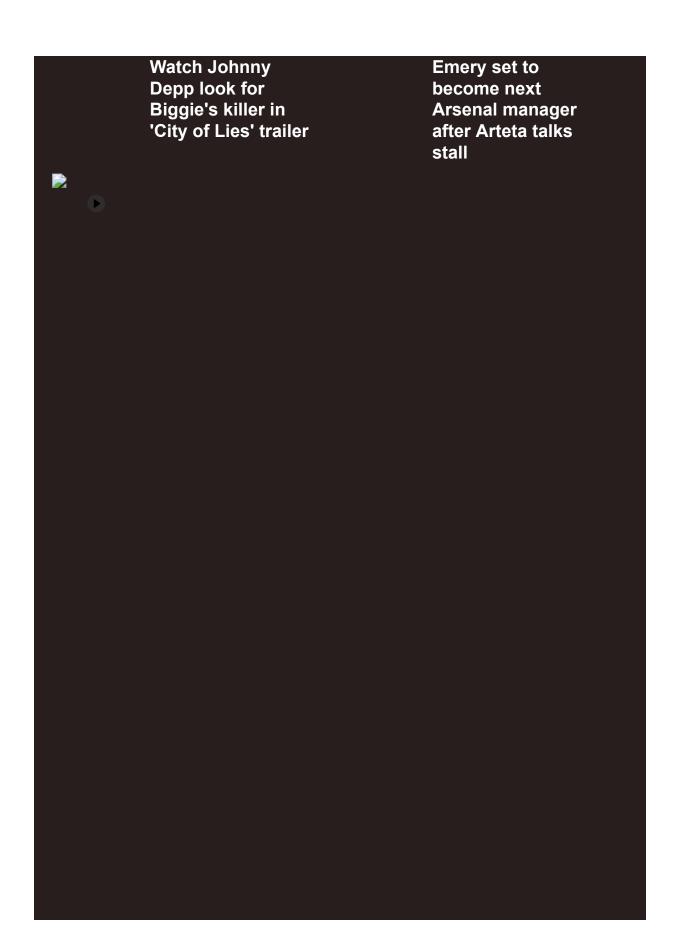
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The most famous phrase in Google's corporate philosophy, "Don't be evil," has been almost entirely removed from the technology giant's code of conduct.

Google, which is now a subsidiary of Alphabet after a corporate restructuring in 2015, previously included the phrase "Don't be evil" at the very start of its code, and another two times within the first two paragraphs.

The simple language was replaced by vague and less specific wording such as "ethical business conduct".

"The Google Code of Conduct is one of the ways we put Google's values into practice," the updated guidelines begins.

"It's built around the recognition that everything we do in connection with our work at Google will be, and should be, measured against the highest possible standards of ethical business conduct."

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