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Oversight Board Upholds Facebook's Decision to Suspend Donald Trump's Accounts

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Today, the [Oversight Board upheld Facebook's suspension](#) of former US President Donald Trump's Facebook and Instagram accounts. As we stated in January, [we believe our decision was necessary and right](#), and we're pleased the board has recognized that the unprecedented circumstances justified the exceptional measure we took.

However, while the board has not required Facebook to immediately restore Mr. Trump's accounts, it has not specified the appropriate duration of the penalty. Instead, the board criticized the open-ended nature of the suspension, calling it an "indeterminate and standardless penalty," and insisted we review our response. We will now consider the board's decision and determine an action that is clear and proportionate. In the meantime, Mr. Trump's accounts remain suspended.

The board also made a number of recommendations on how we should improve our policies. While these recommendations are not binding, we actively sought the board's views on our policies around political figures and will carefully review its recommendations.

We thank the board for the care and attention it gave this case.

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