoring to use your platforms to connect with one another. When they get to your platforms, they are being censored again. This is violence and suppression in and of itself.

I have seen not only on Facebook but Instagram, users shadow banned and their reach limited for sharing about Iran. This means you support the oppression against Iranian people. If you do not, please allow them to speak and use your platforms freely, for they cannot express themselves freely on the streets of their own land. They are killed for doing so and you kill their voices online.

In fact, not only should this not happen to Iranian women, but it should not happen to anyone else sharing information on the troubling events across the world. Black creators, Palestinian creators too are amongst those who have been silencing from your platforms. This is not acceptable at all. Please stop curbing the path to freedom and join the people. How would you feel if it was your plight and your voice was suffocated? Let us have compassion for one another and allow expression in a dignified manner.

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10844

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Roshanak

Commenter's first name

Roshanzamir

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Supporting posts on Instagram about Iran

Full Comment

This is in regards to the posts and comments coming from Iran or being posted by Iranians through out the world. Instagram has been one of the only supports of the **Iranian women and the only outlet for showing the true evil that's happening in** Iran. The injustice, the abuse and the trauma that the government has caused for all Iranians inside and outside of Iran. My parents left Iran over 20 years ago due to fear of what could happen to us. I long for visiting my country and family there but I **can't return out of fear of this government. So please allow Instagram to be the voice of the people of Iran. To support human right and justice. Imagine this... if it's hard to watch these videos, how does it feel to live that every day???**

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10845

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

The censorship that is happening in Iran is **unacceptable and it's causing people to die.**

Full Comment

People need to let the world know what is happening in Iran. The censorship is keeping the world from knowing the violence that is happening against women and young folks who oppose the regime they are under and people are dying.

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10846

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Instagram keeps blocking Iran protest content (post and story) on many pages, I have not been able to view many of those. It also does not update my explore feed based on my shared Iran content. It keeps showing me irrelevant things but nothing on Iran although I have shared hundreds on Stories related to #mahsaamini and #iranprotests in the past two weeks or so.

Full Comment

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10847

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Islamic Republic regime and its leader, Ali Khamenei, continue to suppress Iranians who demand their basic rights. Such violations have been exposed in various human rights violation reports.

The media in Iran is controlled by the state and even satellite TV is banned. Social media is the only way for people to express their demands publicly.

As such these posts are important news and expression of opinions and should not be removed. They expose the violations that Ali Khanenei regularly orders.

Full Comment

Based on various reports issued by UN human rights council, Amnesty Interntl, US gov and EU parlmnt, Islamic Rep regime and its leader, Ali Khamenei, continue to suppress Iranians who demand their basic rights such as the right to choose their outfit. Books, newspapers, media and blogs are only permitted to follow the directions issued in writing. Those who publicly express their opinion or news related to Khamenei's corrupted practice are jailed and executed. Ruhollah Zam who ran an independent Telegram channel was kidnapped and executed in 2019. This regime has killed and continues to torture and jail hundreds of Iranians, dual citizens and foreign nationals.

The media in Iran is controlled by the state and even satellite TV is banned. Social media is the only way for people to express their demands publicly. Hence Khamenei's order to block Instagram and Facebook. Iranians access these services through VPN.

As such these posts are important news and expression of opinions and do not fit in the category of hate speech. Similar to posts exposing ISIS & other Terrorists crimes.

Taking down these posts is in line with Khamenei's wishes. He has an army of social media monitors within and outside Iran whose job is to file hate speech or other violations against such posts. Meta should not fall for regime's tactics.

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10849

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Denouncing an oppressive force/organization is not hate **speech, it's freely** expressing yourself.

Full Comment

Denouncing an oppressive force/organization is not hate speech, it's freely expressing yourself; especially because it's not causing any harm (at least none that's not well overdue). People should be allowed to freely speak up against their oppressors and if organizations like meta silence them that means they're not any better than the oppressor themselves. For instance, you couldn't be mad at Jews denouncing hitler could you?!

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10852

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Maral

Commenter's first name

Namin

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

None

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

It is often crucial for people in countries such as in Iran to have the opportunity to express themselves loudly because of the dictatorship they live under will not allow any of it.

Full Comment

It is often crucial for people in countries such as in Iran to have the opportunity to **express themselves. Chanting 'dead over Khamenei' doesn't always mean that someone literally would kill the person but it is an expression of frustration don't knowing what else to do than chanting. Meta's restrictions can in these cases be very harmful for a whole population. There are 80 million people in Iran and the regime is shutting off the internet. SoMe should be THE place the people can express their thoughts and their call for help and attention. And let's be frank - the Islamic Regime in Iran is a terror regime and Meta should take its responsibility seriously and let people shout the truth out load - not shutting people off. Thank you.**

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10854

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Yashar

Commenter's first name

Karami

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

We need to take real action for iranian protesters and their brutal regime. META Company is supporting this regime by removing the footage from internet and **doesn't let people around world know they are actually working together.**

Full Comment

We need to stop Iranians government asap and being just sorry or understanding us does nothing at all. We need real actions like ban the Iranian government instagram and other social accounts.

Also we need to viral the footage of they brutality killing protesters specially kids under 20, but social medias like instagram keep removing them and they are obviously supporting the brutal regime of Iran.

We need to ban.

We also need to ban the members of this regime in other countries to stop them from tracking the protesters.

Most of them have a house and bank account in Canada and their Canada government is supporting this brutal regime by letting them have Canadian passports.

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10855

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Ensane

Commenter's first name

Omidvar

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Recommend that the newsworthiness principle we applied in the Iran case (and similar cases) where, an entity (organization, gov, party, individuals) has committed mass murder of unarmed civilians. Has used unreasonable brutality and force against free speech.

The slogans are not anti-hijab and are merely anti-forced-hijab. This is a crucial distinction

- the Iranian movement is not affiliated with any political parties. It is strictly a human rights and women's right movement.

Full Comment

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10857

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

I argue that such posts and publications should stay on the platform because iranian users are using instagram as a last resource to communicate with the world since the government has blocked internet acces to silence the protest and to be able to kill the people without it being discovered outside the borders.

Full Comment

The iranian government has blocked acces to the internet to silence the protest and butcher its people without any concecuences. The protest started after the police arrested a 22 year old woman for not wearing the hijab properly and while in custody she was beaten to death by the officers. After the news about thi leaked in national media people went to the streets to protest this brutality but the were confronted with the violence of armed forces of the regime. So far the y have killed hundreds of people including sarina and nika, both 16 year old teenagers, and arrested thousands of protesters. In the case of nika and sarina, they where followed by the police in the protest and desapperared for several days only to be found dead and raped ( by the regime officers) with internal organs missing ( to be sold on the organ transplants black market), their bodies where not returned to their families and were secretly burried in remote places to avoid further investigation, also their families have been forced to make false confessions on national tv. Iranian people need the free world to be their voice and thats why you shouldnt throw obstacles at them, because if you do so you are also responsible for these unspeakble tragedies that happened to these little girls and also the rest of the brave and honorable people of Iran. Keep in mind that the governmet is also behind a lot of the reports on these posts trying to silence them.

And seems important yo remind you that instagram, facebook and whatsapp are currently banned by the islamic republic of iran and people are accesing them via VPN.

