⚠️Facebook Community Update: AI Content, Originality & Engagement

Violations season edition · Updated October 2026

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Dear PIB Community,

We want to share what we're seeing across the community around Facebook restrictions, originality, and AI content, and the proactive steps we recommend taking.

Why this view is different: many Pages in our community are having record revenue months right now, while others are getting hit. Nobody else sees that split the way we do. Our team works across more Pages, more partners and more data points than anyone else in Facebook publishing: a 10,000+ publisher community, 300M+ followers under management, and NewsBomb tracking thousands of pages. That view shows us why some Pages get flagged while others keep growing, and this guide shares how to stay on the growing side.

Over recent weeks, we've received reports from multiple Pages in our community experiencing originality issues, recommendation restrictions, or monetization interruptions. These include Pages that rely heavily on AI Reels and AI-generated content. We're also seeing inauthentic engagement flags and similar discussions in other Facebook groups.

Now, we want to be careful here.

Some cases look similar, but these flags don't necessarily have the same cause. Facebook has **NOT** announced that AI Reels are banned, and we currently don't have enough evidence to say that simply using AI caused these Pages to get restricted.

What Facebook says about originality and authentic engagement

Facebook's published guidance emphasizes giving original creators more reach and monetization opportunities while deprioritizing unoriginal content.

When using someone else's content, simply stitching clips together, adding captions, changing the speed, or narrating what's already on screen without adding meaningful value may still be considered unoriginal. Facebook says Pages that continue posting primarily unoriginal content may become non-recommendable or demonetized. Rewarding Original Creators on Facebook

Separately, Meta has described action against accounts gaming distribution and engagement, including coordinated fake engagement and networks spreading the same spammy content. Cracking Down on Spammy Content on Facebook

So we're watching both the content itself and the engagement-related flags Pages are receiving. An inauthentic engagement flag doesn't, by itself, tell us that AI content was the problem, or establish what happened on that Page.

What's still unclear is how these different issues connect, if at all, in the cases we're seeing. That's why we're looking closely at the specific notices and review outcomes before drawing broader conclusions.

So where does AI fit into this?

This is where we need to separate what Facebook has confirmed from what we're currently observing.

Facebook has NOT said:

> “AI Reel = unoriginal content.”

Our current working theory is that originality risk may increase when a Page starts looking heavily automated or mass-produced.

Think:

> AI visuals + AI voice + similar hooks + repeated templates + very similar Reel structures + high volume + very little visible creative input.

We cannot say that Facebook is specifically measuring that exact combination or that this is what caused the recent restrictions we've seen.

But given Facebook's emphasis on meaningful creative contribution, it's enough of a pattern that we don't think we should ignore it.

As mentioned above, Facebook is also tackling spammy behavior and coordinated fake engagement. Meta says networks creating large numbers of accounts to distribute the same spammy content can lose monetization eligibility and see lower reach.

That doesn't mean AI use caused the inauthentic engagement flags, or that the affected Pages engaged in those behaviors. Those cases need to be reviewed separately.

So for us, the safer direction is clear:

We need more originality, more variation, and more visible creative input, while looking into engagement-related flags separately.

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What we recommend doing right now

These are the proactive steps we’ve been sharing with our partners and consulting community, and putting into practice on the Pages we manage.

Some partners are reporting similar violations, while others are seeing different issues, including ones we haven’t encountered before.

Some received an explanation for why they were flagged, while others were restricted or demonetized without a specific reason. Some report Reel-related demonetization but don't know which Reel triggered it. Others shared screenshots showing inauthentic engagement flags or reported restrictions involving image posts and sensitive topics.

We've also heard from partners who describe their content as original and wholesome, using AI tools, who were still affected. Another partner reported being demonetized, then seeing earnings suddenly jump after showing no earnings all day. We don't yet know what explains that change.

These different experiences, and the limited explanations in some cases, are why we're taking precautions without assuming every restriction has the same cause.

