



HOW THE DIGITAL OVERLORDS ARE PUTTING CHILDREN AT RISK

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Mommy, Can I Go Play with Sex Traffickers?

Kids love being online. This is inevitable. Online spaces are carefully designed to be enticing, fun, and highly addictive. And that's the appropriate stuff. But what we don't realize is that the big corporations creating these spaces need the minds of our children to make money. And they don't care much how they hurt them.

This has led to a battle royal in the legal, psychological, and social space. We'll cover some of these risks and battles, mostly in the U.S.

The Good, the Bad, and then the Really Ugly

A. Who is Playing?

1. Nearly half of teens use the Internet "almost constantly."
2. 9 in 10 teens use social media daily.
3. 95% of children age 13-17 use social media apps.
4. Almost 40% of children between 8 and 12 use social media.

B. The Good—There are Some Positives

1. Social media platforms can provide social support, especially for people in isolated areas.
2. It can be light entertainment—some of those Youtube videos are awfully funny.

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3. The Internet provides access to a vast body of human knowledge.
4. You don't need repair manuals anymore—just watch a demonstration on Youtube.
5. Most of us need the Internet professionally and enjoy it personally.

C. The Bad—Mental Health Issues

1. Excessive use of social media is linked to increased rates of depression, anxiety, and loneliness among teens.
 - ✔ Possibly because of social isolation
 - ✔ Possibly because of lack of sleep—adolescents need 8-10 hours a night, and children need 9-12 hours a night—and they are not getting it.
 - ✔ Lack of sleep affects school performance and other neurobehavioral issues.
 - ✔ The risk doubles at more than 3 hours a day of use.
2. Social media use leads to body dissatisfaction and low self-esteem.
 - ✔ Here, much of the harm may be from idealized images created by digital manipulation/filters.
 - ✔ This can lead to eating disorders.
 - ✔ It also seems to relate to sexual material that objectifies girls' bodies.
3. Social media can lead to lack of physical activity, which increases mental health risks.
4. Some children develop tics or tic-like attacks.
5. Girls have a disproportionately negative experience—more porn exposure, more exposure to self-harming, more cyberbullying, more misogyny.

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6. Even for small children, tablet use is associated with more anger and frustration and addictive-like behaviors.

- ✔ Use of screens at age 4 negatively affects math and literacy at age 8.¹

- ✔ Also leads to poor social skills

D. The Bad—Addiction and Excessive Use

1. Constant use of social media can change the brain, affecting impulse control and attention span.
2. Social media is designed for "endless scrolling," which plays into addiction. That makes it hard to leave.

- ✔ Push notifications (237 a day) draw people back in.

3. How much time is being spent?

- ✔ 10.5% of teens spend an hour or less

- ✔ 30% of teens spend 6 hours or more

- ✔ 62% of 17 year olds report more than 4 hours a day.

4. Fear of Missing Out (FOMA) is a big factor.

Really Ugly Effects on Kids

A. Suicidality

1. Suicidality is correlated to social media use as well.
2. Depressed children get fed information about suicide and self-harm due to how the algorithms are set up.

¹ Cerniglia, L. Cimino, S. & Ammaniti, M. (2021), "What are the effects of screen time on emotion regulation and academic achievements." Journal of Early Childhood Research, 19(2), 145-160.

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B. Imaginary Friends

1. Another danger is getting addicted to "relationships" with AI characters. One boy who died by suicide had a "romantic relationship" with a Game of Thrones-inspired bot. He apparently killed himself to go be with her in her world.
 - ✔ Young people can't understand that the chatbots aren't real people.
 - ✔ According to the Parents Television and Media Council, Meta does not have adequate safeguards for its chatbots. It will hold sexually explicit conversations or do graphic roleplay with underage users.
2. Meta's platforms give AI personas the capacity for fantasy sex.
 - ✔ It purchased celebrity voices—though they are not supposed to be used in sexually explicit discussions, and that has supposedly been changed.
 - ✔ The Wall Street Journal did hundreds of test conversations. The chatbots will engage in and sometimes escalate sexual discussions, even with minors or with personas of minors.²
 - ✔ Meta exempted "explicit" content in the context of romantic role-playing.
 - ✔ Meta claims it has changed so accounts registered to minors can't access the sexual role-play.

