

Instagram making changes to its algorithm after it was accused of censoring pro-Palestinian content | The Verge

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Facebook-owned Instagram has made changes to its algorithm after a group of its employees reportedly complained that pro-Palestinian content was not viewable for users during the conflict in Gaza. Instagram typically surfaces original content in its stories before reposted content, but will now begin to give equal weighting to both, the company confirmed to *The Verge* on Sunday.

As reported by *BuzzFeed News* and the *Financial Times*, the Instagram employee group had made numerous appeals about content that had been censored by Instagram's automated moderation, such as posts about the al-Asqa mosque being mistakenly removed. The employees didn't believe the censorship was deliberate, according to *FT*, but one said that "moderating at scale is biased against any marginalized groups."

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