- **Pause Reels for now.** Temporarily pause Reel publishing, since many of the partner reports we're reviewing involve Reels. Repeated AI visuals, animations, voiceovers, and formats may make the content feel mass-produced, or simply look "too AI." While we review these cases and develop a clearer SOP, pausing is our precautionary recommendation. If you decide to resume in the next two weeks, start gradually rather than returning straight to daily Reels. **When publishing AI-generated Reels, we strongly recommend using the AI content label, and it must be applied where Meta requires disclosure.** We don't know whether missing labels contributed to the reported restrictions, but making the appropriate disclosure is a step we can take now.
- **Make AI disclosure part of publishing.** Make labeling part of your publishing checklist for AI-generated or substantially AI-altered posts, and always apply it where Meta requires disclosure. Meta provides these controls in its own publishing tools, but they may not be available through your scheduling platform. AI labeling may be a feature Post Planner implements in the future, but there's no confirmed release date. In the meantime, use Meta's own publishing tools where disclosure is required, and keep checking whether your scheduling tool supports AI labels. Labels address disclosure; they don't guarantee protection from other restrictions. See examples 3-6 below.
- **Vary the content mix across posting slots.** We've started making this pivot on the Pages we manage. Previously, assigning a consistent asset type to each time slot was part of our scheduling best practices. As a proactive adjustment, we're now introducing more variety: for example, rotating the 10 a.m. slot between memes, original photos, other image posts, and text posts throughout the week. This is an adjustment to our own approach. Meta has not confirmed any change to its scheduling rules.
- **Expand the framing and templates.** We've started introducing more templates on the partner Pages we manage. We understand that some of you prefer a more consistent-looking feed, and that the added variety may feel less cohesive. Our recommendation is to keep a recognizable Page identity while allowing more flexibility in layouts, framing, and creative treatments. As a proactive step, we're moving away from relying too heavily on a small set of templates, while making sure each post adds value beyond cosmetic changes.
- **Add meaningful value when using licensed stock photos.** This is especially relevant to our political Pages. Build the photo into a post with our own headline, framing, context, and substantive commentary rather than publishing it as-is. **A license gives us permission to use the image; a frame, headline, or credit alone doesn't establish originality.** Make sure edits are permitted by the license, particularly for editorial photos. Put the credit clearly in the caption where the license allows, using the actual photographer and provider, for example: Photo: John Smith / Shutterstock. Follow any specific attribution requirements attached to the image. Rewarding Original Creators on Facebook · Shutterstock attribution guidance
- **Make our creative contribution more visible.** Keep the viral strategy: continue curating around trending topics and formats, while gradually testing one or two posting slots a day for your own original content. These posts may initially get less reach or engagement than your proven viral

content, so start small and adjust based on performance. The idea is to build your original content around topics your audience already responds to. For example, a gardening Page could use its own garden photos, including images you own and use on your website, to explore a trending gardening topic. When you're ready to resume Reels, appearing on camera is one option if you're comfortable with it. Otherwise, you can use your own raw footage and add context through captions or voice over.

- **Check for Meta One availability at least once a week.** Review your Facebook notifications and account settings so you don't miss invitations or newly available plans. We recommend considering the lowest creator or business tier that meets your needs, even if you don't post link shares, after checking the features available to your account. This is about staying informed and making use of relevant creator tools. **We have no evidence that subscribing prevents violations, and it isn't a compliance requirement or a guarantee of better support.** Introducing Meta One
- **Review each restriction and track earnings changes.** Keep copies of restriction notices, screenshots, affected posts where identified, and appeal outcomes. If earnings start showing again, check the Page's restriction status and payout details before assuming monetization has been fully restored.

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These are proactive measures. None of them is a guaranteed fix. For now, we're focusing on what we can control: content variety, proper disclosure, meaningful creative input, and thoughtful distribution.

