

# Mott Poll Questions



## *Social Media Apps & Kids*

*The following questions were answered by parents with children age 7-12 years old.*

Q1. In the past 6 months, which of the following apps has your [x]-year-old child used?

1. Social media apps (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, TikTok)
2. Messaging apps (e.g., Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp)
3. Educational/learning apps
4. None of the above

Q2. Which of the following do you consider in deciding if a social media app is appropriate and safe for your [x]-year-old child to use?

1. Rated as appropriate for child's age group
2. Has parental controls
3. Suggested/required for school
4. Rating by family media organization
5. Child's friends also use
6. Parent/older sibling also using

Q3. How concerned are you about the following related to social media apps for children?

	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not concerned
a. Child seeing adult images or videos			
b. Hard for children to tell what information is true vs false			
c. Risk of child sexual predators			
d. Child sharing private information without realizing it			

Q4. Are you currently using any of the following parental controls for your [x]-year-old child?

	Currently using	Not using	Unsure
a. Passcode required for content (e.g., rated above Y-7)			
b. New contacts must be approved by parent			
c. Parental block on certain sites			
d. Privacy settings to limit data sharing			
e. Daily time limit			

Q5. What is your level of confidence that your [x]-year-old child would do the following related to social media apps and other online sites?

	Very confident	Somewhat confident	Not confident
a. Be able to tell if another user was an adult or a kid			
b. Recognize what information is true vs false			

Q6. Thinking about your [x]-year-old child, how much do you agree with the following statements?

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
a. It is too time-consuming to monitor my child's use of social media apps				
b. I am able to find the information I need to understand and set up parental controls				
c. Parental controls are a waste of time since children find a way to get around them				

Q7. Has your [x]-year-old child been taught in school about safe use of social media apps?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

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