

## **Knight Foundation Social Media Poll**

Conducted by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel® A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)

Interview dates: January 27 to January 29, 2023

Number of interviews, adults: 1,021

Margin of error for the total sample: +/- 3.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Reduced bases are unweighted values.

NOTE: \* = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents

#### **Annotated Questionnaire:**

1. How concerned are you, if at all, about each of the following...?

#### **Total Concerned Summary**

	Total (N=1,021)	Democrat (N=296)	Republican (N=285)	Independent (N=324)
The impact of social media on children's mental health	86	89	87	86
Technology companies collecting personal data	82	88	85	79
False or misleading information on social media	82	89	77	82
Algorithms serving inappropriate online content to children	82	86	86	77
Online advertisements that target children	80	84	84	75
Bullying on social media	76	85	70	74
Anticompetitive business practices by technology companies	63	68	66	59
Censorship or "being canceled" on social media	46	33	63	46





1. How concerned are you, if at all, about each of the following...? (Continued)

#### a. Technology companies collecting personal data

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very concerned	44	46	48	42
Somewhat concerned	38	42	37	37
Not very concerned	11	9	10	14
Not at all concerned	6	3	4	8
Skipped	*	-	1	-
Concerned (net)	82	88	85	79
Not Concerned (net)	17	12	14	22

#### b. False or misleading information on social media

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very concerned	51	62	44	50
Somewhat concerned	31	27	33	32
Not very concerned	9	6	14	8
Not at all concerned	8	4	8	10
Skipped	1	-	1	1
Concerned (net)	82	89	77	82
Not Concerned (net)	17	10	22	18

#### c. Censorship or "being canceled" on social media

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very concerned	20	9	36	20
Somewhat concerned	26	24	27	26
Not very concerned	27	37	14	28
Not at all concerned	27	29	23	26
Skipped	*	-	1	-
Concerned (net)	46	33	63	46
Not Concerned (net)	54	66	37	54

#### d. Anticompetitive business practices by technology companies

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very concerned	23	21	27	22
Somewhat concerned	40	47	39	37
Not very concerned	27	24	23	30
Not at all concerned	10	8	9	10
Skipped	1	*	1	1
Concerned (net)	63	68	66	59
Not Concerned (net)	37	32	32	40





1. How concerned are you, if at all, about each of the following...? (Continued)

e. The impact of social media on children's mental health

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very concerned	55	54	57	58
Somewhat concerned	31	35	30	28
Not very concerned	7	7	9	6
Not at all concerned	6	4	4	8
Skipped	*	-	1	-
Concerned (net)	86	89	87	86
Not Concerned (net)	13	11	13	14

f. Online advertisements that target children

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very concerned	44	48	46	41
Somewhat concerned	36	36	38	34
Not very concerned	12	11	11	13
Not at all concerned	9	6	5	12
Skipped	*	-	1	*
Concerned (net)	80	84	84	<i>7</i> 5
Not Concerned (net)	21	17	16	25

g. Algorithms serving inappropriate online content to children

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very concerned	47	43	52	46
Somewhat concerned	35	43	34	31
Not very concerned	11	9	9	13
Not at all concerned	7	4	4	9
Skipped	*	*	1	-
Concerned (net)	82	86	86	77
Not Concerned (net)	18	13	13	22

h. Bullying on social media

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Very concerned	44	55	37	45
Somewhat concerned	32	30	33	29
Not very concerned	15	8	20	16
Not at all concerned	9	6	9	10
Skipped	*	-	1	*
Concerned (net)	76	85	70	74
Not Concerned (net)	24	14	29	26





- 2. Who should be most responsible for preventing harms on each of the following issues?
  - a. Technology companies collecting personal data

Base: Did not select "Not at all concerned" for "Technology companies collecting personal data" in Q1

	Total (N=963)	Democrat (N=287)	Republican (N=271)	Independent (N=303)
Social media users	8	6	12	8
Social media companies	25	22	26	26
The federal government	53	60	45	52
State governments	9	9	10	9
No one	4	1	6	4
Skipped	1	1	2	1

b. False or misleading information on social media

Base: Did not select "Not at all concerned" for "False or misleading information on social media" in Q1