C. Cyberbullying

1. The anonymity and accessibility of social media facilitates cyberbullying and harassment.
 - ✔ This includes social exclusion.

² <https://archive.is/T64zL>

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✔ It can include racial discrimination and other harassment.

2. Nearly 16% of high school students were cyberbullied in 2021.
3. Nearly half of teens report being threatened, harassed, or send explicit messages.
4. Cyberbullying has resulted in a number of suicides.

D. Challenges and Trends

1. Crazy and dangerous viral trends can harm children.
2. One 15-year-old hanged himself after being "fed" a "choking challenge" that he then tried.
3. One series of tests ends in "kill yourself."
4. Another is eating a Tide Pod.

E. Sexual Material

1. Nearly 6 out of 10 girls on Instagram and Snapchat, and nearly half on Tik Tok, have been approached by strangers in uncomfortable ways.
2. 15% of teens viewed porn at age 10 or younger. 54% have viewed by age 13. Average age of first exposure is 7-11.

✔ Porn is more violent and grotesque than it used to be.

✔ Porn websites use algorithms to direct users—child and adult—to extreme material, which desensitizes them to child sexual abuse.

3. A Finnish study did a study of 10,000 individuals and found that over 50% of people were not seeking out CSAM when they were first exposed.³

✔ 70% first saw CSAM under 18, and nearly 40% were under 13.

³ <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2021/sep/27/online-child-abuse-survey-finds-third-of-viewers-attempt-contact-with-children>

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- ✔ One-third of the respondents attempted to directly contact a child.
4. Being exposed to developmentally inappropriate material "can lead to exaggerated beliefs of sexual activity among peers, sexually permissible attitudes, and sexual callousness, including more negative attitudes toward sexual partners."⁴
 - ✔ Children exposed to sexual content are likely to initiate intercourse within 1-2 years.
 5. Sexually explicit media exposure during early adolescence has been found to be associated with risky sexual behavior, specifically early sexual debut, unsafe sex, and multiple sexual partners.⁵
 6. Social media pushes towards greater acceptance of casual sex and perceptions that sex is more frequent or prevalent.⁶
 7. Children exposed to inappropriate material are more likely to abuse—and 1/3 of abuse now is by other minors.

F. And Into the Criminal

1. Teens are engaging in cybercrime like sexting.
 - ✔ Defined as "sexual communications with content that includes both pictures and text messages, sent using . . . any electronic technology."⁷
2. This can lead to criminal charges against minors for engaging in child porn related to themselves or other children.
3. Massive number of children do this. In 2022, the number of 15-18 year-olds:

⁴ Braun-Courville, D. K. and Rojas, M., (2009). Exposure to sexually explicit web sites and adolescent sexual attitudes and behaviors. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 45(2), 156- 162. (p. 157)

⁵ [Exposure to sexually explicit media in early adolescence is related to risky sexual behavior in emerging adulthood - PMC \(nih.gov\)](#)

⁶ Ward LM. Media and sexualization: state of empirical research, 1995-2015. *J Sex Res*. 2016;53(4–5):560–577

⁷ Wolak, J., & Finkelhor, D. (2011), Sexting: A typology.

