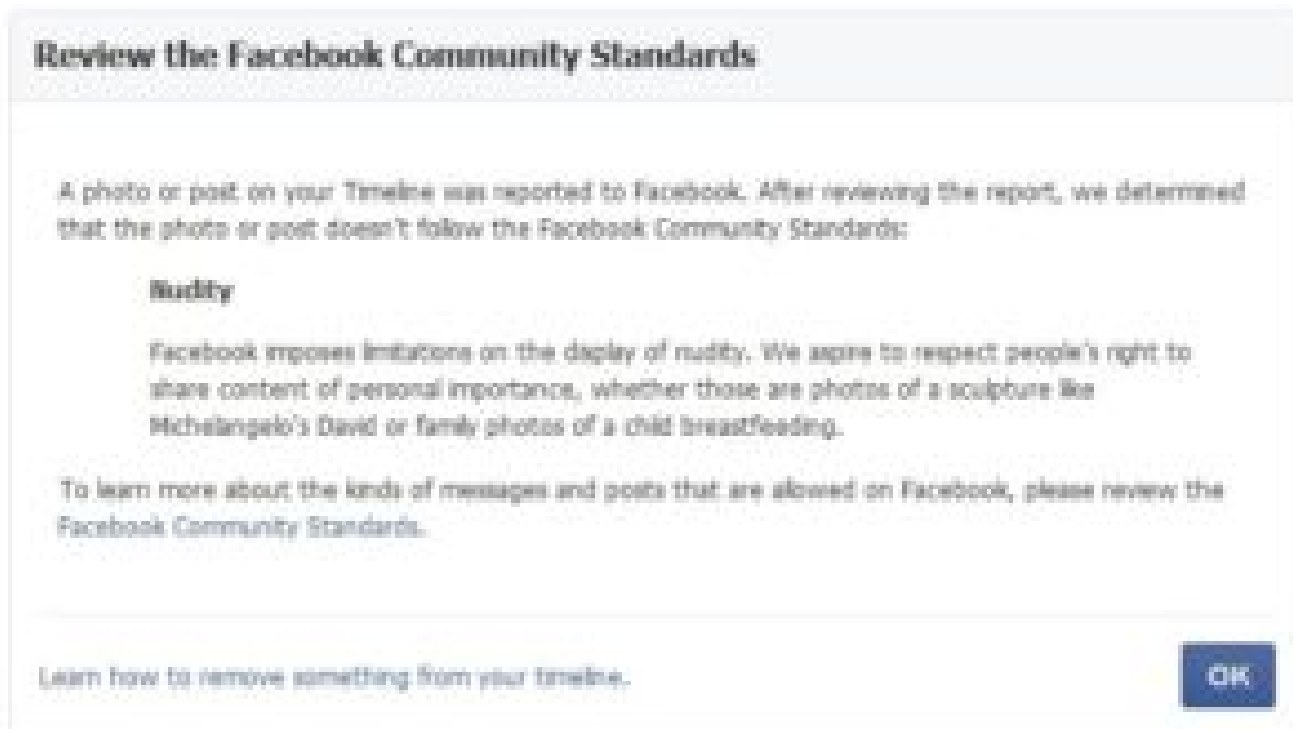


As a naturist, my problems with censorship and social media are never-ending and I know many in my community can relate. I'm currently in Facebook jail, yet again, for posting nudity. I've had photos censored on Instagram, videos banned from YouTube, and my Pinterest account was even deleted without notice or warning.



Facebook censorship of nudity and its meaningless community standards

Most of the major social media sites have rules against showing nudity and female nipples. They either ban it altogether or say it's allowed in specific instances (like in certain types of art or photos of breastfeeding). Trying to follow social media guidelines can be maddening. They're intentionally vague and can be enforced by other users who report content. To make matters worse, many of these social networking sites don't even follow their own rules when removing or leaving posts. The end result is anarchy and an arbitrary approach to censorship. I have previously discussed these issues in detail [in regards to Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#).

As most of us don't want to quit social media entirely, we basically have two options — 1. censor ourselves in using the big sites and 2. join other networks that won't kick us out because one of our photos showed a hint of someone's butt crack.

So I've compiled a list of the best social networks that are much less restrictive when it comes to nudity and other material. Unfortunately, I must note that for every major player like

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Facebook, Instagram or YouTube, there isn't one single site that can serve as a replacement. This is because many of the smaller social sites don't have all the same features or user base. This can change though, especially as more people get fed up with the big companies and start supporting the smaller ones.