	Total (N=935)	Democrat (N=285)	Republican (N=260)	Independent (N=292)
Social media users	21	16	26	21
Social media companies	48	50	42	51
The federal government	20	28	15	17
State governments	4	3	3	4
No one	7	2	12	6
Skipped	1	1	2	1

c. Censorship or "being canceled" on social media

Base: Did not select "Not at all concerned" for "Censorship or "being canceled" on social media" in Q1

	Total (N=748)	Democrat (N=207)	Republican (N=219)	Independent (N=244)
Social media users	26	25	23	30
Social media companies	38	44	34	38
The federal government	16	15	22	13
State governments	6	6	8	4
No one	13	8	12	15
Skipped	1	2	2	1





- 2. Who should be most responsible for preventing harms on each of the following issues? *(Continued)* 
  - d. Anticompetitive business practices by technology companies

Base: Did not select "Not at all concerned" for "Anticompetitive business practices by technology companies" in Q1

	Total (N=920)	Democrat (N=275)	Republican (N=256)	Independent (N=293)
Social media users	6	3	6	7
Social media companies	21	19	24	22
The federal government	54	63	47	53
State governments	10	10	10	10
No one	8	4	11	7
Skipped	1	1	1	1

- 3. Who should be most responsible for preventing harms on each of the following issues?
  - a. The impact of social media on children's mental health

Base: Did not select "Not at all concerned" for "The impact of social media on children's mental health" in Q1

	Total (N=962)	Democrat (N=286)	Republican (N=272)	Independent (N=303)
Social media users	5	4	5	5
Social media companies	19	21	15	22
The federal government	17	22	13	16
State governments	4	3	6	3
Parents	51	46	58	51
No one	2	3	1	1
Skipped	1	1	2	1





- 3. Who should be most responsible for preventing harms on each of the following issues? *(Continued)* 
  - b. Online advertisements that target children

Base: Did not select "Not at all concerned" for "Online advertisements that target children" in Q1

	Total (N=942)	Democrat (N=280)	Republican (N=272)	Independent (N=290)
Social media users	4	4	4	3
Social media companies	36	36	32	39
The federal government	29	34	23	30
State governments	6	7	6	4
Parents	22	16	30	20
No one	3	3	3	3
Skipped	1	1	2	1

c. Algorithms serving inappropriate online content to children

Base: Did not select "Not at all concerned" for "Algorithms serving inappropriate online content to children" in Q1

	Total (N=950)	Democrat (N=282)	Republican (N=270)	Independent (N=297)
Social media users	4	4	4	3
Social media companies	42	41	37	48
The federal government	27	34	27	22
State governments	4	4	4	5
Parents	19	14	25	20
No one	2	2	3	2
Skipped	1	1	1	1

d. Bullying on social media

Base: Did not select "Not at all concerned" for "Bullying on social media" in Q1

	Total (N=927)	Democrat (N=278)	Republican (N=258)	Independent (N=292)
Social media users	15	14	15	16
Social media companies	34	36	25	39
The federal government	10	16	9	7
State governments	5	6	6	2
Parents	33	24	41	34
No one	2	2	2	2
Skipped	1	1	1	*





4. Please rate the following items on how important it for the federal government to address when it comes to social media, with most important = 1 and least important = 5.

Total Most Important (1/2) Summary

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
Algorithms serving inappropriate online content to children	65	68	65	63
Technology companies collecting personal data	63	75	59	59
The impact of social media on children's mental health	58	63	55	58
Online advertisements that target children	57	64	52	55
False or misleading information on social media	55	69	42	54
Bullying on social media	49	56	44	48
Anticompetitive business practices by technology companies	46	55	40	47
Censorship or "being canceled" on social media	29	27	34	25

a. Technology companies collecting personal data

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
1 – Most important	38	44	35	36
2	25	31	24	23
3	23	17	25	25
4	6	4	6	8
5 – Least important	5	3	6	4
Skipped	3	1	4	4
Important 1/2 (net)	63	75	59	59
Not Important 4/5 (net)	11	7	12	12

b. False or misleading information on social media

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
1 – Most important	34	46	23	34
2	21	23	19	20
3	22	15	24	26
4	9	10	12	6
5 – Least important	11	5	19	10
Skipped	3	1	2	4
Important 1/2 (net)	55	69	42	54
Not Important 4/5 (net)	20	15	31	16