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- ✔ 20% of girls and 13% of boys sent a nude photo/video
- ✔ 60% of girls, 31% of boys had been asked
- ✔ 54% of girls, 30% of boys received a nude photo/video⁸

G. AI-Generated CSAM (AIG-CSAM)

1. CSAM is a better term than "child porn." Child Sexual Abuse Material is unredeemably evil. Porn is a huge problem, but generally isn't considered an employment bar, for instance.
2. The different diffusion models (DALL-E, Midjourney, Stable Diffusion) can create images.
 - ✔ Some abuse it to create CSAM.
 - ✔ AI-generated child porn is using training datasets—are those actual child faces?
 - ✔ Stable Diffusion is pretty bad with this—include CSAM around babies and toddlers. Stable Diffusion was trained on a dataset containing CSAM and the safety filter was easily bypassed. It claims to have better filters now.
 - ✔ An AI may refuse to "generate a bad image," but may still create something, "As part of this story and these characters."
 - ✔ In Japan, these sexualized drawings are not illegal, and a platform called Pixiv has been used a lot. Allegedly, it is taking measures to ban some of the content.
 - ✔ Patreon has a lot of bad material.

⁸ "Not Just Flirting", Revealing Reality, 2022. Available at: <https://revealingreality.co.uk/not-just-flirting>. *This resource is for informational purposes only and may not apply to a given place, time, or set of facts. It is not intended to be legal advice, and should not be acted upon without specific legal advice based on the particular situation.*

3. Deepfake or AI-generated CSAM (AIG-CSAM) is a huge concern.⁹
 - ✔ Determining what is real strains limited law enforcement resources.
 - ✔ Past child sexual abuse is made into AIG-CSAM.
 - ✔ Sextortion has grown alarmingly.
4. Everyone agrees it's important to ensure training datasets don't include CSAM.
 - ✔ Models can also be "trained to forget" certain topics.
5. AIG-CSAM, which are "deepfakes" are very dangerous.
 - ✔ They have a devastating effect on children and teens. The trauma can lead to suicide.
6. AI-generated images
 - ✔ Ways it's done—"nudeifying" real life images—stitching faces of other children onto existing CSAM.
 - ✔ Some children have found AI-generated images of themselves.
 - ✔ One child complained that the fake nudes look so real; they even have her face and her room in the background. They got the originals from Instagram.
7. Just in New Mexico in 2022, there were 107 reports of sextortion in the first 5 months of the year.
 - ✔ Some of these use real images, but some also use deepfakes.
 - ✔ Cybercriminals will take an innocent photo (often sourced from social media) and manipulate it to create explicit images or videos.

⁹ https://gbv.wilsoncenter.org/article/combating-ai-generated-csam?utm_source=chatgpt.com
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- ✔ Then it is used for blackmail for money or to obtain real images.
 - ✔ From October of 2021 to March of 2023, the FBI and Homeland Security received more than 13,000 reports, with at least 20 suicides.
 - ✔ Victims are usually age 14-17.
8. Even if the image is not a "real child," it programs the brains of consumers and potentially creates child sex offenders. It normalizes child sexual abuse.
 - ✔ Tolerating AI child porn inherently pushes individuals and cultures towards tolerating pedophilia and normalizing child sexual abuse.¹⁰
 9. CSAM is often used to groom victims
 10. Ministries must treat child porn as reportable sex abuse and as a ministry disqualifier. They don't always think to.

H. Enticement and Trafficking

1. In 2023, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children reported more than 186,000 reports of online enticement.
2. Sites like GirlsDoPorn are trafficking minors.
3. Meta (Facebook and Instagram) expose children to sexual exploitation.
 - ✔ Recent lawsuits against them discuss this in some detail.
 - ✔ New Mexico did an intensive undercover investigation.
 - ✔ Child porn and child sexual abuse were rampant on the sites.

¹⁰ "Why Language Matters: Why We Should Never Use 'Child Pornography' and Always Say Child Sexual Abuse Material." NSPCC Learning, 30 Jan. 2023, www.learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/why-language-matters/child-sexual-abuse-material

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4. Children are in extreme danger from sextortion.

- ✔ In New Mexico, just in five months of 2022, there were 107 reports.

- ✔ A lot of this is deep fakes.

- ✔ Has caused a lot of suicides.

Lawsuits

A. 42 States Sued Meta

1. A lawsuit filed by multiple attorney generals of states relates mainly to deliberately induced addiction and collecting data from young children without parental consent.

