

General statement for CIA.gov on our Privacy page

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For CIA.gov:

Social Media

CIA maintains accounts on several third-party social media sites (including Twitter, Facebook, Google+, YouTube, and Flickr).

The CIA participates in these open forums in order to increase transparency. Content is posted first on CIA.gov prior to dissemination on social media sites.

Your activity on third-party websites is governed by the security and privacy policies of the third-party sites. You may wish to review the privacy policies of those sites before using them in order to understand how the information you make available on them will be used.

While we encourage commenting and conversation on our social media profiles, please remember that they are a public forum and any information provided will be visible to the public. Please do not include your nor anyone else's personal details such as a telephone number, home or email address, social security number or any other personal information that you do not want available to the general public.

Comments or messages that represent criminal activities, intentions, or threats will be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement officials

Our presence on social media sites is not intended to endorse, recommend or favor any third-party company or service provider.

For posting on CIA.gov and Facebook About section

Welcome to the Central Intelligence Agency's official Facebook page.

Description

The Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is an independent US government agency responsible for providing national security intelligence to senior US policymakers.

General Information

The CIA is pleased to participate in this open forum to help share our unclassified history, mission and story with the general public. You can find the official source of information about the CIA at <https://www.cia.gov>.

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CIA welcomes your comments, however we wish to maintain the decorum appropriate to a taxpayer-funded organization, we will moderate, and delete as necessary, comments deemed inappropriate using the guidelines below. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in the author(s) being blocked from this page without notice.

Do not post graphic, obscene, sexually explicit or racially offensive comments or content. We also will not tolerate comments that are abusive, hateful, slanderous or that are intended to defame anyone or any organization.

All content must be unclassified. Do not post any content that may be considered classified, sensitive, or that would cause immediate and undue harm to a person or organization.

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Visit our [Contact Us page](#) for information on how to send official correspondence to the CIA.

You may also find us on Twitter, Google+, Flickr and YouTube.

For posting on CIA.gov and Google+ About section

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For posting on CIA.gov only. Twitter does allow for posting guidelines.

CIA Twitter Account Following Guidelines

When an official CIA Twitter account “follows” or “retweets” another Twitter account, it is not an endorsement of that account holder or entity.

A. Official CIA Twitter accounts may “follow” certain types of other Twitter accounts, including those created and maintained by:

- Federal, state, county, city and international government entities and cultural institutions
- Non-profit cultural institutions such as museums, libraries, archives and historical societies and projects of these organizations.
- Non-profit organizations that are not political in nature and whose mission relates to CIA’s mission, services or programs.
- Individuals posting in a professional capacity about topics related to CIA’s mission

B. Official CIA Twitter accounts should not “follow” certain types of other Twitter accounts, including those created and maintained by:

- Commercial entities, such as companies or commercial websites, blogs, publications and periodicals
- Commercial entities that have a working relationship with CIA, such as consultants or contractors
- Non-profit groups whose mission is unrelated to CIA’s mission, services and programs
- Any group or individual that is engaged in political activity, as covered by the Hatch Act. The Hatch Act defines political activity as an activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party, a candidate for partisan political office, or a partisan political group.