- 4. Please rate the following items on how important it for the federal government to address when it comes to social media, with most important = 1 and least important = 5. (Continued)
  - c. Censorship or "being canceled" on social media

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
1 – Most important	16	12	20	14
2	13	15	14	11
3	26	19	25	30
4	14	18	13	12
5 – Least important	29	34	25	30
Skipped	3	1	3	3
Important 1/2 (net)	29	27	34	25
Not Important 4/5 (net)	43	52	38	42

d. Anticompetitive business practices by technology companies

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	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent	
1 – Most important	26	26	24	29	
2	20	29	16	18	
3	31	30	32	29	
4	11	9	12	12	
5 – Least important	9	6	12	8	
Skipped	3	1	3	4	
Important 1/2 (net)	46	55	40	47	
Not Important 4/5 (net)	20	15	24	20	

e. The impact of social media on children's mental health

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
1 – Most important	38	40	37	38
2	20	23	18	20
3	25	22	27	26
4	8	10	9	7
5 – Least important	6	4	8	6
Skipped	3	1	3	4
Important 1/2 (net)	58	63	55	58
Not Important 4/5 (net)	14	14	17	13





- 4. Please rate the following items on how important it for the federal government to address when it comes to social media, with most important = 1 and least important = 5. (Continued)
  - f. Online advertisements that target children

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
1 – Most important	34	35	34	32
2	23	29	18	23
3	25	19	26	28
4	9	10	10	7
5 – Least important	7	5	9	6
Skipped	3	1	3	4
Important 1/2 (net)	57	64	52	55
Not Important 4/5 (net)	16	15	19	13

g. Algorithms serving inappropriate online content to children

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
1 – Most important	42	41	41	42
2	23	27	24	21
3	20	19	19	21
4	7	8	7	7
5 – Least important	5	4	7	4
Skipped	2	1	3	4
Important 1/2 (net)	65	68	65	63
Not Important 4/5 (net)	12	12	14	11

h. Bullying on social media

	Total	Democrat	Republican	Independent
1 – Most important	32	35	29	31
2	17	21	15	17
3	25	23	23	27
4	11	11	15	10
5 – Least important	12	8	15	11
Skipped	3	1	2	5
Important 1/2 (net)	49	56	44	48
Not Important 4/5 (net)	23	19	30	21





#### **About the Study**

This Knight Foundation poll conducted by Ipsos was conducted January 27 to January 29, 2023, using the probability-based KnowledgePanel<sup>®</sup>. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,021 adults age 18 or older. The sample includes 296 Democrats, 285 Republicans, and 324 independents.

The survey was conducted using KnowledgePanel, the largest and most well-established online probability-based panel that is representative of the adult US population. Our recruitment process employs a scientifically developed addressed-based sampling methodology using the latest Delivery Sequence File of the USPS – a database with full coverage of all delivery points in the US. Households invited to join the panel are randomly selected from all available households in the U.S. Persons in the sampled households are invited to join and participate in the panel. Those selected who do not already have internet access are provided a tablet and internet connection at no cost to the panel member. Those who join the panel and who are selected to participate in a survey are sent a unique password-protected log-in used to complete surveys online. As a result of our recruitment and sampling methodologies, samples from KnowledgePanel cover all households regardless of their phone or internet status and findings can be reported with a margin of sampling error and projected to the general population.

The study was conducted in English. The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race/ethnicity, education, Census region, metropolitan status, and household income. The demographic benchmarks came from the 2022 March Supplement of the Current Population Survey (CPS). The weighting categories were as follows:

- Gender (Male, Female) by Age (18–29, 30–44, 45-59 and 60+)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Other, Non-Hispanic, Hispanic, 2+ Races, Non-Hispanic)
- Education (Less than High School, High School, Some College, Bachelor or higher)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West)
- Metropolitan status (Metro, non-Metro)
- Household Income (Under \$25,000, \$25,000-\$49,999, \$50,000-\$74,999, \$75,000-\$99,999, \$100,000-\$149,999, \$150,000+)

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.3 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.19. For Democrats, the margin of sampling error is 6.1 and the design effect is 1.16. For Republicans, the margin of sampling error is 6.1 and the design effect is 1.12. For independents, the margin of sampling error is 5.8 and the design effect is 1.15. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. Sampling error is only one potential source of error. There may be other unmeasured non-sampling error in this or any poll. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total substantially more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.





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