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10858

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

E

Commenter's first name

Y

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

The Islamic republic is forcing protestors to delete their instagram and social media before they kill them. Please reinstate their instagram profiles so that we can mourn them

Full Comment

The Islamic republic is forcing protestors to delete their instagram and social media before they kill them. Please reinstate their instagram profiles so that we can mourn them. Do not erase them or their sacrifices

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10859

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Serena

Commenter's first name

Thompson

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

The people of Iran are leading a revolution against the IR which Canada officially recognizes as a terrorist organization. Please do not further limit their ability to communicate. They are already dying in the dark.

Full Comment

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10860

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Bahi

Commenter's first name

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Commenter's last name

PC-10965

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Silencing the voices on the Meta social platforms is equivalent to helping a terrorist group.

Full Comment

Did you know the IRGC is considered a terrorist group? Did you also know the Islamic Republic regime of Iran are oppressors and tyrants that are no different than the North Korean Branch Bureau, the CCP, or the CPRF and if such? And in fact, much worse and more brutal, as can be obviously seen. Did you also know that silencing and removing the reality of Iran (i.e. the footages and images coming from Iran with their arduous efforts and pain) from social media under the Meta umbrella contributes to such aforementioned groups? If you agree with terrorism, continue on, if you disagree with such evil as a human beings, please consider your actions and focus your skills and capabilities on being on the good side of history. Please be the bridge between us and do not silence. It is already hard enough to **send even a "are you alive?" message to family and friends. Saving Iran will save the world, I promise you that!**

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10862

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

Yes

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

It is very important to understand the context of the language and imagery that is coming out on social media in response to the revolution in Iran. The Iranian people have been living suppressed and oppressed under extreme theocratic, authoritarian, and genocidal rule and are revolting against a government that imposes apartheid, forced religion, religious persecution, hostile racism, continued hunger and homelessness, censorship of news/imprisonment of journalists/artists, and enforce mass murders of their own people. The brave people of Iran, young and old, are no longer afraid of the regime's brutality and inhumanity - they are willing to risk their lives for the freedom of their people and their country, IRAN.

Full Comment

It is very important to understand the context of the language and imagery that is coming out on social media in response to the revolution in Iran. The Iranian people have been living suppressed and oppressed under extreme theocratic and authoritarian rule. This is a government called the Islamic Republic of Iran (IRI) and it is run by the Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei and President Raisi (**known as “the Butcher of Iran”**) and supported by other Islamic ayatollahs/mullahs in the government. The people of Iran are fighting and chanting for the end of this violent and oppressive regime in its entirety and yes, that is often paired with chants for the death of their dictators – these “**leaders**” **try to censor and brainwash** everything that comes in and out of Iran. They imprison, torture, and execute “**dissidents**” **regularly (they’re definition of dissidence can range from anything** between showing a strand of hair under the forced headscarf, dancing on the sidewalk to music, or speaking against the government in a coffee shop). No matter

what you do in Iran, you are being watched, controlled and/or silenced through imprisonment and likely death. The people live impoverished, unable to afford food or medicine; they don't have access to clean water – and yet their government sells Iran's water to other countries in the meantime. The Islamic Republic of Iran is a gender apartheid regime that treats women as second-class citizens without any dignity or freedom. They must abide by strict laws that again, seek to degrade, control, and silence their women – all the while, the children and grandchildren of the IRI leaders live lavish lives abroad in Europe and North America without any regard for these strict dress codes, laws on consuming alcohol, and separation between men and women. The people of Iran have had enough of this dystopia and therefore chant for the death of this regime and the leaders within its party. Many of us online are trying to bring awareness to the current Iranian Revolution – we do so by sharing videos, pictures, art, and our own experiences to connect to other communities for allyship, awareness and support. Many of the videos I share that are coming directly out of Iran (who's Internet has been shut down by the government might I add, so that the world does not hear their plea for help as these innocent people are murdered), I am translating chants of the people for non-Farsi speakers to understand the reality of the Iranian experience under the IRI. These are chants, stories, art pieces that in other circumstances may be perceived as graphic and/or inciting violence. In this scenario, this material needs to be heard to make people aware of the situation at hand. However, these videos/graphic images/and calls for support and unity are being taken own and/or censored by Meta when I post them. If shouting for the end of apartheid, forced religion, religious persecution, lethal racism, hunger, homelessness and more is perceived as against the rules of Meta – Meta has a severe morality issue that it must recognize and correct immediately. As the controller of the largest social network on the planet, Meta has a duty to protect free speech (in whatever direct or artful form that may take) and is obligated to create routes for world news and honor honest journalism. If Meta believes it must silence Iranians as they bleed and beg for international aid, then this enterprise is an accessory to all the above and no better than the IRI. We urge you to adjust your filters and review of content that are related to the current Iranian Revolution. For women, for life, and for freedom.

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Case number

PC-10864

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Iranian government is killing innocent people in the street and we need the help of IG to make the rest of the world aware.

Full Comment

Read above.

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10866

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Meta's censorship helping Iranian regime

Full Comment

Countless posts of Iranian protests have been removed on Instagram and Facebook. What's funny, is how quickly it happens and how it almost always is sided with the authoritarian regime killing civilians.

Maybe the whole review process have been scrutinized by their agents, or Meta is deliberately siding with the regime. Either way, This is exhausting to not only be oppressed by the regim, but by intl. businesses and platforms and even governments; Just to leave this comment, same as using any useful App, I have to jump through dozens of hoops and try dozens of VPNs on multiple internet providers, and now not only we're being censored from within, also from outside.

Also, this isn't the first time Meta's "review" team has removed posts against Iranian regime. There has been mny such incidents in the past.

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10869

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Sayena

Commenter's first name

Marandi

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

I support publishing political content in Iran

Full Comment

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10870

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

deleting posts with Shervin Hajipour's song "Baraye"

Full Comment

He sang a song about the reasons people are asking for the regime change in Iran. He was arrested on September 29th and his video was removed from his page (forced by IRGC). he was released on bail on 4 October is but can not leave the country now. Some one else registered the song on his name and the person who stole the song is trying to use copy right law to delete the posts about Iran's revolution. it seems like the song when he was in jail. Please do not remove his voice, his song and his efforts for his people. Let the song continue spreading.

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PC-10871

Middle East and North Africa

Case number

Public comment number

Region

Withheld

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Commenter's last name

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

No

Organization

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

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Full Comment

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10874

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

I saw meta at first banned access to account from Iran and people in Iran had no access and those that had access were not being seen. On the search page that random videos come you could never see a protest video although that was the only thing that we were following. It kept deleting the posts of the protests.

Full Comment

I said it in summary

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10875

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

@meta has been systematically removing posts related to #IranProtests on @instagram & @facebook More & more accounts are being suspended & banned **from Instagram for “not following community guidelines” only by depicting real events of #IranRevolution! Shameful! #MahsaAmini**

Full Comment

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10878

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Hamid

Commenter's first name

Gharagozloo

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

International Organisation To Preserve Human Rights

Organization

Yes

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

The continual censorship of the Iranian revolution in favor of the ruling regime has dire consequences resulting in the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of Iranian protesters if continued. Meta has to be held accountable and forced to change course.

