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Comment:

Hate Speech, Bullying and Harassment policies necessarily impinge on freedom of speech and must be applied with great care. These policies are needed to protect vulnerable individuals from unreasonable attacks - ie: bullying and harassment. To assess this, it is essential to consider who is truly the vulnerable or weaker individual in any scenario. The physical differences between men and women continue to be real and substantial, rendering women vulnerable to male violence (including sexual attack) and systemic disadvantage in activities where physical strength, stamina or physique is relevant. Given this context, the content in question documents women acting in reasonable defence of their own and other women's rights in circumstances where their safe spaces and opportunities are under

premeditated attack by males fraudulently claiming to have changed sex. Although it is true that in many jurisdictions these actions have been condoned by the authorities and legislation, social media is an important instrument enabling women to mount a protest against unjust laws and infringement of their sex-based human rights. Meta, alongside other social media and mainstream media outlets, plays an essential role in the operation of democracy and it is essential that content such as this is not removed. Those who identify as trans have made a choice to challenge women's sex-based rights. However, women and girls have been given no choice in the matter and must be able to protest these unwelcome incursions.

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