

Online Violence Against Women campaign - letter to Editor

Dear Madam/Sir

Social Media has not been making headlines for the right reasons recently. Facebook has been in the spotlight over use of its users' data. Twitter too has been under scrutiny and has some explaining to do. A recent Amnesty International investigation into the platform revealed how it has become a toxic place for women, where online violence and abuse against them is thriving. Twitter has a responsibility to respect human rights but is currently failing to properly address and prevent violence and abuse against women on the platform. The social media company's CEO Jack Dorsey must address this immediately.

Social media can be a valuable tool for all kinds of communities to have a voice in public debate. But if the people in charge don't start properly enforcing the rules that are there to protect social media users from abuse then Twitter and other companies risk becoming places where people are silenced by fear of exploitation or attack.

Sincerely,