

Yesterday, Charlie Kirk, an alt-right propagandist, was assassinated while promoting hatred on stage at Utah Valley University.

Though we sympathize with our broad community's contempt for Kirk's positions, we find it necessary to boldly emphasize that **we condemn all forms of political violence**. Moving forward, our content moderation teams will be removing celebrations of the assassination in alignment with aponist praxis. We believe total nonviolence is the only way forward to building a world free from domination and imposed suffering.

"It's so easy to laugh, it's so easy to hate, it takes strength to be gentle and kind" – The Smiths

The irony surrounding the circumstances of Kirk's death is not lost on us, however. His final words were dismissive of the frequent mass shootings which terrorize American schools and neighbourhoods, choosing to shift blame onto marginalized communities. Kirk worked throughout his career to expand access to deadly weapons:

"It's worth to have a cost of, unfortunately, some gun deaths every single year so that we can have the Second Amendment" – Charlie Kirk (2023)

Our movement works for a future where all technologies explicitly designed to kill, oppress, or deceive, are **resisted**, and where possible, **banned**.

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