



# q comment: Standards VS Homophobia



I don't know anyone who hasn't, at some point along their social media journey, been accused of violating 'community standards' on **Facebook**. I have been banned from Facebook and Instagram and Facebook Marketplace for such a breach on several occasions.

I call **BULLSHIT!** This company wouldn't know what a 'community standard' was if it bit them on their virtual arse. It is blatant **HOMOPHOBIA**.

If you have ever been associated with me you will know my strong 'liberal' beliefs that private enterprise can do whatever they like (within the law), which is why my presence on this platform has been limited to posting very rarely and my interaction on same almost nil.

Just recently however I found equally abhorrent behaviour from another giant - **Google**. In an attempt to monetise my website, Google Adshare refused to accept me as a client unless I amended the website to remove any breaches of their 'community standards'.

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I will NEVER apologise for having gay images in my publication. I will NEVER apologise for having gay references in my publication, that may or may not be uncomfortable for people to handle. If the information presented in Q Magazine stops just one LGBTIQ+ youth from self-harm then my work is done.

So, they can keep deleting my posts and refusing my business - I don't give a rats arse. I will maintain my integrity and resolve that I am doing to right thing.

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