

A graphic image of Shireen Abu Aqleh boycotted by Twitter



Just as the Israeli military censor protected the IDF from exposing its disastrous Gaza mission, so social media platforms perform the same role in suppressing content that exposes its crimes.

A Twitter user published a graphic image of the deceased Al Jazeera journalist as the Statue of Liberty. Instead of the torch held in the upraised hand of Lady Liberty, she holds an Al Jazeera microphone. And instead of the book marked “July 4 1776” which she holds in her other hand, Shireen Abu Aqleh holds a map of Palestine. It is a powerful, poignant image. Which is why the hasbara warriors went to work reporting it. As a result, Twitter determined the image did not “promote healthy conversation.” It “disabled most of the ways to engage with the tweet.” Presumably, anything offensive to Brand Israel is now abusive, dangerous or unhealthy for users.

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