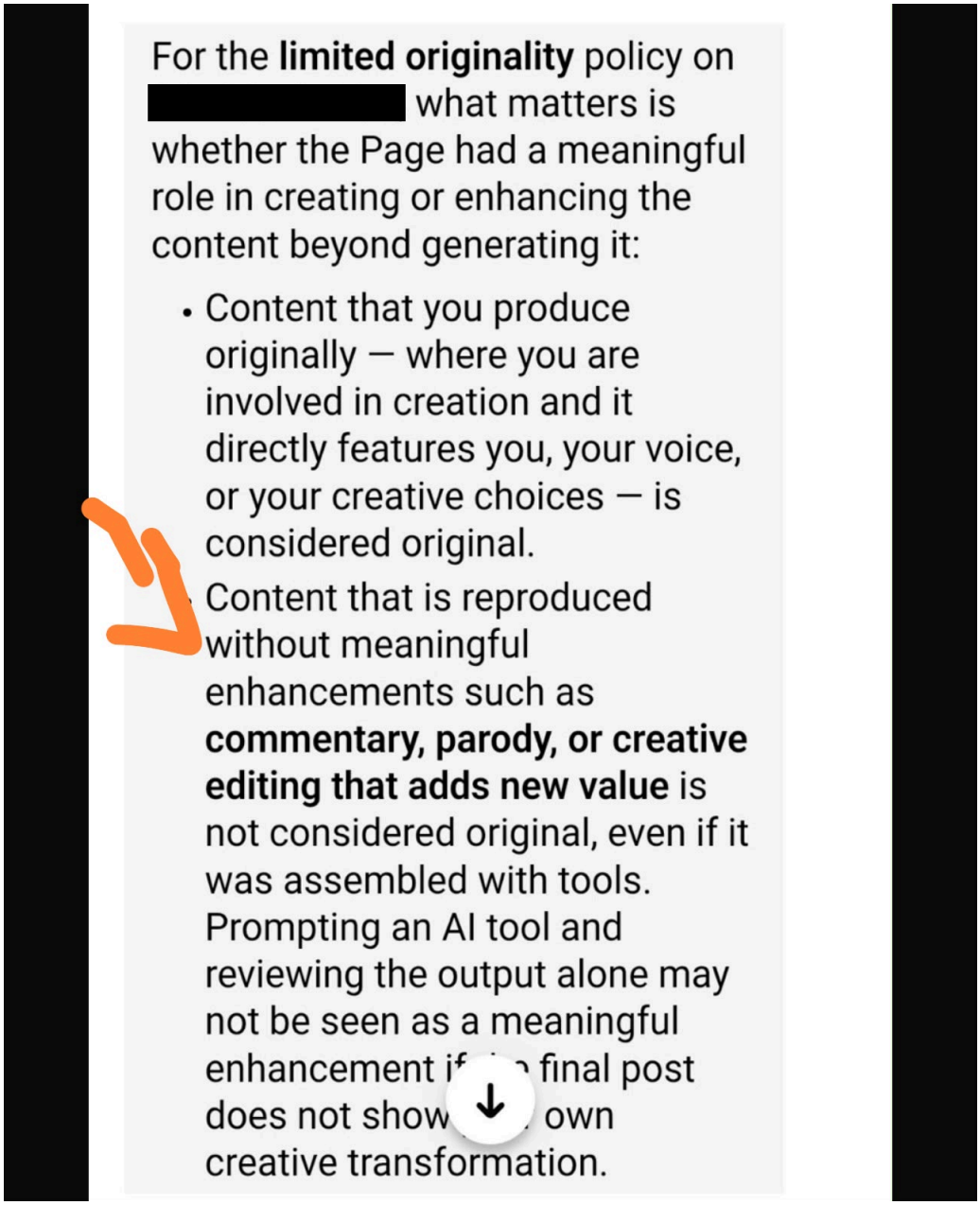
You may see some softer reach or engagement as you introduce original photos and materials that haven't been tested for viral performance. Start gradually, keep building around trending topics, and adjust based on results. Given Facebook's emphasis on originality, we recommend making this part of the content mix while keeping the viral strategy in place.

We hear everyone's concerns and appreciate the experiences being shared, especially when restrictions come without a clear explanation. Keep sharing notices, screenshots, and appeal outcomes. Your input will help shape our recommendations as we learn more together.

Example 1: Meaningful originality

This screenshot shows the guidance shared with one Page: prompting an AI tool and reviewing the result may not be enough on its own. The message points to commentary, parody, and creative editing that adds something new.

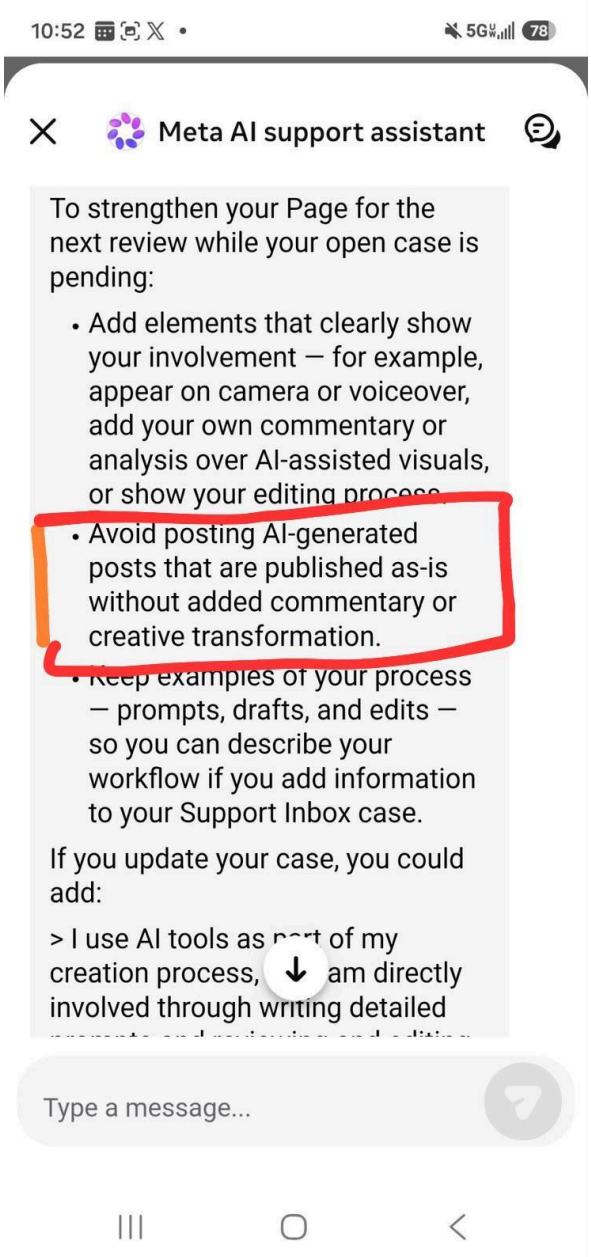
Keep in mind: this is a cropped support response, so we don't have the full conversation. It helps explain the discussion. It is neither a new policy announcement nor proof of why a Page was restricted. Identifying details have been hidden in the examples.