Before we get to my list, there are 3 other things to note:

1. I discuss many sites here but **this not a comprehensive list**. There's a myriad of other smaller social media sites out there that are said to be anti-censorship. If you use a site not listed here, and you think it deserves attention, feel free to discuss it in the comments section.

2. **Content filtering and censorship** – Many of the mainstream public networks use a flagging system / filter for what they call “adult,” “NSFW” or “sensitive” content. This category always includes nudity along with “sexually explicit” material (as if they're one and the same). The filter shows up as a user setting so if people don't want to come across this type of content, they can switch it on. One obvious problem is that there's only one filter so you can't choose to allow simple nudity but not porn. Another problem is how the content filters operate as a form of censorship. User accounts or media that has been marked as NSFW will typically get hidden from public searches and may even require a log-in and change in settings to view it. Another issue is that the filter can be switched on by default, with users being none the wiser. So while these companies aren't deleting every form of nudity (which is much preferred over total censorship), they are suppressing it based on their own standards of what's “appropriate” for public viewing. Many companies claim that the filter is for user “safety” or to help users navigate content, but in practice I don't think it works that way. So in this social network list, I've included info on nudity content filters and how they work on the sites that have it. I also wrote more about content filters in a [previous blog about Ello](#) .

## SafeSearch

- SafeSearch on**  
You'd prefer to see photos that are safe for a global, public audience.
- SafeSearch moderate**  
You're OK seeing the odd "artistic nude" here or there, but that's the limit.
- SafeSearch off**  
You're over 18, and take full responsibility that you're comfortable to see whatever turns up.

## Content Type

- Include art, illustration, CGI and other non-photographic images in search results**
- Include screenshots in search results**

**SAVE CHANGES**

Or, cancel and [return to your account page](#).

