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If you post something to twitter, a social media platform by which ideas are shared, and you don't want people to comment on it or provide their opinions, you can use many tools on twitter (locking account, changing who can reply).

Calling disagreement "disrespectful" is bizarre

If you wish to curate replies, you have many options. First, you can change who can reply.

"Everyone can reply" opens it up to the world
"People you follow" ensures that people you've selected are only able to reply
"People you've mentioned" means just that - specfically.

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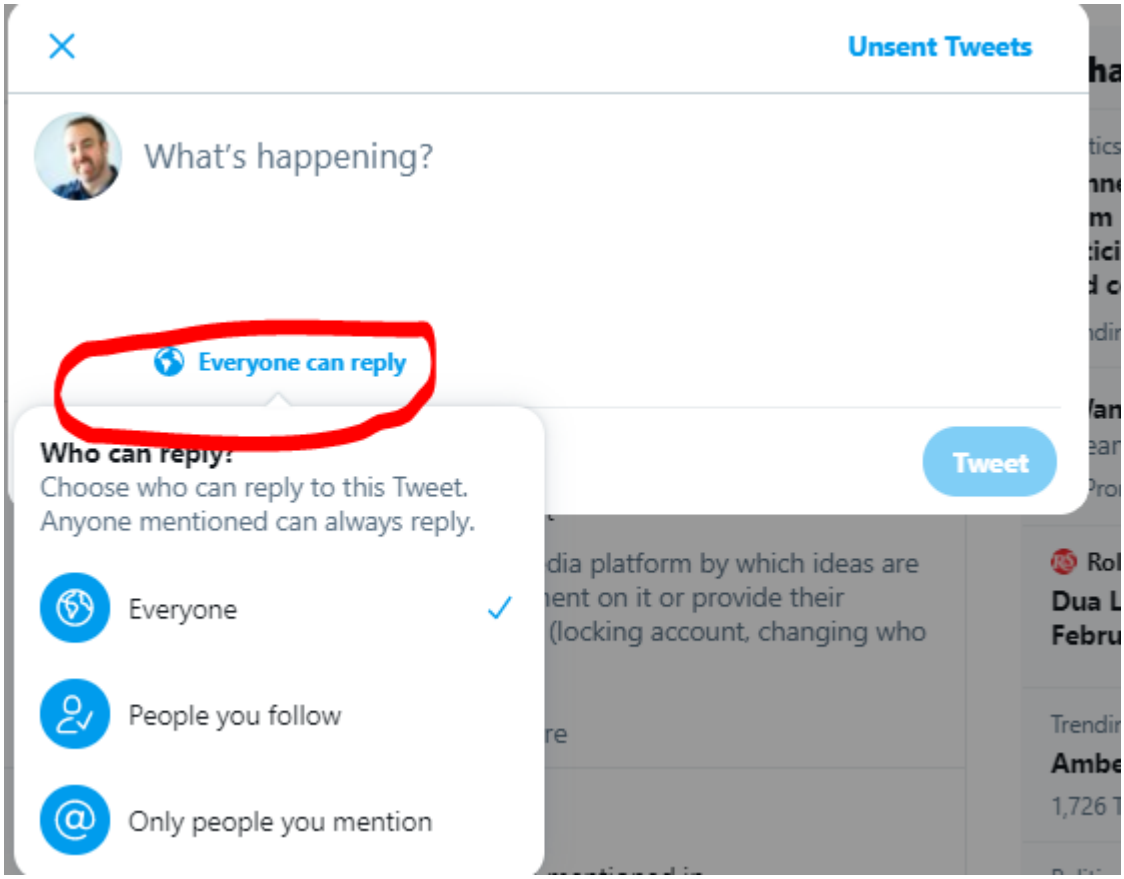

note that this does NOT stop retweets nor does it stop "quote tweet replies", an annoying type of reply that twitter SHOULD allow you to block if you choose.

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Alternatively, you can select individual replies you don't like, and remove those from the conversation. In response to this, i'm picking on the lovely @dranniehickox's reply (i'm happy with it!)

Note: people will see "the author has hidden this, would you like to see?"