Full Comment

At the time that Iranians from all walks of life and across over 150 cities are being massacred for fighting for their freedom from a tyrannical theocracy ? at least 97 confirmed slaughtered children, women, and men during the Friday prayer in Zahedan, over 100 murdered in Sanandaj so far , and hundreds more all across Iran ? Meta (formerly Facebook) continues its immoral practices of removing posts of the Iranian protests. Despite numerous reports of about 80 Meta employees in Europe censoring the news in favor of the regime in Iran and even congressional hearings (please see the links below), Meta continues its abhorrent practices in favor of the ruling regime in Iran and stifling the cries of a nation fighting for its GOD given rights and freedom at the most critical juncture of its movement. It is time for Meta to be held accountable and change course and be an unbiased and fair outlet of news.

<https://freebeacon.com/media/congress-wants-to-know-why-meta-is-censoring-iranian-dissidents/>

<https://twitter.com/nufdiran/status/1578100697480200192?s=43&t=UVpkOV2WarD98LO1OGxSKA>

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10879

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Mahtab

Commenter's first name

Ghamsari

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

The Women's movement in Iran is not inciting violence but is showcasing the brutality and oppressive methods of a regimen who attacks dissent with guns and tanks and doesn't care whether a protester is 10 or 80 years old. The world needs to know that this is happening, however unpleasant the images are. Filtering these crimes would be helping the criminals.

Full Comment

You may be aware of the recent protests in Iran caused by the murder of 22 year old woman (Mahsa Amini) by the Iranian morality police and the ensuing police brutality. In the aftermath of this event, content circulating on social media platforms by protesters and their supporters aim to: Raise awareness about the struggles of women and ordinary people in Iran Show the brutality of the Islamic Regime against their own people Ensure the protesters who are arrested will not be killed immediately (If foreign countries and audiences know about who these protesters are **what's really going on inside the country, it would put more pressure** on the regime to treat them humanely) Ensure anyone who is engaging with the **Islamic regime know what to expect and who they're actually dealing with** Help protesters organise their efforts and share useful strategic information Most importantly: help the people of Iran gain some basic human rights back from the Islamic Dictatorship Instagram is one of the most widely used platforms in Iran and during the protests it was being used to teach protesters how to gather, how to do basic self-defence, how to protect themselves, and how to get around the government-imposed internet blackout. It was used to showcase the defiance of Iranian women against an extremely violent regime and motivate others to join in and support them. It was also showing the true brutality of the IRGC and Basij force

in Iran, who continue to rape, torture and murder young women who are arrested, something they have been doing since the 1980s. By suppressing this content, Meta is in essence silencing an unprecedented and extremely progressive movement in the Middle East, led by women for women. One which has the support of the entire world from footballists to entertainers, celebrities and brands. A brief history In August 2022, Mahsa Amini was arrested and beaten to death by the morality police **in Tehran for not wearing a “proper” hijab. While the morality police in Iran have a long history of detaining women for what they decide is improper hijab, this event has become the straw that broke the camel's back. Women have taken to the streets across the country and have taken off their veils asking for the freedom to choose. The government has severely limited internet access for citizens and the para-militia are actively shooting at protesters. Why this content isn't Hate Speech or Islamophobic Images of women fighting the oppressive regime in Iran will often (at least for the foreseeable future) include the Hijab as a symbol of oppression. This is because in Iran Hijab is compulsory and anyone who doesn't adhere to the often murky dress code is imprisoned, fined and in the case of Mahsa Amini, beaten to death. Hijab is used as a political tool by the Islamic rulers to show the world that they are “anti-west”, an ideology which has lost support with the people of Iran for decades. MEDIA Coverage Bloomberg: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2022-09-21/why-a-woman-s-death-in-iran-has-ignited-new-protests-quicktake> La Liberation: <https://journal.liberation.fr/liberation/liberation/2022-09-26>**

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Case number

PC-10880

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Hasti

Commenter's first name

Afsarifard

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

As the Islamic Regime censors the people of Iran in order to violently crackdown on protestors with impunity, it is critical that we amplify the voices of the oppressed rather than further censor them. Although some of the content coming out of Iran can be disturbing and violent, it is just the tip of the iceberg and important for the world to witness.

All eyes on Iran means international pressure and accountability to keep innocent Iranians safe from being detained, beaten, tortured, or killed by this cruel regime.

Full Comment

To the Oversight Board, I am a second-generation immigrant and Iranian-American citizen born and raised in the SF Bay Area. I have been participating in protests nationally and globally for Iran since 2009, when I was 16 years old. The protests **that started because of Mahsa Amini's murder at the hands of the morality police have become a movement calling for "Woman, Life, Freedom."** As the Islamic Regime censors the people of Iran in order to violently crackdown on protestors with impunity, it is critical that we amplify the voices of the oppressed rather than further censor them. Although some of the content coming out of Iran can be disturbing and violent, it is just the tip of the iceberg and important for the world to witness. This cruel regime dodges accountability of their abhorrent human rights violations and forces family members of minors killed to publicly claim that their child committed suicide. We need to hear the truth from the people of Iran, who risk their lives to speak out. We need to amplify their voices not dampen them. All eyes on Iran means international pressure and accountability to keep innocent Iranians safe from being detained, beaten, tortured, or killed. What is happening in Iran is a powerful women-led **human rights movement. I'm inspired every day by**

the bravery of my people. When I am able to get in touch with my family in Iran, they are telling me that their access to the Internet is very limited and calls on **landlines get disconnected after 2 minutes. They tell me that there are “police everywhere” and it feels like a “war zone”.** With restrictions on access to Internet and landlines, I want to be able to access the content that is being shared out of Iran so I can see what is truly happening and continue to advocate for the oppressed. Thank you for this opportunity to provide my perspective to this Oversight Board. **I’m happy to have a follow up conversation or provide additional details. Sincerely,**  
Hasti Afsarifard

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10881

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Iran's government is already censoring and silencing news in and out of the country. Social media platforms should not be doing the same for as their government, especially for a human right issue like this.

Full Comment

Iran's cultural police brutally killed a woman for very illegitimate reasons. They have been doing this before but there's a tipping point. Iran's government realizes this and it's trying to silence its citizens from trying to just keep civil rights and deal with the government doing severe, murderous crackdowns on it's citizens for decades.

Social media companies such as Meta need to ensure they do not censor this news further as Iranian citizens can only do so much themselves. US general news is not talking about Iran's news at all right now deliberately unlike other countries. There's no good reason for ignoring this kind of issue and hoping it goes away.

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10882

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

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Full Comment

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Case number

PC-10886

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

مرگ بر خامنه ی به معنای مرگ بر نظام دیکتاتوری هست و در تعرض با قوانین اینستاگرم نیست

Full Comment

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10887

Public comment number

Central and South Asia

Region

Amin

Commenter's first name

Litf

Commenter's last name

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

...شعار های انقلابی بر ضد دیکتاتور ایران را حذف نکنید، تاریخ اینگونه نمیماند

Full Comment

وقتی آرزوی مرگ برای یک انسان نما به نام خامنه ای، که نه تنها جوانان که کودکان مدرسه ای را می کشد یعنی شما دانسته این کار را به نفع او انجام می دهید، یعنی شما هم مثل تمام آن مزدوران داخل خیابان مردم ما را می کشید، روزی در تاریخ خواهند نوشت ملتی تنها در احاطه دروغ آزاد شد، آن روز رنگ شما را خواهیم دید. لطفا این کار را خاتمه دهید

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10888

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Karim

Commenter's first name

Behboodi

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

The مرگ بر خامنه‌ای (word-by-word translation "Death to Khamenei") in the Iranian culture is equivalent to "down to Khamenei". The "death" here doesn't mean death literally and means "down". If you use a machine translation you should consider cultural contexts and language complexities that come from those contexts.