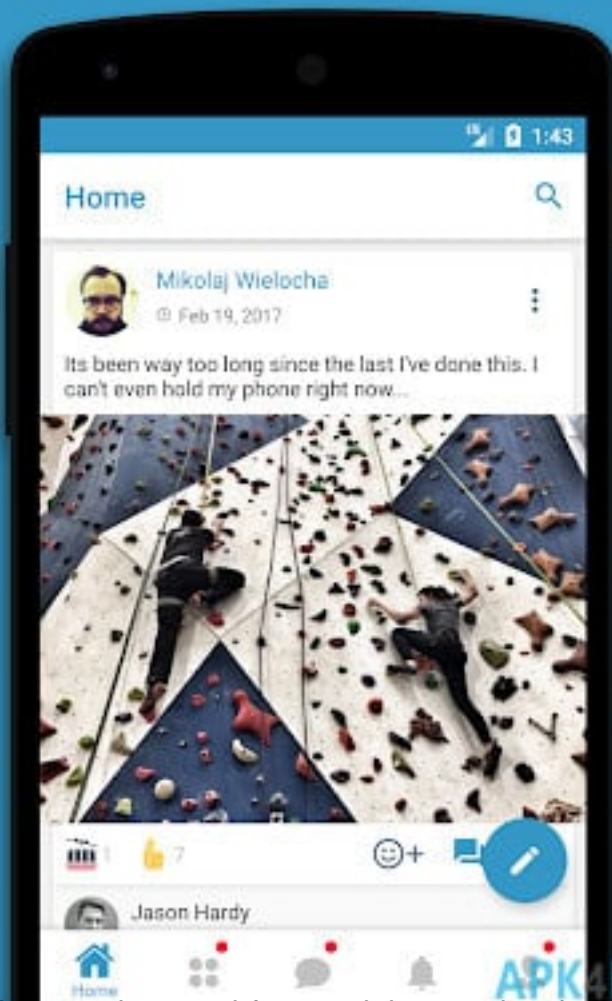
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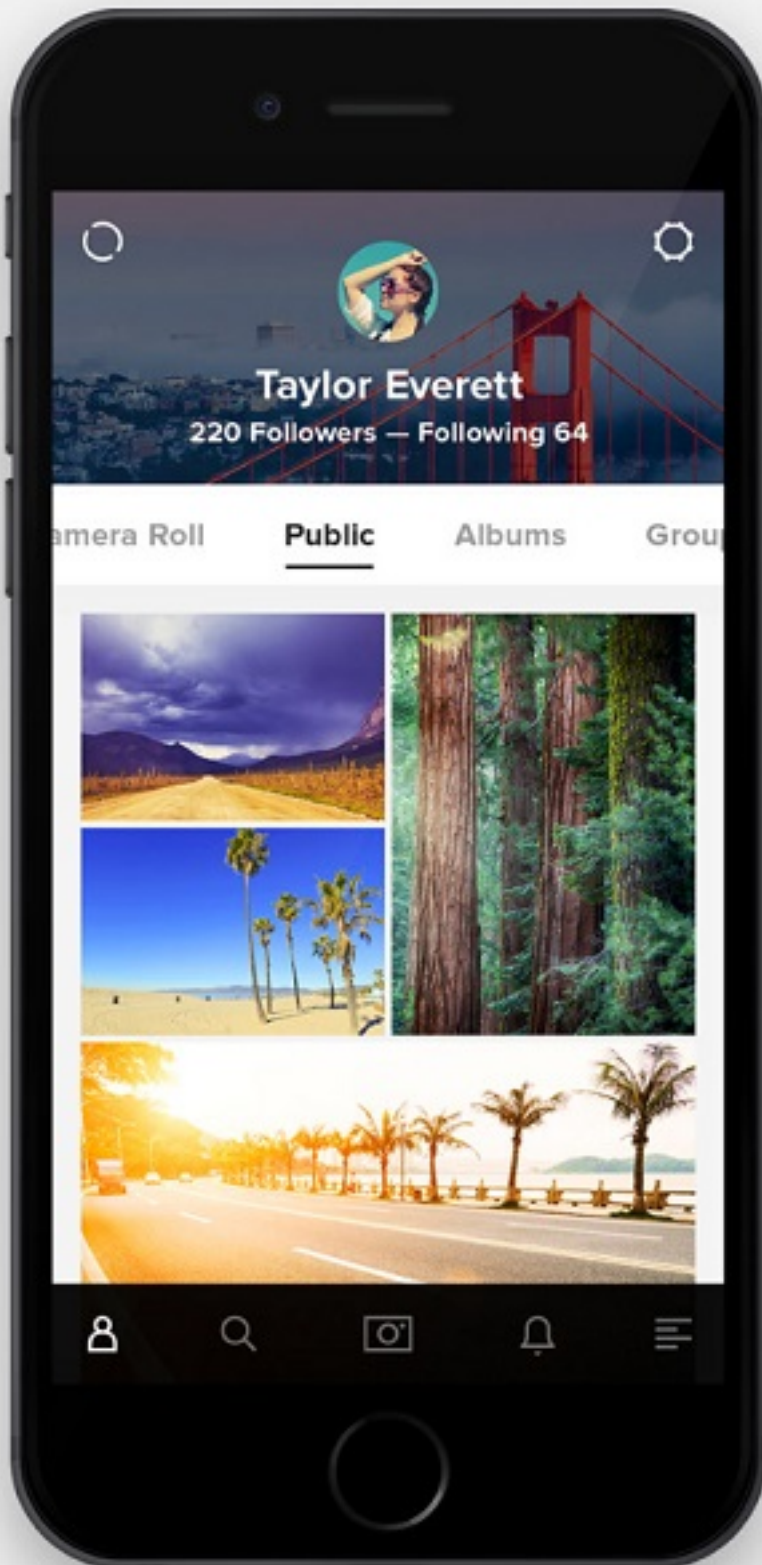
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