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Is IGTV Gone? Unveiling Instagram's Video Transformation

The Evolution of Instagram Video

Instagram's decision to retire IGTV marked the end of its standalone long-form video platform. Once launched as a direct competitor to YouTube, IGTV aimed to make vertical videos mainstream. However, user preferences and engagement patterns told a different story.

People wanted simplicity one place for all videos, whether short Reels or long-form uploads. This shift led Instagram to merge IGTV into the main app, creating a single, unified video experience.

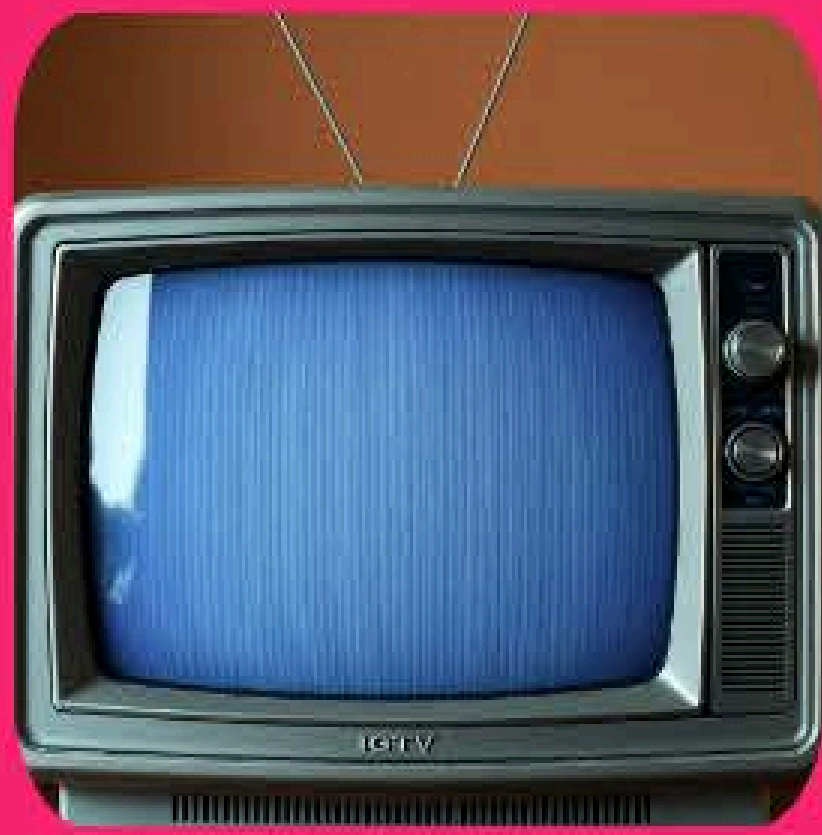
From its initial launch to its final sunset, join us as we unpack IGTV's story. Let's dive in!



The Rise and Fall of IGTV

Initially celebrated as a groundbreaking format, IGTV struggled to attract consistent creators and audiences. Competing platforms like TikTok and YouTube offered better discovery tools and monetization opportunities, pulling attention away.

Lost Features



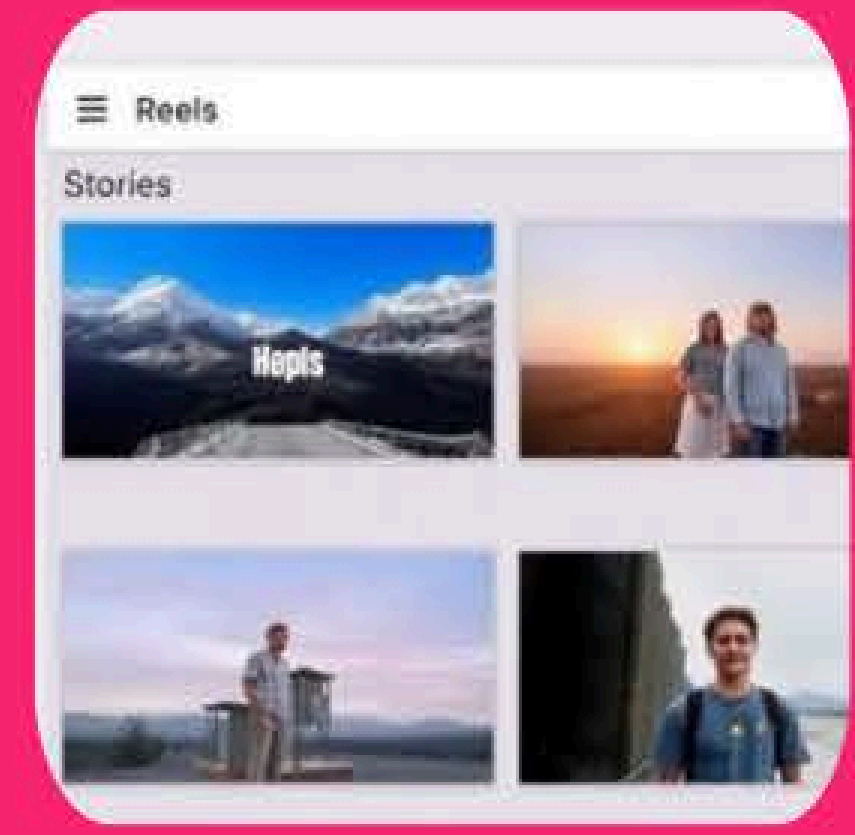
Unified Video Experience

Instagram merged IGTV with feed videos, creating one simplified Video tab for seamless discovery, sharing, and longer content engagement.



