

## **Social media**

**In a leaked memo, a Facebook executive, Andrew Bosworth, describes this willful disregard for truth and meaning:**

**"We connect people. That can be good if they make it positive. Maybe someone finds love. ... That can be bad if they make it negative. ... Maybe someone dies in a terrorist attack. ... The ugly truth is ... anything that allows us to connect more people more often is "de facto" good."**

**In other words, asking a surveillance extractor to reject content is like asking a coal-mining operation to discard containers of coal because it's too dirty.**

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