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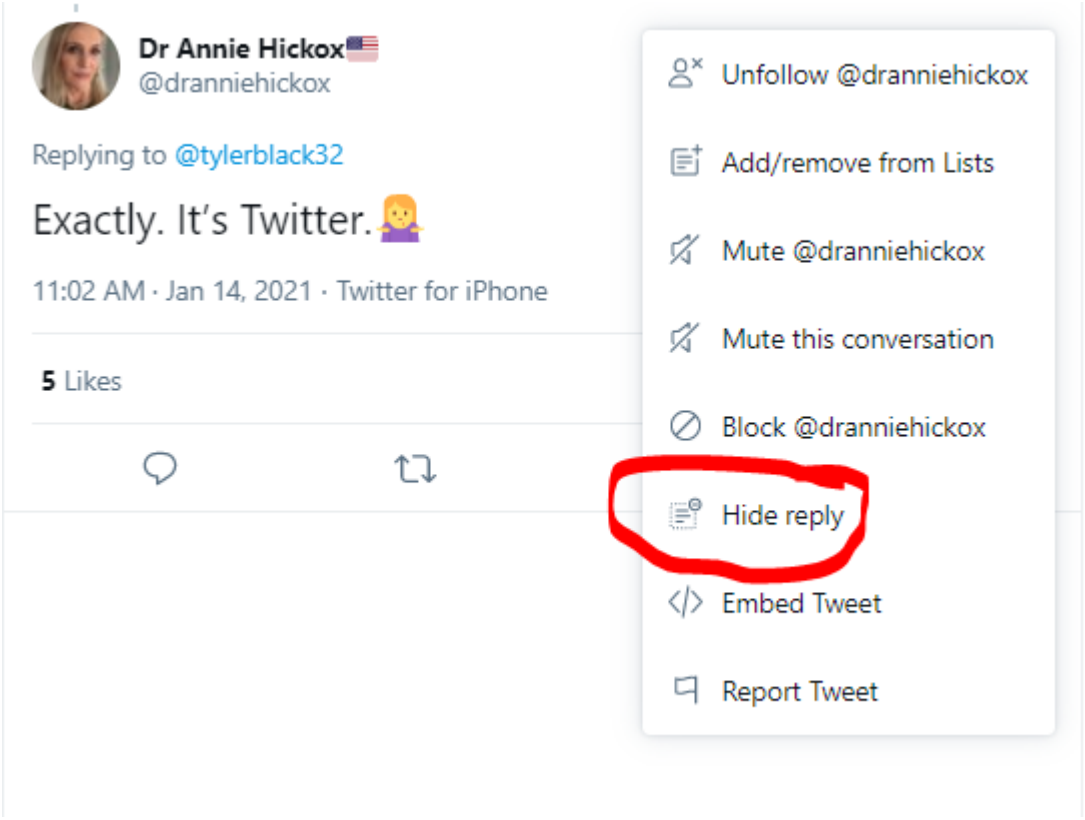

Another excellent option is to lock your account. This means that you can 100% control who sees your content, and your content is not re-tweetable.

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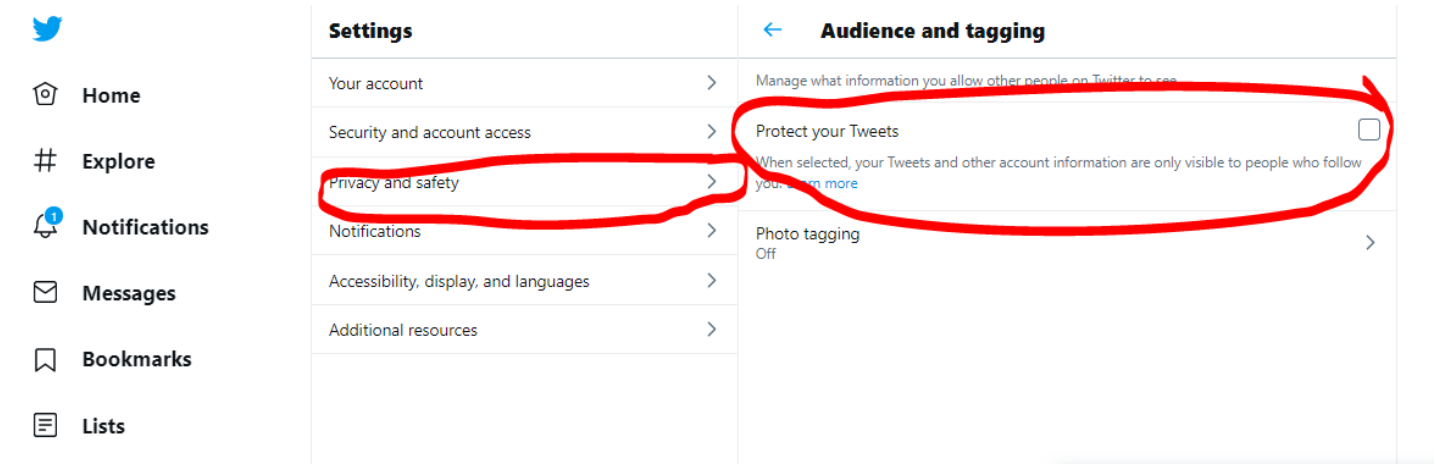

If you like general posts but certain aspects bother you, you can:

mute the conversation - "i'm done with this and don't wanna hear about it anymore"
mute the person - "i never wanna see their tweets"
block the person - "they can't see mine and i can't see theirs."

