

Open Letter on “Privacy first”

The Reason

- they are not happy with e2ee on Facebook’s services
- it would seriously hinder law enforcement’s ability to gather data
- this would in turn make them worse at their job
- it will also cause facebook to be less effective in doing their part of the policing
- they think the proposal would pose a risk to user safety as well as public safety
- facebook going forward with these proposals should not come at the expense of LEA’s ability to bring justice to perpetrators

Calls to Action

1. embed safety of the public in system design to enable fighting illegal stuff without reducing safety; enable prosecution of offenders, protection of victims
 - don’t make is so secure that you cannot police your own network anymore
2. enable LEA to get lawful access to content in a readable and usable format
 - give us access to the data under given circumstances – can’t be encrypted – exceptional access
3. take govs considerations seriously and engage in consultation
 - actually listen to what we have to say
4. don’t implement the systems until they are operational and guarantee safety for your users
 - make sure that stuff will work and that we are satisfied