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To: press@fb.com
Request for statement about FB demand for ID photos

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Facebook:

I've had several reports of blocked Facebook users getting the message (for example, see attached):

"Upload a Photo of Yourself

"To get back on Facebook, upload a photo that clearly shows your face. Make sure the photo is well-lit and isn't blurry. Don't include other people in the shot.

"Once we've confirmed it's you, we'll permanently delete the photo. It won't appear on your profile."

I'm writing an article on this, which given recent privacy concerns, particularly with Facebook, is very troubling, as you must realize. I'd be happy to consider anything else you say as well, but please answer at least the following:

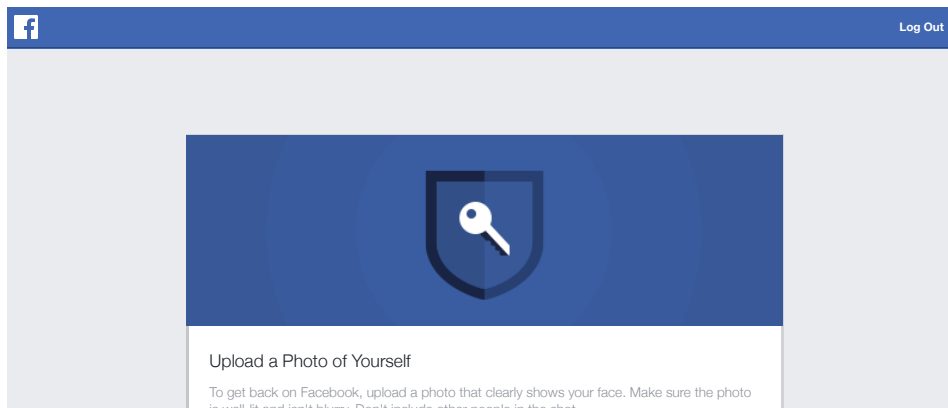
1. How will FB "confirm it's you" from the uploaded ID photo?
2. Does FB have its own database of user ID photos (not everyone uploads a profile photo and many profile photos are unrecognizable) or access to others, like governmental ones?
3. FB says it will "permanently delete the photo", but does that also mean that FB will not first sell it or provide it to the NSA, as has happened before with FB?

Thanks.

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