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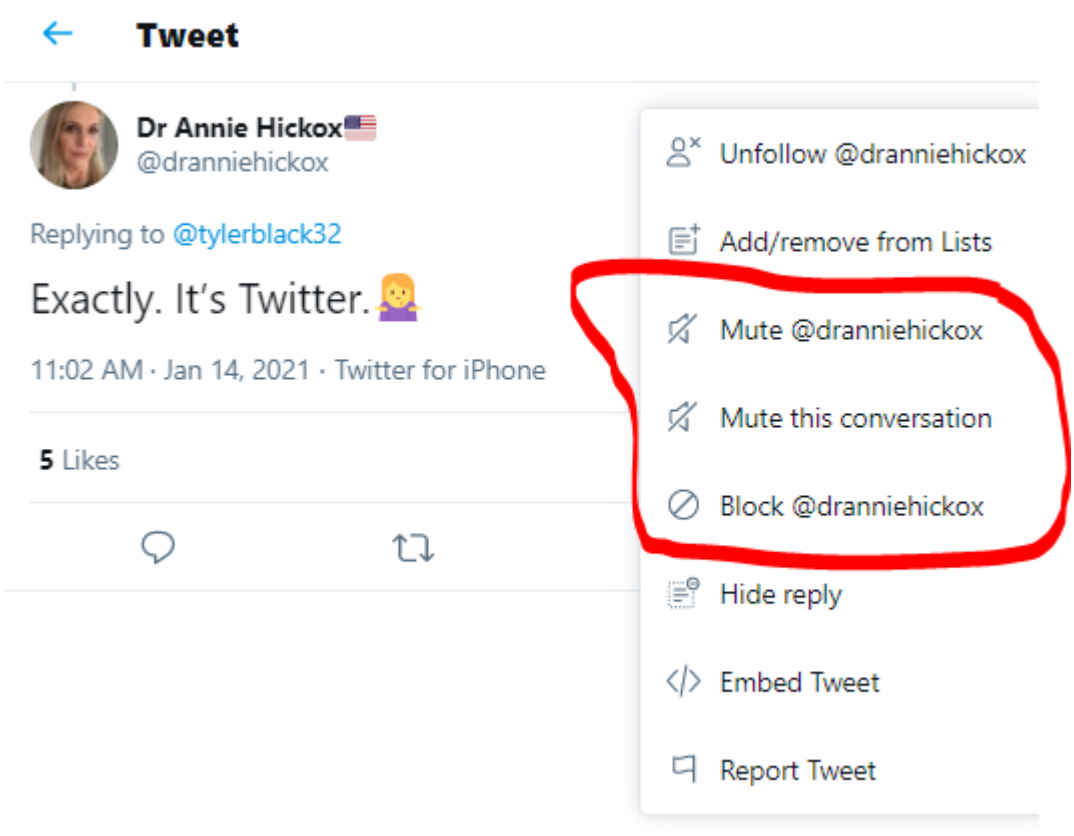

All of these things can be circumvented by a dummy account, an incognito window, or trojan horse invites (be careful who you follow!)

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The the more severe option is to start your own blog. https://t.co/nIIv4GfzRa is a great forum that you can control your own content, write what you want, no character limits, and you can create your own rules.

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Or, if someone replying to what you say on a public forum upsets you - consider not posting at all. you can create a cool friend group of direct messages on twitter and just vent with them and escape public scrutiny.

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You can even mute phrases/keywords if you never want to see that content (like, I could mute "i love mimes") and my life would improve incrementally.

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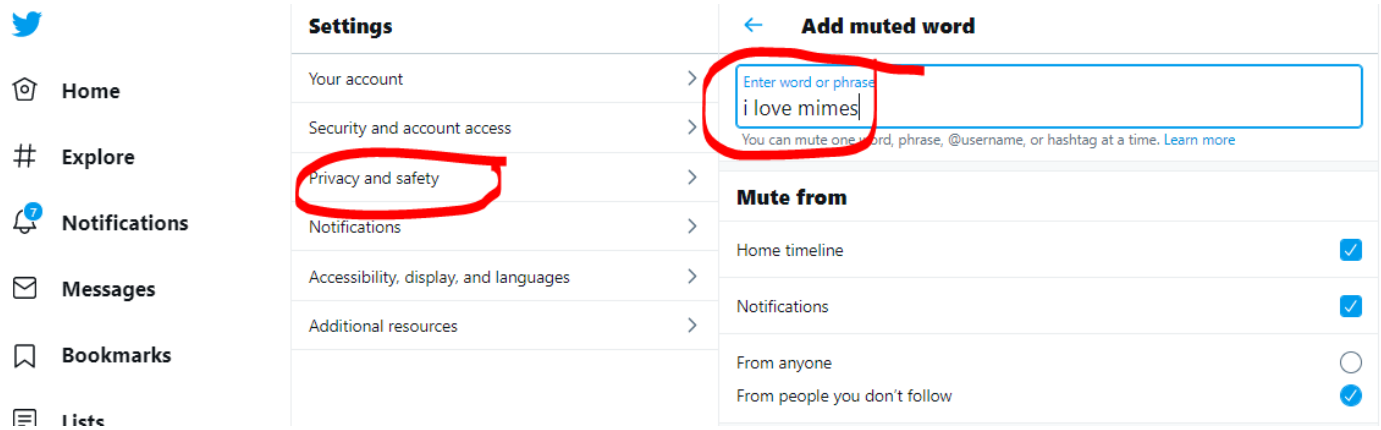

I mean for this to be helpful. Twitter needs more controls for safety and protection, and it is VERY intimidating to get unexpected replies for some people. Use twitter safely. 2020 has shown us unequivocally that twitter can cause harm.

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(oh and to be clear, i'd never block/mute Dr. Hickox! :) :))