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Facebook: White Nationalist, White Supremacist Posts No Longer Permitted | The Washington Post

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Facebook said Wednesday that it will begin banning posts, photos and other content that reference white nationalism and white separatism, revising its rules in response to criticism that a loophole had allowed racism to thrive on its platform.

Previously, Facebook had prohibited users from sharing messages that glorified white supremacy — a rhetorical discrepancy in the eyes of civil rights advocates who argued that white nationalism, supremacy and separatism are indistinguishable and that the policy undermined the tech giant's stepped-up efforts to combat hate speech online.

Facebook now agrees with that analysis. In a blog post announcing the ban on "praise, support and representation of white nationalism and separatism," the company said, "It's clear that these concepts are deeply linked to organized hate groups and have no place on our services." The new policy also applies to Instagram.

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