B. New Mexico Lawsuit against Meta (Facebook and Instagram)

1. New Mexico won on the motion to dismiss in May of 2024, allowing discovery to go forward.

2. The lawsuit says that Meta "knowingly exposes children to the twin dangers of sexual exploitation and mental health harm."

- ✔ Interesting, the complaint itself has enough "adult" content that I had a hard time getting ChatCPT to summarize the allegations.

3. There was an undercover investigation where the AG's office created decoy accounts.

- ✔ The AG's Office found that children can get a FB account if they lie about their age.

- ✔ Adult strangers can Message minors with whom they are not connected.

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4. CSAM is rampant to the point where Meta's algorithms are essentially created a marketplace for predators to "hunt for, groom, sell, and buy sex with children and sexual images of children at an unprecedented scale."
 - ✔ They found many images (redacted) that are obviously CSAM.
 - ✔ Certain words were used widely, like "cheese pizza" for "child pornography."
 - ✔ Images, and even children, were being sold.
 - ✔ Even when content was being removed, Meta would suggest alternatives.
 - ✔ Numerous posts on Instagram promoted sexual abuse of little girls.
5. The most exploitive type of content had: 30 hits on OnlyFans, 646 hits of Pornhub, but 19,900 hits on Instagram and 15,900 on FB.
6. Pictures of minor girls produced a steady stream of comments from adult males, including many suggestive ones.
7. One created account for Facebook was for a decoy "bad mother."
 - ✔ A decoy "mother" displayed interest in trafficking her "daughter."
 - ✔ The account quickly gained 5,000 friends and 3,000 followers, with numerous interactions.
 - ✔ Images of the daughter, posted as age 13, received disturbing comments.
 - ✔ A transactional exchange was implied in one of the mom's posts.
 - ✔ Meta took no action to remove the posts.
8. One Facebook account was for her child, allegedly age 13.

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- ✔ One of her posts was of her last baby tooth falling out.
 - ✔ She specifically asked for messages to "keep it clean" because of her age.
 - ✔ She was added to a chat group focused on "loli girls" (ages 12-16 and pornographic). She was sent porn repeatedly.
 - ✔ The "child" reported the group to FB numerous times, but it remained active, and FB just eventually told her to leave.
9. The "child" attracted over 6,700 followers, mostly adult men. She received many requests for private photos and proposals of financial arrangements. Meta encouraged her to monetize her profile.
- ✔ She suggested that she has been trafficked, and she got ads related to being trafficked (law firms and mental health treatment), but Meta never intervened.
 - ✔ Her messages and chats are full of images of genitalia. When she reports them, their accounts stay active.
10. One profile was for a 12 year old.
- ✔ She registered with a "fake" birthdate (no age verification).
 - ✔ Within 48 hours, she had 600 friend requests.
 - ✔ The Meta platform suggested explicit content and inappropriate contact requests. And also men reached out to her with this material.
11. Another "child" was targeted for making porn videos or engaging in sexual conduct.
12. On these sites, you can't report people without actually logging in and viewing the material (which shifts your algorithms).
13. Children have committed suicide because of sextortion—at least a dozen in 2022.

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14. Navajo children are being picked up through social media and trafficked at truck stops.

C. New Mexico Sues Snap, Inc.

1. Raúl Torrez is my hero! At least on this.¹¹

- ✔ In Sept. 2024, Torrez filed a lawsuit against Snap, Inc. to protect children from sextortion, sexual exploitation, and harm.

2. The NM DOJ describes how the algorithms foster CSAM and child sexual exploitation.

- ✔ Predators can permanently capture content through Snapchat, saving, trading, and selling images.

3. Here are more allegations in the lawsuit:

- ✔ Snapchat is used for sextortion. Minors are coerced or coaxed (usually by a supposed peer) into sending explicit images, then blackmailed. Has caused numerous teen suicides.

- ✔ Predators actually circulate sextortion scripts/playbooks that Snapchat has not blacklisted.