Full Comment

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10889

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

matt

Commenter's first name

Spence

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

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Full Comment

Simply put, the fact that this needs review speaks to the corruption of the FB community standards team. You are indeed completely and utterly bankrupt when it comes to decency and common sense. Every member of the board as well as fbs entire standards team should be fired with cause.

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10890

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

#MahsaAmini

Full Comment

The Islamic republic has a history of kidnapping, torturing and killing their **opposition groups and individuals. They've also shown over and over again that they're not willing to change their behavior. I don't think we should have the same rules when it comes to call for death of a dictator in a brutal regime that kills children, attacks schools to kidnap high school teenagers and systematically abuse, jail and torture religious minorities. Khamenei and other officials in Islamic republic don't listen, they don't change. They don't care for human rights if those humans don't agree with their ideology. The only thing they care for is money and power and true believes of "the end justifies the means" no matter how barbaric the means might be. Therefore I think we should help the oppressed Iranians to get rid of this dictatorship. Thank you for reading, E**

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Case number

PC-10891

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Majid

Commenter's first name

Hojati

Commenter's last name

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Meta's reaction to the Iran's events in past month was disappointing. Iran's protests are result of the a meture social growth which has happened over past few decades. The manadatory hijab rule in Iran is a simple violation of the human rights. Meta should not limit or prohibit users to share their video since social media is the only tool for Iranians to express themselves. The media in Iran is controlled by government and people need to share Iran's crimes agains women and men using social media.

Full Comment

Dear Meta's board,

The anit-hijab protests in Iran is not Islamophobia. In Iran hijab is a rule which is against Iranian indeginious culture. In Iran you must wear hijab otherwise you get killed like Mahasa Amini and many others that has been killed before because of hijab. In Iran majority of the people are willing to change their religion, not to wear hijab and practice their indeginious relegion. But if they do that according to the Islamic law they will be prescututed and face serious jail and even death penalty. I myself can testify since I have been jailed because of writing my opinion in the social media about changing my religion.

Commecting anti-hijab protests in Iran with Islamophobia is an unfair judgment and you need to stop it. The slogan of these protests is women, life, freedom which is a clear message to all of the humans. If you believe in these three words please stop banning, limiting and closing accounts who are sharing the events in Iran. You cannot say people who are standing in front of the bollets and they keep their lifes in their hands to protest these barbaric laws are Islamophobic or other titles. They chant women, life, freedom. They want the normal rights to not to forced to wear

hijab. The Iranian indigenous religion, flag has been removed from the society over past 50 years. They have been indoctrinated like what has happened in colonial ages. This is time to stand with them.

Contact me and I will testify about how our culture is being changed and western countries see it as Islamic culture. Iran's indigenous culture and religion is older than the Iranian regime and meta should acknowledge it.

Best,

Majid Hojati

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Case number

PC-10892

Public comment number

Asia Pacific and Oceania

Region

Masoud

Commenter's first name

Habibj

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Dear Meta. You are removing posts which contain Death to Khamenei. He is a terrorist unelected leader of a country who has murdered 23 children in the past 4 weeks based on verified reports from main human rights bodies. Would you delete posts that contain death to ISIS leaders? Please be careful not to unintentionally help murderous terrorists. Thank you.

Full Comment

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Case number

PC-10894

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

حذف پست های مرگ بر خامنه ای

Full Comment

مردم با این شعار در حال تلاش برای باز پس گرفتن آزادی خود هستند. لطفاً آن را حذف نکنید. خامنه ای سالهای سال زنده بوده و ما بعد از پیروزی اجازه نخواهیم داد که مرگی راحت و سریع داشته باشد، او باید زنده بماند و ببیند که ما چگونه کشور خود را از او پس میگیریم و همچنین باید در دادگاه حاضر شود و پاسخگوی همه ی جنایت هایش باشد. مرگ بر خامنه ای برای این است که ما را علیه دشمن خونخوار متحد کند و این شعار مردم در خیابان است با این کار محتوای مربوط به حوادث ایران را حذف میکنید. در حال حاضر به خاطر قطع گسترده ی اینترنت دسترسی ما به اخبار ایران به سختی صورت میگیرد. شما با این کار به قاتلان ما کمک میکنید که در سکوت خبری جان انسانهای بیشتری را بگیرند. لطفاً این کار را نکنید.

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10895

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Suzi

Commenter's first name

Q

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

Yes

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Please help Iranian people. They are being killed in Iran. They are killing very young kinds under 18. Please be our voice.

Full Comment

Please help Iranian people

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10896

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

To whom it may concern, I need an overlook at my instagram account handle @negarain. During the Iran crisis, many mani cyber Iranian accounts have reported my account which was false and I believe you know my account is not the only one being affected.

Full Comment

I am now requesting you please to give me my full accessibility on my account. Negarain has always followed the rules and guidelines of instagram with never violating the privacy policies. Only for speaking up about the brutality of Islamic regime and trying to be the voice of the Iranian and spread the word by publishing other peoples posts that are still up and running, I got reported and lost all access to monetize and or go live. My lives were my biggest asset in social media and now I don't have it. I am an Artist. I need my page back up running. Please

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10897

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Sara

Commenter's first name

Ahmadi

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Censorship of Iran protests' news on Instagram.

Full Comment

Instagram is one of the most popular social media within Iranian people. We need our voice to be heard, thousands of posts with specific hashtags are being posted in daily basis, yet we cannot see the reflection on explorer. Obvious ignorance via defined algorithms. Please don't censor news related to this matter. Even the posters with simple slogans are not being spread.

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Case number

PC-10898

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

There has been protests in Iran and for the first two weeks, you deleted some of the posts related to the protests, and now with #mahsaamini, none of the posts make it to explorer. Why? And I'm not talking about violent posts... there are a lot of positive message about women's right and yet there is no coverage... why? This is anti women and racist.

Full Comment

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Case number

PC-10900

Public comment number

Asia Pacific and Oceania

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

The way that meta coping with Iranian protest specifically in the very first days was really disappointing, I put a comment under a couple of some accounts in instagram that have blue ticks and meta deletes my comments and I confirm that my comments had not any brutalities only mentions #mahsaamini. All of us see that Meta changed their policy after that seen all the worlds, actress, actresses, singers **being the voice of voiceless people in Iran but it's worthless for us now . Our media is people lije Ellen degeneres that spread our words via her page.**

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10902

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

**Videos of Iranian regime's brutality does not come up as feeds like other videos do. In my view this could be deemed as censorship.**

Full Comment

**It's very sad to see the treatment of Iranian regime on innocent people including underage population. I am sure we can all agree that it's neither right nor normal to have such brutality towards people. Something that is even worse is the coverage of social media on this matter. Or maybe I should say non-existence of the coverage...** These posts do not come up as feed on Instagram. This is a way to raise awareness and hopefully the more people know about it and talk about it, will result in governments taking action and doing something about it. Remaining silent during **the brutality of the regime will support them further more... Please do something about it. Thank you**

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10903

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Banning some contents related to iran protests

Full Comment

**Instagram is banning contents with “death to kamenei”. Some journalists are just posting about what protesters in iran are chanting. And they all chant death to dictator so most of contents will be gone bc of this. Beside this man is the most evil person in the world if u were in iran u were wishing his death too :)**

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10905

Public comment number

Asia Pacific and Oceania

Region

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Commenter's first name

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Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

**Please don't filter the posts and comments and.... about Iran's news and the  
movment in Iran**

Full Comment

**Please be iranian's voice to entire world 🙏❤️**

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10906

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

You are not helping Iranian people who are fighting with the current regime for freedom.