Example 2: Showing your creative input

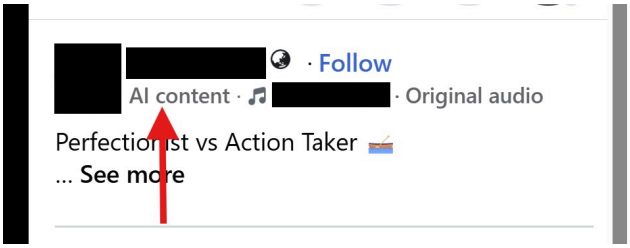
Here, the Meta AI support assistant suggests making our involvement clearer through commentary, analysis, or showing the editing process. It also recommends keeping prompts, drafts, and edits so we can explain how the content was made.

Keep in mind: this is advice from an AI support assistant. It is neither a formal policy announcement nor an appeal decision. It doesn't mean every creator has to appear on camera.



Examples 3 and 4: AI labels on published posts

These posts show what an “AI content” label can look like. The screenshots don’t tell us who added the labels, how the posts performed, or whether either Page had restrictions.



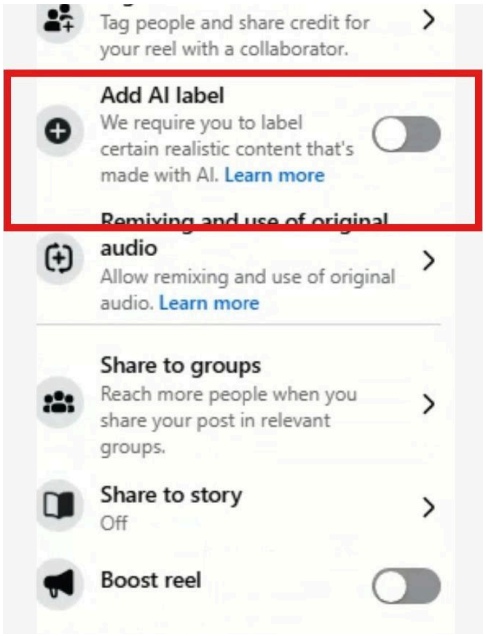
Example 3: A post header with an AI content label.



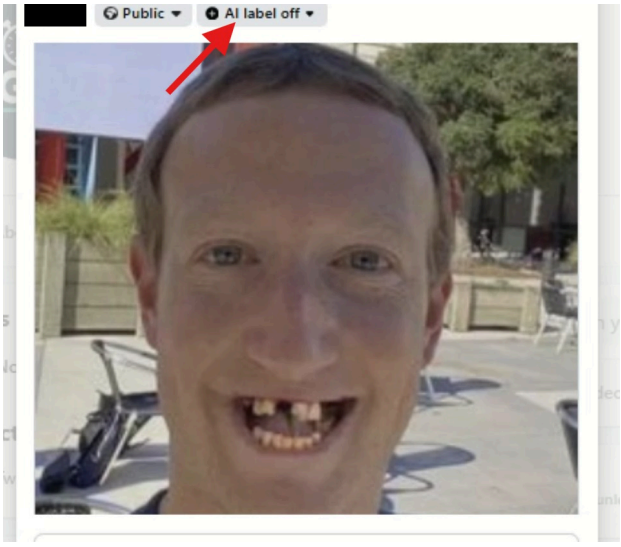
Example 4: A Reel with an AI content label. The label doesn’t mean Facebook has approved its originality.

Examples 5 and 6: AI labels before publishing

The publishing controls below are useful checkpoints for our workflow. Review the disclosure setting before publishing and follow the requirements applicable to the content.



Example 5: The “Add AI label” control states that certain realistic AI-made content must be labeled. This screenshot shows the control switched off; it does not establish the final published state.



Example 6: A composer view displays “AI label off.” That setting alone does not prove the pictured content is AI-generated, that disclosure is required, or that a violation occurred.

Label wording can vary across interfaces. Meta’s published explanation describes labels based on technical signals or a publisher’s disclosure. The supplied screenshots show the wording visible in these particular examples.
Source: Meta: Our Approach to Labeling AI-Generated Content and Manipulated Media

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