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## **LDF Statement on Facebook Banning White Nationalism and White Separatism**

Yesterday, Facebook [announced](#) that it will now ban white nationalism and white separatism from its platform, putting each ideology on par with white supremacy, which was already prohibited. In addition to barring content that praises, supports, or represents white nationalism and white separatism, Facebook will also direct users who attempt to post such content to Life After Hate, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals leave hate groups.

This decision comes on the heels of Facebook's decision to [settle several lawsuits](#) with civil rights organizations and labor groups – including the National Fair Housing Alliance – that alleged Facebook allowed discriminatory practices in housing, employment, and credit advertising.

[Lisa Cylar Barrett](#), Policy Director at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF), released the following statement:

“We are pleased that Facebook recognizes the unique responsibility it has to stop 21<sup>st</sup> century technology from abetting 21<sup>st</sup> century discrimination. Barring white nationalism and white separatism from its platform is another encouraging step towards ensuring that racial discrimination, hatred, and violence find no sanctuary on Facebook or Instagram. We look forward to continuing to work with Facebook and other social media companies in their efforts to strengthen their policies and prevent misuse of their platforms.”

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