Full Comment

You hide many of the posts, stories related to the current situation of Iran and it seems you are supporting current Iran's regime and do not help Iranian people!

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Case number

PC-10907

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Shame on you many times, as much as the blood of young dead protesters in Iran

Full Comment

My WhatsApp in Spain was not working right at the beginning of the protest, why ?  
Because my number was Iranian mobile number .  
The post and story you deleted  
You are shameless and your behavior is embarrassing

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10911

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

M

Commenter's first name

D

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Dont limit posting # for freedom of iran and help people plz

Full Comment

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10912

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Niloofer

Commenter's first name

Biparva

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Thousands of innocent lives including women and children are being killed in the streets of Iran because they are fighting for their very first right for freedom following the devastating murder of a 22 year old girl. The internet has been shut down and many arrested are under heavy torture by the unwanted government. We need to be heard so that action will be taken by those in power. By the constant removing posts and comments, we are less connected to the world each day. We need to be heard. The sensitive content you refer to is our daily life

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Case number

PC-10913

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Sara

Commenter's first name

Hariri

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Khamanei is a dictator and her is responsible for the death off Iranian Kids.

Full Comment

Khameney is a dictator

He has killed thousands of young Iranian. He is ruling with creating fear, separation between people of iran.

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10914

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

The comment is short and clear. Apparently the FB policy make some posts and stories about Iran protests disappear. Why? It may be for many reasons. But that is an act to shut the people voice down and a help to let regime kills thousands of Iranian and nobody hears them.

With these policy nobody is going to hear the crimes and nothing happens and they continue killing people.

This is the LIVES of people we are talking about!!!!

It?s already been too late. Tooo lateee!!

Full Comment

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10916

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Venus

Commenter's first name

Mb

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Your ignorance and censorship is causing real human lives

Full Comment

I don't understand how could you be this ignorance whats difference between meta and a dictorship government , you both are censoring content that the world's need to see . Very younge people like 16 17 years old are being killed , last night a 7 year old girls was beaten to death by ignoring this news and not letting the world see this you are actually supporting the government , this is a violation of human right . What a social Media's purpose if not raising awareness ? Their blood is on your hands too.

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No Attachment

2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10919

Public comment number

Europe

Region

N.

Commenter's first name

Kz

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Due to the extremely oppressive behaviour of I.R regime and its leaders against protesters we would like to be able to express our anger freely. Our people, our youth and kids are being arrested, tortured and killed. Our women are deprived from their right and IR regime is responsible for all of this

Full Comment

The dictator regime in iran has so far killed more than 200 people in past weeks and arrested thousands. There have been more than 20 children among the deads.

Recently they killed a student girl in her school.

We want to inform everyone about this, we need to express our anger. We want to find out who are mercenaries with gun on our street and let people know them to be able to protect themselves. We want to make this revolution to happen.

Therefore, we like to ask you to stop the censorship of contents which express our anger towards a corrupted regime who is killing people on streets every day. People are fighting with their fists against bullets. We like IR related accounts which share propaganda of regime in IG, FB and twitter and spy on protesters be banned as well and if possible have this as an option in the report which makes the report and its assessment easier

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No Attachment

2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10923

Public comment number

Asia Pacific and Oceania

Region

Melvin

Commenter's first name

ABEDINI

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

This chant is for showing anger about people being killed in Iran

Full Comment

This chant is for showing anger about people being killed in Iran

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10924

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

. ولی جوابی قانع کننده از متا یا فیسبوک و اینستاگرام ندیدم من بسیار شکایت شنیدم از مردم مبنی بر حذف پستهایشان .  
ضمنا در اکسپلورر هم مطالب مرتبط با علاقه ام (اعتراضات ایران) را نمیبینم

Full Comment

Just random contents about iran

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No Attachment

2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10925

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

Yes

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

In the past years, meta has limited our political activities against the government of the Islamic Republic many times and we only covered the events inside Iran, meta should reconsider the political events and political pages against the government of the Islamic Republic due to the high level of violence of the ruling government against the people. slow down and give these pages more open space to cover events in Iran

Full Comment

با توجه به خشونت‌های حکومت علیه مردم در خیابان، انتشار این اخبار را متا ناقض قوانین میدانند، این در حالی است که مردم ایران در حال حاضر این خشونت‌ها را زندگی می‌کنند و متا باید به پیج‌های سیاسی و ارگانیزشنهای مخالف نظام جمهور اسلامی در این مورد فضای بیشتری بدهد، ما جز انتشار واقعیات خیابان‌ها ایران و اتفاقات ایران و تحلیل آنها قصد نقض قوانین متا را نداریم، اما شرایط ایران به گونه‌ای است که اگر شرایط را پوشش بدهیم میتواند زیر مجموعه نقض قولنبن متا واقع شود لذا از شما خواستاریم که این محدودیتها را نسبت به پیجها و ارگانیزشنهای سیاسی علیه حکومت جمهوری اسلامی برای پوشش انقلاب مردم و انقلاب زنان بردارید زن زندگی آزادی مسئول سوشیال میدیا شورای گذار

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10927

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Ruby

Commenter's first name

Mohammadi

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Meta is censoring Iranian Protesters voice!

Full Comment

The sensitive content that Meta is removing from its platforms are the reality for so many Iranians. They are going through an extreme and unbelievable violence that **no one could see! I agree. But let's give the choice to audience to choose to see or not. Meta must not censor the news related to Iranian protestors! It's not only** prevents hearing Iranians voice and their fight for human rights but also help Islamic Republic regime and IRGC which is terrorist organization and have all power in Iran!

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No Attachment

2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10928

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

The posts and comments from Iran, also the stories were deleted by Instagram and Facebook and that is shameful. The people of Iran try to have a voice in social media, they put themselves in danger by filming the horrible situation and post the videos with poor internet connection and use # to be heard. But most of the posts were deleted.

Full Comment

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10929

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Full Comment

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10930

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

We, the people of Iran, are now in a critical situation, and we request Meta Company to help us spread the news about the protests and the terrible condition of our society and not prevent the publication of images and videos of the protests by applying filters and censorship. The violence inflicted on our people by the government is terrible and we are being tried and even killed here without any law and we are under the most intense pressure.

We do not support violence, but we want to confront it and rebuke it, and Instagram's rules in limiting such images only make our work more difficult, and it is not fair at all! Be our voice!