- ✔ Children share more CSAM on Snapchat than any other platform. More sex trafficking victims are recruited than on any other platform.

- ✔ An undercover investigation revealed that stolen sexual images from Snap are on a vast network of dark websites—more than 10,000 records.

¹¹ <https://nmdoj.gov/press-release/attorney-general-raul-torrez-files-lawsuit-against-snap-inc-to-protect-children-from-sextortion-sexual-exploitation-and-other-harms/>

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- ✔ Many Snapchat accounts capture CSAM openly and are connected through Snapchat's algorithm.
 - ✔ They had a fake 14-year-old named Heather. Dangerous accounts tried to coerce "her" into sharing CSAM.
 - ✔ Snap is designed to be addicting, leading to depression, anxiety, sleep deprivation, body dysmorphia, etc.
 - ✔ Half of all teens in the US use Snapchat every day.
 - ✔ In 2023, a man was sentenced to 18 years in prison after he raped an 11-year-old girl he met through Snapchat.
4. Torrez then filed an unredacted complaint.¹² They found internal messages of Snap's ignoring reports of sextortion, not implementing age verification, etc.
- ✔ Employees raised red flags that were ignored.
 - ✔ The addictive nature of Snap was ignored.
 - ✔ Snap was discussing 10,000 user reports of sextortion each month.
 - ✔ One account had had 75 reports against it for extortion, nudes, and minors, but was still active.
 - ✔ At least a third of girls and 30% of boys get exposed to unwanted content.
 - ✔ Snap has suggested adult strangers to minors, allowing adults to find minors through Snap Map.
 - ✔ Snap did not keep its CSAM database current or respond to reports adequately.

¹² <https://nmdoj.gov/press-release/31302/>

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- ✔ It has also tolerated illegal drug sales.
- ✔ 45% of Gen Z users are on "almost constantly."
- ✔ About 51% of Gen Z have experienced catfishing (they or a friend).

D. Safety Issues in Public Schools

1. Nationwide, schools are not amazing about protecting children.
 - ✔ Some U.S. school districts stock sexually explicit materials (Wisconsin, Maryland, Massachusetts, California.
 - ✔ This is mainly fostering an LGBTQ lifestyle. Some of these books are so explicit you can't read them out loud at school board meetings.
2. Texas set new standards in 2023 to keep sexually explicit content out of the libraries.
3. Virginia passed a law to ensure parents are notified of instructional material with sexually explicit content.
4. EBSCO, the library database, allows children to access explicit material. Because it's a government-related site, it's hard to sue (we tried).
 - ✔ In 2020, the National Center on Sexual Exploitation called on EBSCO to pull sexual explicit and pornographic materials from its databases for primary and secondary school.
 - ✔ EBSCO reacted by sending a cease-and-desist letter.
 - ✔ <https://endsexualexploitation.org/articles/statement-ebSCO-k-12-databases-expose-children-to-pornography-despite-its-claims-to-the-contrary/>
5. In Colorado, the ACLU has sued the Elizabeth school district for trying to keep explicit material out of the school libraries.

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E. Privacy and Data Security Risks with Roblox

1. Roblox has around 70M daily users.
2. It's not safe on locating children.
 - ✔ It will allow "friends" to see where you live.
 - ✔ The chat feature can be disabled.
 - ✔ Predators use clues to figure out where children live, from details they share.
 - ✔ Roblox claims that for children under 13, they screen out personal information.
3. It's not safe on spending.
 - ✔ Kids can get out of control on spending without even realizing it, using their parents' credit card.
4. It's not safe on adult content.
 - ✔ Children can access adult content, even though Roblox claims that it blocks it.
 - ✔ They claim they update their filters continuously.
5. A lawsuit filed by two mothers alleges that it supports child gambling.
6. A class action lawsuit by parents in 2023 alleged that kids are enticed into spending money, that the platform doesn't adequately monitor lewd content, that children encounter sexual content, that users send abusive and profile messages (in some cases requesting sexual activity), that predators try to redirect

