

Human Exploitation

Policy details

Policy Rationale

In an effort to disrupt and prevent harm, we remove content that facilitates or coordinates the exploitation of humans, including human trafficking. We define human trafficking as the business of depriving someone of liberty for profit. It is the exploitation of humans in order to force them to engage in commercial sex, labor, or other activities against their will. It relies on deception, force, and coercion, and degrades humans by depriving them of their freedom while economically or materially benefiting others.

Human trafficking is multi-faceted and global; it can affect anyone regardless of age, socioeconomic background, ethnicity, gender, or location. It takes many forms, and any given trafficking situation can involve various stages of development. Due to the coercive nature of this abuse, victims cannot consent.

While we need to be careful not to conflate human trafficking and smuggling, they can be related and exhibit overlap. The United Nations defines human smuggling as the procurement or facilitation of illegal entry into a state across international borders. Without necessity for coercion or force, it may still result in the exploitation of vulnerable individuals who are trying to leave their country of origin, often in pursuit of a better life. Human smuggling is a crime against a state, relying on movement, and human trafficking is a crime against a person, relying on exploitation.

In addition to content condemning, raising awareness about, or news reporting on human trafficking or human smuggling issues, we allow content asking for or sharing information about personal safety and border crossing, seeking asylum or how to leave a country.

Do not post:

Content, activity or interactions that recruits people for, facilitates or exploits people through any of the following forms of human trafficking:

- Sex trafficking (any commercial sexual activity with a minor or any commercial sexual activity with an adult involving force, fraud, or coercion)
- Sales of children or illegal adoption
- Orphanage trafficking and orphanage voluntourism
- Forced marriages (including child marriages)
- Labor exploitation (including bonded labor)

- Domestic servitude
- Non-regenerative organ trafficking not including organ removal, donation, or transplant in a non-exploitative organ donation context
- Forced criminal activity (e.g. forced begging, forced drug trafficking)
- Recruitment of child soldiers

Content where a third party actor recruits for, facilitates or benefits from (financially or otherwise) commercial sexual activity

Content that offers to provide or facilitate human smuggling

Content that asks for human smuggling services

We allow content that is otherwise covered by this policy when posted in condemnation, educational, awareness raising, or news reporting contexts.

Under our Human Exploitation policies, our reviewers and automated systems may also consider a range of behavioral signals to help detect and take action on violating accounts.

We may remove accounts based on their interactions with other violating accounts, searches for or interactions with violating content, or membership in communities (e.g. Groups) we have removed for violating our policies.

For the following Community Standards, we require additional information and/or context to enforce:

We may remove content that offers a job in locations that are high-risk for labor exploitation when confirmed by law enforcement, local non-governmental organizations, or other trusted partners

User experiences

See some examples of what enforcement looks like for people on Facebook, such as: what it looks like to report something you don't think should be on Facebook, to be told you've violated our Community Standards and to see a warning screen over certain content.