

MPs Criticise Tech Giants for Failure to Report Criminal Posts | The Guardian

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[Facebook](#), Google and Twitter have been criticised by a UK parliamentary committee for their refusal to report users to the police when they remove criminal posts.

Representatives of all three companies appeared in front of the home affairs select committee to discuss their progress on tackling hate speech and terrorism on their platforms. But MPs said they were shocked to learn that none of the companies had policies of reporting criminal material to law enforcement, except in rare cases when there was an immediate threat to life or limb.

Yvette Cooper, the chair of the committee, pressed Facebook's public policy director, Neil Potts, on whether or not the company was reporting to New Zealand authorities the identities of people the company believed were actively and deliberately attempting to evade its filters and [upload footage of the Christchurch shooting](#).

"We've been told by the counter-terror chief commander, Neil Basu, here that very often the social media companies do not report to the police incidents which are clearly involved breaking the law," Cooper said.

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