

Stephen King quits Facebook over false claims in political ads | The Guardian

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[Stephen King](#) has quit Facebook, saying that he is not comfortable with the “flood of false information allowed in its political advertising”.

The bestselling horror novelist, a prolific user of social media, also [said he was not “confident in \[Facebook’s\] ability to protect its users’ privacy”](#). King made the announcement on Twitter, where he has 5.6m followers. His Facebook page has been deleted.

The social network has faced backlash over its decision not to [factcheck political ads](#), with chief executive Mark Zuckerberg arguing that “political speech is important” and should not be censored. Facebook [said last month](#) that while it had considered limiting the targeting of political ads, it felt that “people should be able to hear from those who wish to lead them, warts and all, and that what they say should be scrutinised and debated in public”.

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