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ASCEND JUSTICE'S APPROACH TO META'S RECENT POLICY CHANGES

Ascend Justice is disappointed and concerned about Meta's recent decision to limit fact-checking and allow hate speech on its platforms. We have used Facebook and Instagram to connect with our community for years, and we are saddened by the company's decision to allow misogyny, racism, anti-immigrant rhetoric, and transphobia on their apps. These changes fly in the face of our mission and vision for a more just and equitable world.

More than anything, we are worried about our clients—most of whom are women of color, many of whom are immigrants—and the impact of increased hate speech on their safety, mental health, and wellbeing. We are also worried for our children, who use these sites without understanding how algorithms shape their worldviews, and who are fed constant streams of “suggested” content that has the potential to place hateful ideas in their feeds.

For now, we are choosing to continue to engage with Meta's platforms so that our messages can enter the dialogue and possibly influence the narrative, rather than abandoning the platforms and creating a void for the voices we represent. We will be monitoring the situation, and we may make the decision to leave Facebook and Instagram entirely. **In the meantime, we can all help train the algorithms and displace unsavory content by liking and sharing posts from people and organizations we trust.** We would rather see Ascend Justice content spread than hate speech, so if you see our posts in your feed, please like, comment, and/or share. Our hope is that simple actions like this will minimize the impact of the misinformation and bigotry that is likely to follow Meta's harmful rule changes.

If you have any thoughts or questions, please reach out to our Communications Manager, Meggan Taylor Trevey at mtrevey@ascendjustice.org. We would love to hear what you think and how you plan to respond to Meta's policy changes.

In solidarity,
Ascend Justice