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children to porn sites, that Roblox is lying when it says that it's hard for strangers to contact young children.¹³

7. Roblox insists that it is swift to block inappropriate content or behavior.
 - ✔ Parents don't agree, and neither does the National Center of Sexual Exploitation, which put it on the 2023 Dirty Dozen list (as well as Instagram, Snapchat, and Twitter)
 - ✔ The 2024 Dirty Dozen List includes Apple, Meta, Reddit, Roblox, Spotify, and Snapchat
8. Common Sense Media comments:
 - ✔ This platform (Roblox) is more appropriate for 13+, but kids under 13 are 22% of users.
 - ✔ Children can create inappropriate content.
 - ✔ Children will see in-game chats even if their own chats are disabled.
 - ✔ "Robux" sounds like play money, but it's real money. Accounts for children aren't restricted.
 - ✔ See their "Parents Ultimate Guide" for good ideas.
9. A Delaware man charged with kidnapping an 11-year-old may have used Roblox to communicate with her. There are other cases of abusers grooming children through the game.

¹³ <https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20231107766120/en/Multiple-Families-Sue-Roblox-Corporation-for-Exploiting-Children-Online>

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Legal Initiatives

A. U.S.

1. Recent Act—"Take it Down"—this makes publishing non-consensual intimate imagery, whether real or AI-generated, a federal crime.
 - ✔ Social media platforms must remove content that features CSAM or revenge porn, within 48 hours of the content being flagged.
 - ✔ Also, the person posting can face 3 years in prison, even for AI-generated content.
 - ✔ Melania Trump advocated strongly for this Act, which passed with bipartisan support.
 - ✔ It's intended to protect children from sextortion. One of the sponsors was Rep. Brandon Guffey (R), whose son committed suicide because of sextortion three years ago. Rep. Guffey is also suing Meta over his son's death.
2. Drawings of child porn are illegal in the U.S. (not in all countries) but there isn't much enforcement. 18 USC 1466A; 18 U.S.C. § 2256.
 - ✔ The PROTECT Act USC 2252A also makes it illegal
3. The FBI considered AIG-CSAM to be criminal. However, it could have First Amendment protection.
 - ✔ While AIG-CSAM is illegal under federal law, there are no cases where "just" AIG-CSAM has been prosecuted.
4. Nearly 20 states have passed laws criminalizing AIG-CSAM. Usually, they've expanded definitions of CSAM.
 - ✔ Utah temporarily blocked a social media law requiring age verification, saying it was unconstitutional.

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- ✔ Utah also sued TikTok and Meta.
 - ✔ Utah also created a grounds of action by parents against social media companies.
5. Under California's new law against AIG-CSAM, they arrested in January a Pulitzer-prize-winning cartoonist named Darrin Bell.¹⁴
 - ✔ California's law singles out AIG-CSAM because the datasets contain thousands of depictions of known CSAM victims, and this revictimizes these children.
 - ✔ Bell was arrested for possession of 134 CSAM videos and also AIG-CSAM.
 6. There is a recent bill passed in Texas, that's being challenged.
 - ✔ When laws are passed to require age verification (like a recent law in Texas, House Bill 1181), porn distributors sue about their First Amendment rights.
 - ✔ The Free Speech Coalition sued—the case is in front of the Supreme Court now.
 7. Historically, porn is protected for adults but obscene for children, so you can have age verification. Not much effective age verification online.

B. Australia

1. The world's strictest laws are currently in Australia, which will ban children under 16 from using social media.¹⁵

¹⁴ https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2025/01/under-new-law-cops-bust-famous-cartoonist-for-ai-generated-child-sex-abuse-images/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

¹⁵ <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c89vjj0lxx9o>

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2. It will ban the main platforms that you need an account for, using age-verification technology. There are some privacy concerns. A recent law in Utah was overturned as unconstitutional.

