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Anger over Christchurch video on social media – 18th March, 2019

Level 0

People are angry. A video of the killings in Christchurch is still on social media. A terrorist killed 50 people at two mosques. He put a live-stream on Facebook. People say social media did stop the video spreading. They asked people to stop sharing it. One said: "That is what the terrorist wanted."

Facebook said it quickly removed the video and the shooter's Facebook and Instagram accounts. YouTube said it removes videos when people tell them to. The UK said sites must do more to stop the spread of "sick material". It said social media sites must not "do the terrorists' work for them" and must not spread their ideas.

Level 1

People are angry because a video of the killings in Christchurch is still on social media. A terrorist shot and killed 50 worshippers at two mosques. He live-streamed the shootings on Facebook. Many people think social media sites did not do enough to stop the video spreading. Social media users asked people to stop sharing it. One said: "That is what the terrorist wanted." Another said sites quickly take down music videos but not terror videos.

Facebook said it quickly removed the video after the police told them about it. Facebook also removed the shooter's Facebook and Instagram accounts. YouTube said it removes videos after people tell them. The UK's Home Secretary said sites must do more to stop the spread of "sick material". He said: "It is wrong and it is illegal." He said social media sites must not "do the terrorists' work for them". He said the terrorist wanted to spread his ideas.

Level 2

People worldwide are angry because a video of the killings at a mosque in Christchurch is still on social media sites. On Friday, a terrorist shot and killed 50 worshippers at two mosques. The gunman live-streamed the shootings on Facebook. The video spread across social media. Many people think social media companies have not done enough to remove the video. Social media users posted messages asking people to stop sharing it. One user said: "That is what the terrorist wanted." Another said social media sites quickly take down music videos but not terror videos.

Facebook said it acted quickly to remove the video. It said: "New Zealand Police alerted us to a video on Facebook shortly after the live-stream commenced. We quickly removed both the shooter's Facebook and Instagram accounts and the video." YouTube said it removes videos as soon as people highlight them. The UK's Home Secretary said social media sites must do more to stop the spread of "sick material" online. He said: "It is wrong and it is illegal." He said social media sites must not "do the terrorists' work for them". He said this terrorist wanted to spread his ideas.

Level 3

People all over the world are angry because the video of the massacre at a mosque in Christchurch, New Zealand is still on social media sites. On Friday, a terrorist gunned down and killed 50 worshippers who were praying at two mosques. The gunman live-streamed a video of the shootings on Facebook. The video has spread across social media. Many people think social media companies have not done enough to take the video off their sites. As the video continued to spread, many social media users posted messages asking people to stop sharing it. One user said: "That is what the terrorist wanted." Another user said social media sites quickly take down music videos but not terror videos.

Facebook said it acted quickly to take the video down. A spokeswoman said: "New Zealand Police alerted us to a video on Facebook shortly after the live-stream commenced. We quickly removed both the shooter's Facebook and Instagram accounts and the video." YouTube said it removes "shocking, violent and graphic content" as soon as people tell them about it. The UK's Home Secretary Sajid Javid said social media sites must do more to stop the spread of "sick material" online. Mr Javid said: "It is wrong and it is illegal. Online platforms have a responsibility not to do the terrorists' work for them. This terrorist filmed his shooting with the intention of spreading his ideology."