Full Comment

Iranian people have always been a considerable active community in the applications of Meta company. Now we need social networks such as Instagram to be our voice! And despite the disruptions we have on the Internet, this is the only media that we can use to share our real critical situation and ask the world to be aware of terrible actions of this government.

Violence and cruelty have always been imposed by the Islamic Republic on all aspects of our lives. Indeed, without it, we cannot describe the real conditions of our society. It may not be pleasant for some people to see, so imagine how miserable it is for us to live in these conditions!!

We are peaceful people and violence was not our choice, but we have always been subjected to terrible cruelty and violence from the authorities of our country, and hiding this violence from the media is another cruelty that annoys us and stifles our voice of protest.

People are easily killed in the streets by police and security forces or arrested without any law or explanation and tortured in prisons. And many people do not go to the streets for fear of being killed and tortured, but we are all under severe pressure and suffocation.

Despite the large number of posts published about the protests in Iran, most of them do not find their way to the explorer, and even a large number of posts and stories are deleted by Instagram, and this is not fair for us at all!

What is happening to the people of our country cannot be compared to the conditions of other countries and we ask Meta to stand by the people of Iran and not against us!!

#MahsaAmini

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No Attachment

2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10932

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Ar

Commenter's first name

Ya

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

**Meta should remove this ban on “death to dictator Khamenei “ this is a journalist that reports on what people are saying and not a death threat to be banned. How do you expect journalists to work and report. Stop being on the side of dictators Meta/Zuck!**

Full Comment

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10933

Public comment number

Asia Pacific and Oceania

Region

Sadeq

Commenter's first name

Asareh

Commenter's last name

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

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Full Comment

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10936

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

You wrote something wrong in the article.

Full Comment

**“Meta’s moderation of content relating to anti-hijab protests in Iran, as well as other protests in Iran and the wider region” This is totally wrong, the protests in Iran are not anti-hijab!! They are anti fascism, anti genocide, anti killing for not following compulsory hijab rules!!! Fix it please**

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10938

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Iran protest 2022

Full Comment

Iran has been ruled by a minority of theocratic dictators for 40 years who during this time made sure to suppress or destroy any free press in the whole country. Iranian citizens have been silenced for too long and social media is their only way to reflect what is happening in the country. since internet shut downs this last platform has become less accessible as well, so it takes lots of effort for people to send out videos to the free world. by deleting these videos you are acting as an ally to the dictators and going against free speech. Moreover, Khamenei is the Leader of all organisations in Iran including Sepah and Basij which are designed terrorist organisations. therefore, as a leader of a terrorist organisation he should not be protected by the facebook laws. It should be noted that in Farsi language death to and down with have the same meaning so it is not possible to differentiate between an incitement of violence or a simple chant.

Finally, there might be many different facebook policy violations within the Posted videos from Iran, but since they are the few documents we can access in the free world it is more important to keep them online than deleting them. as such I think it should be better to only mark age gate the violations rather than to delete them otherwise facebook will be known as a platform for dictators and will lose all if it's popularity amongst Iranian diaspora. Thank you for your consideration

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10939

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

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Full Comment

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10940

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Mohammadreza

Commenter's first name

Bidgoli

Commenter's last name

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

Yes

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Meta company's programs are the only way to convey the voice of Iranian people. please help. We are hostages  
برنامه های شرکت متا تنها راه رساندن صدای مردم ایران است. لطفا کمک کنید. ما گروگان هستیم

Full Comment

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10941

Public comment number

Asia Pacific and Oceania

Region

Olivia

Commenter's first name

Di

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Please support Iranian women instead of deleting our comments. 'Death to Khamenei' is a chant against the brutal Iranian regime. We are not going to kill him, we want to see him to be sentenced by justice for his crime against humanity in Iran. This chant has that meaning.

Full Comment

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10947

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Shirin

Commenter's first name

Bee

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Please help us by not silencing us.

Full Comment

Please allow us to keep being the voice of Iranians who are actively being silenced and killed. They have no other way of telling the world what war crimes they are committing against them and the last time this happened they killed so many people when no one was watching.

We know the content is hard but how else will people see and help? This is a human rights issue and trumps a lot of common sensibilities.

Please help by not silencing us. Thank you.

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10949

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Ali

Commenter's first name

Khosronejad

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Stony Brook University

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

The slogan "Death to Khamenei" is a slogan used by the freedom fighters and Women in Iran fighting the oppressive regime. This slogan has nothing to do with any person. It is a symbol thus, please do not block it.

Full Comment

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10951

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Ali

Commenter's first name

Najafi

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Death or Khamenei or **مرگ بر خامنه‌ای** should not be banned on any social media. it's a rightful chant and it's equal to wishing death of Hitler, the great evil.

Full Comment

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No Attachment

2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10952

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

The supposed calls to death and violence are merely meant as protest and to express anger at a dictatorship

Full Comment

I believe that almost all people who call death to the dictator in Iran and the regime itself would actually like to have the mentioned people In a court of law to be tried. The calls are merely an expression of the anger people feel towards their suppressors. As such, and since freedom of expression is severely limited in Iran, i believe such calls should be allowed given the understanding of the context that by now most people have.

Furthermore, all such actions in situation in Iran should be looked at in the context of the plight of the Iranian people for freedom. Since the regime itself is committing heinous violence in the streets of Iran, it is expected that some retaliatory acts are going to happen, which any just court of law would consider their right of self defense. Such acts will also be reflected in the social media and I believed should be allowed to stay to document the ongoing struggle.

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No Attachment

2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10953

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

Yes

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Hello, please read my comment in full. Slogans like death to Khamenei that are said in Iran are because Khamenei is a dictator like Hitler and Muammar Gaddafi, so please do not understand these slogans as an insult to a person.

Full Comment

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10955

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

Ali

Commenter's first name

Reza

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

DID NOT PROVIDE

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

I believe the people of Iran are fighting for their rights, but specifically the women. I have seen countless of times of women being treated horribly for not obeying the **“rules” of Iran. It’s been 43 years of this, and it’s enough now.** I stand with the Iranian women. As many of my family, still live in Iran and should be able to roam around without having the fear of being killed. They deserve freedom and basic human rights. In the US, we take our freedom for granted as we can comfortably criticize the government without much repercussions and easily vote in a new **president. In Iran, that isn’t possible as it’s fully run by a dictatorship against its own people but specifically the women and minority groups.**

Full Comment

Women in any culture/country are the people who truly run the place. Women have constantly taken so much pressure and have been oppressed for so many years. **Iranian women have had enough and they’re fighting. We need to support them and help them win this battle.** If not, women will never be equal with a man.

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10959

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Hossein

Commenter's first name

Naderloo

Commenter's last name

Commenter's preferred language

None

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Khamenei is a murderer, you can see that in clips and Twitter or in Iran's streets yourself.

So stop protecting him in your apps.

Full Comment

So any offense given to bloodthirsty murderer Khamenei Is blocked in Instagram and Facebook.

As an Iranian myself I can confirm he is the commander of soldiers that are killing protestors and sexually assaulting them.

So stop protecting him in your media and let his genocides be seen in your media.