C. UK

1. The UK is cracking down on AI-generated abuse images.¹⁶
 - ✓ AI tools that are used to generate CSAM will be illegal. This targets the means of production—it's already illegal in the UK to possess it.
2. Perpetrators also use the fake images to blackmail children.
3. The UK passed the Online Safety Act in 2023.¹⁷ This created a higher duty of care for online platforms to monitor harmful content and scan for CSAM (which may not yet really be possible). It also updated crimes for sexting and blackmailing.

D. EU

1. In April 2024, EU recently backed prolonging in exemption to privacy rules to facilitate detecting CSAM until April of 2026.¹⁸
2. Norway is testing a social media bans for kids under 15.¹⁹
3. France is doing a limited test on banning smartphones for kids under 15.
4. Spain is studying the matter seriously, recommending dumb phones to children under 13, and considering warning labels.

¹⁶ https://news.sky.com/story/ai-tools-used-to-generate-child-abuse-images-made-illegal-in-world-leading-move-13300298?utm_source=chatgpt.com

¹⁷ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Online_Safety_Act_2023?utm_source=chatgpt.com

¹⁸ https://www.europeaninterest.eu/child-sexual-abuse-online-current-rules-extended-until-april-2026/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

¹⁹ <https://apnews.com/article/social-media-ban-australia-kids-4dda8d92bd4b896ff502482b6736ab24>

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E. South Korea

1. South Korea recently addressed AIG-CSAM with tougher punishment and more law enforcement. Many women and girls have been victimized.²⁰

F. South Africa

1. South Africa's Film and Publication Board is addressing harmful content like child porn.²¹

G. Indonesia

1. Indonesia is following Australia's lead, and putting in place interim child protection guidelines with a view to set a minimum age for social media.²²

What Do We Do About It?

A. Work on Quality of Parental Relationships

1. Kids with poor parent-child relationships are a higher risk.
2. Secure attachment is protective for kids.

B. Support Safety By Design

1. Some of the AIs are taking this seriously, including OpenAI (creator of ChatGPT and DALL-E)
2. Being sure to report wherever possible (to authorities, media, etc.) can help with this.
3. Apple is working on an age range Application Programming Interface, which would also developer to request information on the age range of a child user,

²⁰ <https://apnews.com/article/south-korea-deepfake-porn-women-409516f159827770913ddf8d39f84cfd>

²¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Film_and_Publication_Board?utm_source=chatgpt.com

²² https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/indonesia-push-social-media-protections-ahead-age-limit-law-2025-01-15/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

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with parental consent. Parents could declare the age of the child (to Apple, not the apps), and there would be more sophisticated ratings of the apps.²³

C. Parental Controls

1. Control digital devices

- ✔ Lock down social media accounts
- ✔ Turn off notifications

2. Discuss boundaries and behaviors.

- ✔ Have device-free spaces and set time limits
- ✔ Turn off devices. Consider family commitments.

3. Set limits on software.

- ✔ Disabled chat features.
- ✔ Don't give access to credit cards.

4. Control information.

- ✔ Don't post photos and videos of children.
- ✔ Don't share location and information about children.

5. Program and limit devices

- ✔ Such as limiting texts and calls to approved list.

6. Have monitoring software on the Internet.

7. Monitor children's social media accounts.

²³ https://www.theguardian.com/media/2025/feb/28/new-apple-technology-could-allow-social-media-apps-to-tell-whether-users-are-under-16?utm_source=chatgpt.com

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D. Parents Monitoring Education and Usage

1. Parents have a constitutional right to direct their children's education, which means opting out of objectionable content.
2. Parental monitoring is one of the core mechanisms by which parents can modify sexual decision-making among teens.
3. What can parents do:
 - ✔ Educate children on sexuality before the schools do.
 - ✔ Educate about safe Internet practices.
 - ✔ Be familiar with school policies and what is available through the library.
 - ✔ Set up controls to block inappropriate content.
 - ✔ Be wary of EBSCO

E. Work on Taking Down Information

1. Some of the resources in the handout help get images and CSAM taken down.

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