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# Facebook management's response to censorship of posts

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Recipient: Prime Minister Erna Solberg

Letter from Sheryl Sandberg, Chief operating officer at Facebook, to Prime Minister Erna Solberg.

## **Emne: Thank You**

Prime Minister Solberg,

I am writing to personally thank you for the important issues you've raised regarding the photograph of Phan Thị Kim Phúc — and to let you know how seriously we take this matter, and also how we are handling it.

When the photo "Terror of War" was first published in 1972, it played an important role in changing public perception about the U.S. role in Vietnam. The image remains an important reminder of the war.

Every day, people come to Facebook to connect with people and issues they care about. Given the diversity of the Facebook community, this means that sometimes people share information that is controversial or offends others. We have global community standards that are designed to enable expression while providing a safe and respectful experience. Sometimes, though, the global and historical importance of a photo like "Terror of War" outweighs the importance of keeping nudity off Facebook. After hearing from you and other members of our community, we have decided to restore the photo.