Sincerely

An Iranian citizen

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No Attachment

2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10962

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

JoAnn

Commenter's first name

Koob

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Antonin Scalia Law School's Free Speech Clinic

Organization

Yes

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

To better protect free expression, Meta should affix its newsworthiness allowance and Violence and Incitement Policy to coherent and legally-sound principles. One way to do this is to adhere to the incitement standard used in the U.S. Meta should use this standard (a) when evaluating calls for violence against prominent government or religious figures under its Violence and Incitement and the newsworthiness allowance, and (b) to determine when such expression is rhetorical and does not pose a risk of harm.

Full Comment

See Attached.

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2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10963

Public comment number

Asia Pacific and Oceania

Region

Nora

Commenter's first name

Noir

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Self

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

My suggestion is this, if an appeal is made and the decision overturned, the person that reported initially should be held accountable or have restrictions placed on their account for a set period of time.

This will help people think before they report, which will reduce the number of reportings, and in turn reduce staff workload / improve efficiency.

Full Comment

This is in regards to all of the censorship that is happening around the Iran protests.

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No Attachment

2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10964

Public comment number

Middle East and North Africa

Region

Withheld

Commenter's first name

Withheld

Commenter's last name

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Death 6the dictator is not a treat

Full Comment

Death to the dictator is not a treat and it just a wish that we have, Khomeini is a dictator and we want him gone, and by gone we mean anywhere that his cruelty can't hurt us anymore, he could go and buy an island we don't give a sh...t, we just want him far far away from our country. you can't block us just because we all are having just a wish.

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No Attachment

2022-013-FB-UA

Case number

PC-10965

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Lisandra

Commenter's first name

Novo

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

The Atlantic Council's Strategic Litigation Project

Organization

Yes

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

**Meta's platforms are vital outlets for Iranians seeking to exercise their right to freedom of expression and share or access information without government interference. Meta's default policy should be to permit speech directed at Iranian officials and perpetrators in other countries responsible for human rights violations, especially during mass protests and in conflict zones, unless there is specific evidence it constitutes a credible threat. The Strategic Litigation Project joins other civil society organizations in calling for Meta's content policy to be brought in line with the UN Rabat Action Plan six-part test. SLP also calls for the preservation of online content documenting human rights abuses through, inter alia, evidence lockers.**

Full Comment

The Islamic Republic of Iran strictly controls spaces where Iranians can exercise their freedoms of expression, association and assembly in the country, making **Meta's platforms, like Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp, a unique outlet for Iranians seeking to exercise their rights and share or access vital information without government interference. Meta's Violence and Incitement policy already allows, "in some cases" for "aspirational or conditional threats directed at terrorists and other violent actors" to be treated as non-credible threats that do not violate its policy unless there is "specific evidence to the contrary." This stance should be Meta's default policy regarding speech directed at Iranian officials and perpetrators in other countries responsible for human rights violations. This is especially important during mass protests like those sparked by Mahsa Amini's death. Such content should not have to rely on the newsworthiness allowance as an exception**

but should be allowed to be posted absent evidence it constitutes a credible threat as a rule. Social media has played a more important role than ever in amplifying protests in Iran. Even though many messaging and social media apps are formally blocked, Iranians use circumvention tools to access them. Even state-run polling indicates over 70% of Iranians over the age of 18 use these apps. More importantly, the most widely-used applications in Iran are Instagram and WhatsApp (Article 19, 2022). **Meta’s own actions demonstrate it is aware of the important role its platforms play in protests in Iran.** In July 2021, for a limited period, it permitted including the words **“Death to Khamenei” in posts in the context of the protests against water shortages.** This time-bound newsworthiness exception, however, only came after members of the Iranian community explained that the cultural context behind **“death to” slogans in Iran is to express dissatisfaction with the regime.** The context did not change after the two-week exception expired and is the same one behind the use of the slogans in the current protests and to which the post in this case relates. To silence Iranian voices now would be a blow to their fight for human rights in a pivotal moment. Activists in Iran have been calling for a permanent change to **Meta’s policy rather than sporadically granted time-limited exceptions (Motherboard, 2021).** **Meta’s default policy should be to permit** such content as an exercise of free speech unless specific evidence demonstrates a threat is a credible incitement to violence. A coherent policy would avoid inconsistent treatment of different events under the newsworthiness exception. Recently, for example, 31 international human rights and civil liberties organizations wrote an open letter to social media companies highlighting the changes made in response to the situation in Ukraine and calling for a more consistent application of content moderation policies (EFF, 2022). In this vein, the Strategic Litigation Program joins other **civil society organizations in calling for changes to Meta’s content moderation policy to bring it in line with the six-part threshold test in the United Nations Rabat Plan of Action.** The UN Human Rights Office highlights that while the International **Covenant on Civil and Political Rights prohibits speech “that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence,” it nevertheless requires a high threshold** for any limits on speech. This is because the limit on freedom of expression must remain the exception, not be the rule. The UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of expression noted the Rabat Plan of Action can be useful for companies in determining when to restrict content on their platforms. The Oversight Board has already used the Rabat Plan of Action six-part test in several recent decisions. It requires consideration of the following factors: 1) the social and political context; 2) who the speaker is; 3) the intent to incite an audience against a target group or individual; 4) the content and form of the statement; 5) extent of the speech (reach, public or private statement, means of dissemination, etc.); and 6) **likelihood of harm resulting from the statement.** **Meta’s current policy making “death to” slogans used in Iranian protests a per se violation makes the limit on the right to freedom of expression the rule, not the exception.** Having to rely on the newsworthiness

allowance to prove content should be permissible makes access to freedom of expression the exception, contrary to international norms. The policy should allow freedom of expression to be the default rule in content moderation and make limits on speech the exception, as is already the case under Meta's policy with respect to "aspirational or conditional threats directed at terrorists and other violent actors." The Rabat Plan of Action provides a framework based on international human rights law for such an overhaul of the default policy. This framework calls for nuance in assessing complex situations which will require more human involvement, more knowledge of local context, and ongoing human rights due diligence. But by making the default rule to allow such content, Meta can dedicate its resources in a more targeted way at restriction decisions. Partnerships with civil society can aid in reducing risk to vulnerable groups that are the target of credible incitement threats in a timely manner. Lastly, even offensive content or content that constitutes a criminal offence can serve to document human rights abuses. Here too, SLP joins other civil society organizations in calling for Meta to preserve such content. Material documenting human rights violations is vital because it can be used as evidence in domestic and international criminal trials, assist truth and reconciliation processes and serve an important historical memory function. Its preservation is essential for holding perpetrators of human rights abuses and atrocity crimes accountable.