Impact on Creators

Creators adapted strategies, posting long-form videos directly on Instagram while enjoying smoother uploads, monetization, and better content reach.



The Future of Instagram Video

Instagram now emphasizes Reels and integrated video formats, offering analytics, editing tools, and stronger audience engagement opportunities for creators.

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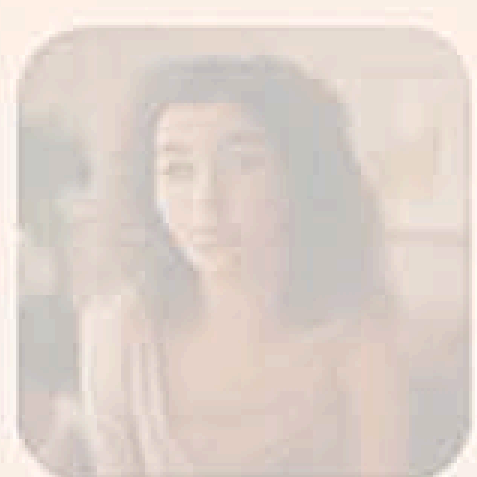
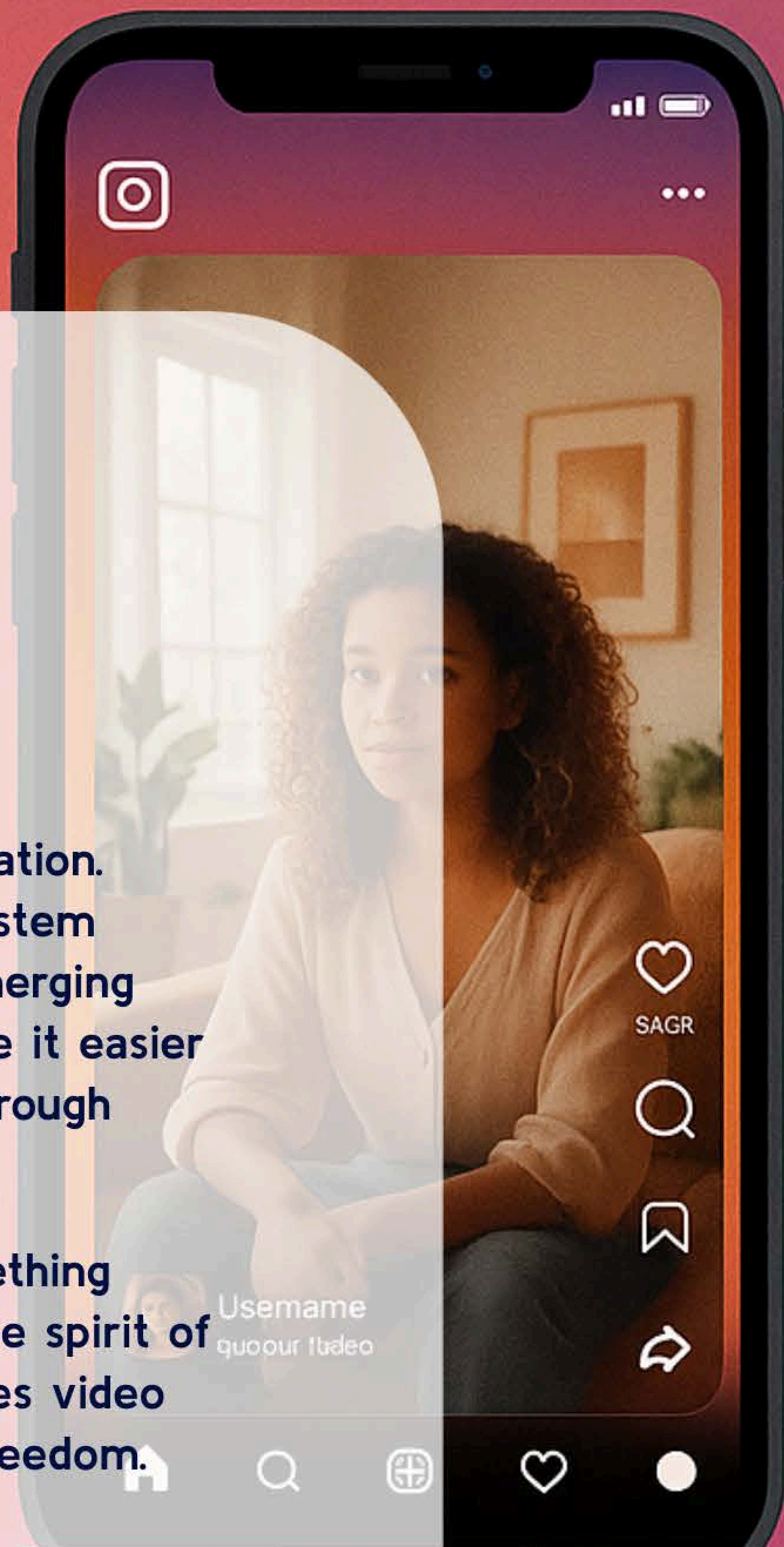


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Evolution Over Elimination

IGTV's end wasn't a failure it was a transformation. Instagram realized that a fragmented video system doesn't align with modern user behavior. By merging everything into one format, the platform made it easier for both creators and audiences to connect through storytelling.

In truth, IGTV isn't "gone." It evolved into something bigger, more integrated, and more relevant. The spirit of IGTV continues to shape how Instagram handles video today fluid, accessible, and built for creative freedom.



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