

## News Report: Sky News – Trump Facebook Ban

This news segment was aired on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May and discusses Facebook's decision to ban former President Donald Trump from its platform. The ban was put in place following Trump's alleged fomenting of an insurrection in Washington DC. Trump encouraged an angry mob to march to the Capitol Building, which they then breached and vandalised.

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#### News Anchor:

Facebook's **Oversight**<sup>1</sup> Board has **upheld the decision**<sup>2</sup> to suspend former President Donald Trump. Let's go straight to our US Correspondent Mark Stone.

Mark, what have they said? This has just come in in the last couple of minutes.

#### News Correspondent:

Yes, just ah, 4 minutes or so ago a decision by the Oversight Board, who operate – funded by Facebook but an independent oversight board, is should be stressed – were asked to **look into**<sup>3</sup> the decision, or asked, indeed, by Donald Trump and his team to look into the decision, to ban him from Facebook – a decision that was made by Facebook's Chief Executive on January the 6<sup>th</sup>, as a consequence of numerous (tweets) posts on Facebook that he had made over the course of several months.

But at what **amounted to**<sup>4</sup> a moment on January 6<sup>th</sup> when we all remember what happened on Capitol Hill here, with the insurrection there, so-called. Donald Trump asked for a review. The review has taken place and the board has upheld Facebook's decision.

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<sup>1</sup> Oversight: (noun) systems or action to control an activity and make sure it is being done correctly

<sup>2</sup> To uphold a decision: (collocation) to defend or keep a principle or law, or to say that a decision that has already been made is correct.

<sup>3</sup> Look into something: (phrasal verb) to investigate, to try and find out about

<sup>4</sup> To amount to something: (phrasal verb) to be the same as something, or to have the same effect as something