

Frances Haugen

is an advocate for public oversight of social media.



Frances' disclosures of internal Facebook documents and testimony to governments in the United States, United Kingdom, and European Union garnered worldwide media attention. Journalists from around the globe have published hundreds of news stories based on her disclosures.

Born in Iowa City, Iowa, Frances is the daughter of two professors and grew up attending the Iowa caucuses with her parents, instilling a strong sense of pride in democracy and responsibility for civic participation.

Frances holds a degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Olin College and a MBA from Harvard. She is a specialist in algorithmic product management, having worked on ranking algorithms at Google, Pinterest, Yelp and Facebook. She was recruited to Facebook to be the lead Product Manager on the Civic Misinformation team, which dealt with issues related to democracy and misinformation, and later also worked on counter-espionage.

During her time at Facebook, Frances became increasingly alarmed by the choices the company makes prioritizing their own profits over public safety and putting people's lives at risk. As a last resort and at great personal risk, Frances made the courageous decision to blow the whistle on Facebook.

For more information, visit Frances' website at:
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Clips:



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Time Magazine:
Inside Frances Haugen's Decision to Take on Facebook

November 29, 2021

Wired:
Whistleblower Frances Haugen Still Believes in Silicon Valley

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Washington Post:
The education of Frances Haugen: How the Facebook whistleblower learned to use data as a weapon from years in tech