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As Twitter disintegrates, there is an opportunity to build solidarities that centre the experiences of marginalised communities

As the world watches the disintegration of one of the biggest and most influential social media platforms, Twitter, it should give us pause regarding the larger structures in place at tech platforms and the impact these developments have on the global majority beyond the United States and Europe.

While many users and experts have suggested moving to alternatives or reducing dependence on tech platforms, many users in the global majority do not have that luxury as they have always been the recipients of global technological innovations and products, marketed to them as an afterthought.

Twitter is a complicated platform—it has always been a site for communities to find their voice and simultaneously, incredible violence. These problems did not start with Elon Musk, but have been <u>exacerbated immensely</u> since the gutting of resources dedicated to safety and the recent dismantling of the Trust and Safety Council. While bad actors and abusive content always found space on Twitter, the fragile systems that could offer some hope of addressing them are now gone.

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