

## Part II, Community Findings:

### **b) Policies Harm those they are Supposed to Protect.**

**Users who come under targeted harassment due to their identity are the ones getting reported and banned.**

- “They stated ‘I violated community guidelines.’ When I inquired how, I was met with silence. I believe I was unfairly targeted by fatphobic bigots who reported my profile and IG did nothing to stop it, instead choosing to delete my account, the person who was harassed. My new account is now being unfairly targeted, including shadowbanning a photo of me in a one-piece bathing suit.”
- “Shadow-banned and taken off for a few days several times with the threat of being deleted next time. Because of female nipples (which is transphobic), showing art content, critical political posts, and feminist and queer art.”
- “Captions, comments, and follows have been disabled with messages like ‘This action has been blocked. We restrain certain actions and content to protect our community.’ Anti-racist posts have been deleted as well for ‘violating community standards.’”
- “Our feminist page was automatically disabled when it was targeted by a group of MRA’s.”