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Case number      Public comment number      Region

Shmyla Khan      & Noor Waheed      English  
Commenter's first name      Commenter's last name      Commenter's preferred language

Digital Rights Foundation      Yes  
Organization      Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

This case points towards a dire need for context-specific moderation and standards for political speech. When content on platforms has implications for civil and political rights such as right to assembly and protest, these decisions cannot be left merely to automated systems since such systems have been demonstrably inadequate when it comes to understanding cultural and linguistic nuance. It is recommended that there be greater allocation of resources to content moderation in non-Western contexts. Furthermore the case points towards systemic problems **within Meta's content moderation practices such as a largely absent appeals mechanism and non-English language inconsistencies in terms of content moderation.**

Full Comment

It is imperative for Meta to maintain a balance between preventing violence against **any figure, particularly political and religious, and the protection of its users' right to protest, and their right to political speech.** Meta's 'Violence and Incitement Policy' makes allowances for "non-credible" "aspirational or conditional threats aimed at [violent actors]" and **distinguishes between non-threatening rhetorical use of violent language with actual "high severity violence", however no detailed standard exists to make these determinations.** Overall, it must be recognized that legitimate expressions of anger and dissatisfaction against powerful actors should not be policed and can rely on language of violence. To ensure consistency in its application for newsworthiness allowances to the right of citizens to protest, Meta **should establish a threshold for what constitutes "high severity violence".** Additionally, determinations of whether calls for violence against a political leader constitute a "credible threat" should be in light of cultural context. For example, in

the context of Iran, “Death to Khameni” is considered the equivalent of “Fuck, Trump” (Source: “Facebook Says ‘Death to Khamenei’ Posts Are OK for the Next Two Weeks,” Vice). It is a placeholder slogan meant to be critical of the regime rather than a call to action. The issue at hand is not just definitional, rather whether Meta has the cultural context and dedicated resources to make these determinations. **When considering limitations on “calls for violence” against prominent public figures, Meta’s content moderation systems should assess whether or not those statements (besides being credible) pose an imminent/immediate threat that could trigger an inflammatory response especially in “high-risk”, “volatile” geo-political situations. Such considerations should not be left to automated systems (“Iran: Meta must overhaul Persian-language content moderation on Instagram,” Article 19) that have been known to unconsciously perpetuate political bias such as in the case of reporting on Israel and Palestine. Digital Rights Foundation has found in its monitoring of Farsi/Dari and Pashto content on Facebook that harmful content in these languages is rarely flagged given that such determinations require nuanced understanding of the context (policy brief can be shared upon request). Instead any special allowances to allow “Death to” statements on the platform should be overseen by a team of human reviewers who are privy to the geographical, cultural, linguistic and contextual factors at play. Furthermore calls for violence against political figures should not be solely tied to language and keywords such as “Death to”; violence can be fomented through other means such as blasphemy accusations which in some contexts are more dangerous than directly violent statements. Additionally measures to ensure allowances for certain statements in times of “unrest” should be standardized according to international human rights law to ensure such determinations are not politicized and subject to selective application (“Civil Liberties Groups Urge Social Media Platforms to Better Protect Free Flow of Information in Crisis Zones,” EFF). Given the scope and reach of Meta’s various platforms and their subsequent ability to trigger unrest or alternatively highlight human rights violations, Meta should consider whether certain violent slogans rhetorical or otherwise should be censored based on a “risk-assessment” or “volatility-assessment” conducted by their dedicated team of human reviewers. Measures and guidelines should be in place to ensure that these human assessments are not reproducing cultural and racist stereotypes that categorize local populations as inherently more prone to violence or perpetuate harmful political biases that disproportionately favor the status quo and can undermine sincere human rights efforts in these countries. The composition of this team of reviewers and the contents of these assessments should be made publically accessible for transparency and accountability. Considerations regarding removal of speech pertaining to public figures should be balanced with other rights that might be impacted by a potential removal such as freedom of assembly and association (UN Human Rights Committee, 1996, para. 12). In the event Meta has to make a decision to take down content that calls for “death” against a major political/religious figure**

for reasons of social unrest/volatility, the intervention should be narrowly tailored. Users posting the content in a manner that is not in violation of the **“high severity violence” requirement or the community guidelines at large should not be** penalized, barred from posting or have reach restrictions. This case also highlights the need for greater transparency from platforms in their content moderation decisions. Since no reasons were provided for the decision in this case, it is unclear whether the automated system took into account the comments under the post indicating credible plans for violence or whether contextual factors were considered. Regardless of whether a decision was taken through a human in the loop or through automated systems, factors taken into account and detailed reasons should be provided to the user for greater transparency and accountability. Secondly, access to appeal mechanisms is one of the most crucial aspects of speech regulation, which is missing in this case. Users should have recourse to a responsive, speedy and transparent appeals mechanism as a core feature of content moderation as opposed to optional mechanisms subject to availability of resources. Lastly, the facts of the case point towards over-reliance on automated decision making at a systemic level as one of the long-term implications of the COVID-19 pandemic, as it was used as an excuse for lack of recourse to appeal over two years into the pandemic.

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PC-10967

Public comment number

United States and Canada

Region

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Commenter's first name

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Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

Withheld

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Sharing my family background and historical context of the Islamic republic's track record of violence and oppression to the Iranian people. Highlighting the criticality of free expression in Iran, including chants that call for the death of political or religious figures. The Iranian people are armed with nothing but their voices.

Full Comment

I am an Iranian woman born in 1996 in Paris and raised in Orange County, California. My parents both protested the Shah and then fled Iran after 1979 when the IR took hold. They met as expats in France after fleeing from the brutality of the IR and the horrific Iran-Iraq war. The mere fact of my birth and many other children of expats would not be possible without the Islamic Republic.

The life of every Iranian today is marked by trauma at the hands of the IR. Without journalism or media for the past 40 years, it can only be pieced together through family history.

Across my friends and family there are countless stories of beatings, intimidation, violent break-ins by the basij, imprisonment, and seeing their classmates hanged as a warning at school. Both my grandparents and some aunts and uncles spent time at the Evin prison for political dissenters.

Iranian people do not have the luxury of international aid. As one of the strictest economic and political silos in the world, money cannot be transferred there - the UN and western media cannot send help, the people do not have weapons, while their government openly yields and used weapons on its citizens and has developed an arsenal of WMDs that we are seeing being used by Russia in their war on Ukraine.

The Iranian people are up against an armed regime that has demonstrated evil, violence, and oppression for the past 40 years. The Iranian people are only equipped with their voices. I urge the Oversight Board and Meta to take all possible measures to prevent further censorship of the free expression of Iranian people.

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Case number

PC-10970

Public comment number

Europe

Region

Thiago

Commenter's first name

Alves Pinto

Commenter's last name

English

Commenter's preferred language

University of Oxford

Organization

No

Response on behalf of organization

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Short summary provided by the commenter

Public comment regarding the proportionality of the measures applied to the case regarding a post critical of the Iranian government.

Full Comment

[full analysis attached]

Conclusion

42. While the post may appear prima facie to be problematic, the majority of its content does not violate Meta's Community Standards. Our recommendation would be to apply proportionality in the present analysis. While proportionality rarely leads to legal certainty, in this case, it is necessary. As Professor Timothy Endicott emphasises: " '[t]he only viable argument in favor of proportionality reasoning in human rights adjudication is an argument of necessity.'"

43. As the European Court of Human Rights did in *Stomakhin v. Russia*, dividing comments into different categories can help to mitigate interferences with the right to freedom of expression. In the present case, this means that the cartoon and expressions against the government could be kept online, while the statement calling for the death of individuals could be taken down.

44. Therefore, a proportionate response would be to send the post back to the user, asking them to edit the caption to remove the call for death to the leader. If the user does not agree with this limitation, then removing the post permanently would be proportionate in this instance, as the penalty imposed does not seem to be overly harsh.

45. In our opinion, this decision would be aligned with Meta's responsibility to respect the human rights of its user to freedom of expression as well as their agency while at the same time safeguarding the rights of others to life and personal

integrity, irrespective of the harm they have caused to members of vulnerable groups in society.

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