Meta ending fact-checking program: Zuckerberg

Social media giant Meta announced a series of changes to its content moderation policies Tuesday, including the elimination of its fact-checking program, in what CEO Mark Zuckerberg said was an effort to embrace free speech.

"We're going to get back to our roots and focus on reducing mistakes, simplifying our policies and restoring free expression on our platforms," Zuckerberg said in a video posted Tuesday morning.

"More specifically, here's what we're going to do. First, we're going to get rid of fact-checkers and replace them with community notes similar to X, starting in the U.S."

The changes mark a major move for the parent company of Instagram and Facebook and follows a series of other changes the company has made in recent weeks as President-elect Trump heads into his second term later this month.

Zuckerberg cited the recent election as a driving force in the company's decision, slamming "governments and legacy media" as pushing the company to "censor more and more."

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