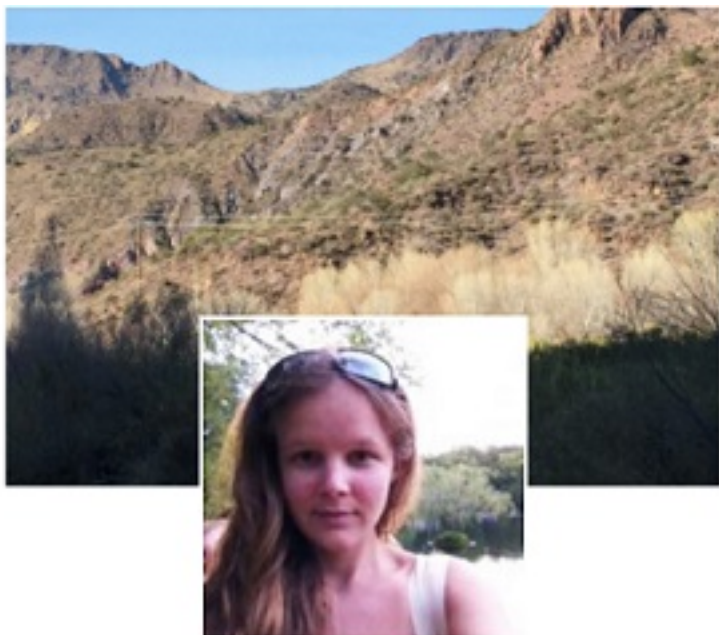
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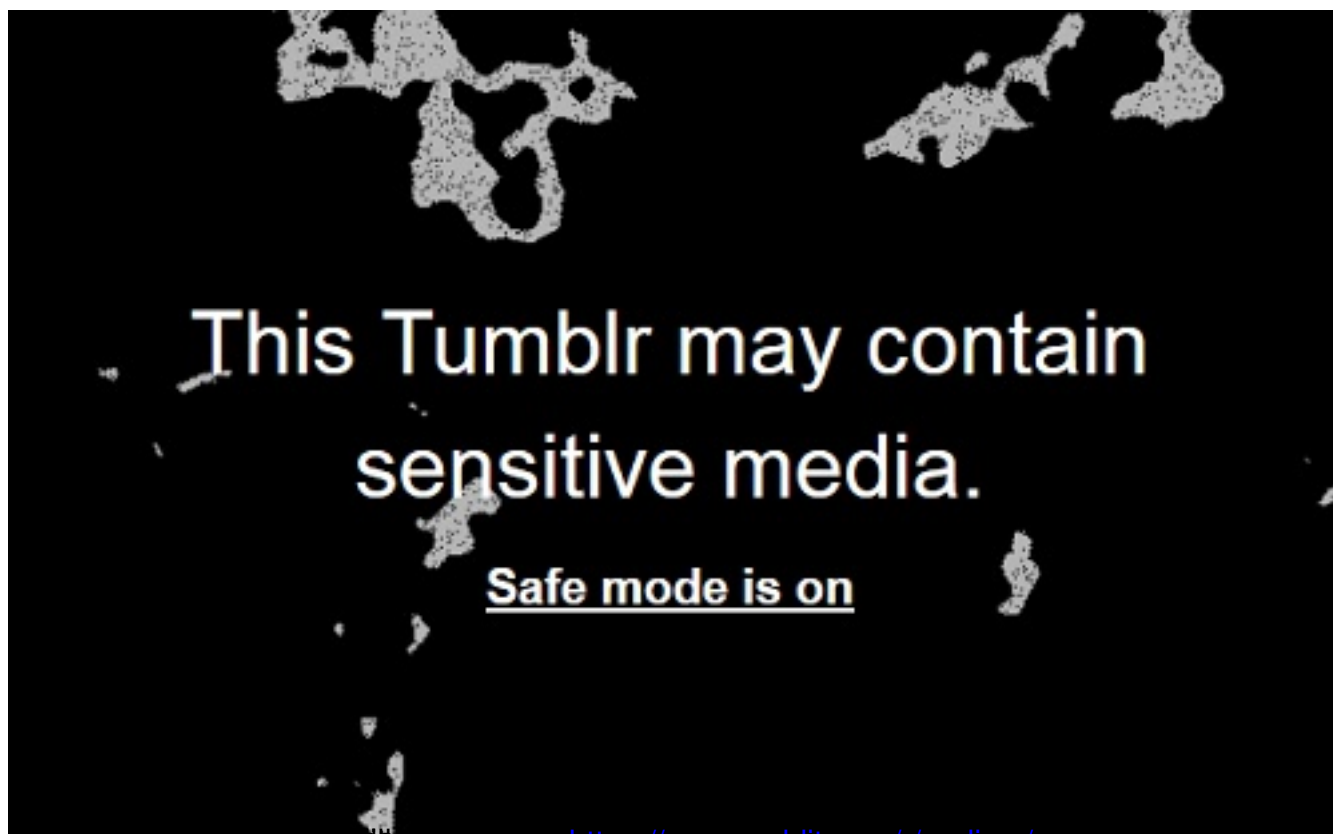
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