

# Instagram sidelines TikTok-like features following complaints

29 July 2022



People unhappy with changes on Instagram have been urging the company to 'make Instagram Instagram again'

Instagram will pause features that users have campaigned against and complained make the social network too much like TikTok, according to a report in the Platformer tech newsletter Thursday.

Celebrity sisters Kim Kardashian and Kylie Jenner were some of the most vocal [users](#) to have posted messages on [social media](#) this week calling for the company to "make Instagram Instagram again" and stop trying to be like TikTok.

The slogan sprang from a change.org petition that had received more than 229,000 signatures as of late Thursday.

"Let's go back to our roots with Instagram and remember that the intention behind Instagram was to share photos, for Pete's sake," the petition read.

Instagram chief Adam Mosseri had responded to the controversy earlier this week with a video on Twitter in which he said the features were a work in progress, and being tested with a small number of users.

Changes included playing up short-form video, displaying it full-screen the way TikTok does, and recommending posts from strangers.

"I'm glad we took a risk," Mosseri was quoted as saying Thursday in an interview with Platformer's Casey Newton.

"But we definitely need to take a big step back and regroup."

"If we're not failing every once in a while, we're not thinking big enough or bold enough," Mosseri said.



US socialite Kylie Jenner, pictured in May 2022, has been vocal in urging Instagram to end features that users have been complaining about.

Mosseri argued that the shift to more video would happen even if the service changed nothing, as users increasingly share and seek [video snippets](#).

"If you look at what people share on Instagram, that is shifting more and more to video over time," Mosseri said.

"We are going to have to lean into that shift."

Meta chief Mark Zuckerberg backed that position during an earnings call Wednesday, saying people are increasingly watching video online.

Both Meta and Google are among companies facing increased competition from TikTok for people's attention, and have launched their own versions of short-form [video](#) sharing.

© 2022 AFP

APA citation: Instagram sidelines TikTok-like features following complaints (2022, July 29) retrieved 28 November 2022 from <https://techxplore.com/news/2022-07-instagram-sidelines-tiktok-like-features-complaints.html>

*This document is subject to copyright. Apart from any fair dealing for the purpose of private study or research, no part may be reproduced without the written permission. The content is provided for information purposes only.*