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Thread: [Online Safety Act](#)

xclouded1 - July 27, 2025, 3:57 am

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https://x.com/search?q=%22Online%20Safety%20Act%22&src=trend_click&vertical=trends

Feel free to take a look yourself. ?

DramaKing - July 27, 2025, 5:59 am

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Mmm, thanks for the response

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The petition of repeal the online safety act has now 309,000 signatures as it stands, and it was only released yesterday.

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The app first requires manually verification by government, with users scanning their passport.

Afterwards, the will be forced to use Face ID, fingerprint or password. Password is option when the others are not available.

Then once you have to login to a service implementing the government authentication, a QR will show up, that we scan with the app.

The app sends a response to the government API, if the QR code is identified, a few round of real time QR changes will show, changing from one code to another - identifying potential man-in-the-middle delays. Quite a interesting approach.

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Hopefully you guys will be able to then setup some good secure approach without having to share your password with anyone - just to get access.

But it's quite a shame that it's to censor your people - rather than positively impact like we do. We don't enforce it on social media, blogs, or anything of that kind, we only donut where legal restrictions are common - gambling, banking, money transfers, etc.

I can understand people are protesting against it, however a civil war is never the answer. Sorry for your situation.

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Well, that's against free speech and free expression. Sounds more and more like some Asian countries trying to change everyone's perspective by censoring anything that goes against it. Hopefully it will be resolve, cause censorship in this extend does no good.

Best of luck, sounds like a lot...

immeiron - July 27, 2025, 2:27 pm

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Despite the similar names, KOSA, should it pass, has significant differences and does not include age verification.

Yokobovich - July 29, 2025, 3:19 pm

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ratty255 - July 30, 2025, 7:55 am

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Lefty - July 31, 2025, 9:59 pm

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Sniped - August 1, 2025, 12:43 am

I suppose Telemetry will be tracked via ID instead of email now.

Now they can profile you better than ever.

Remember, its all for your safety. ;)

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Now, I feel like video games, computer software, the internet, internet companies, cell pone companies and the government over time is just tryin to control you more and shake you down for every penny you got.

I used to like video games back in the 90s and early 2000s. The games of today suck I mean some games like GTA 6 the artwork is on point and the game are fun but I personally hate when games force you to always be online when the internet in the U.S.A sucks and those companies that offer internet don't want to make the investments because it's cheaper to sell you the old crap that existed since the 90s.

Last year AT&T installed fiber lines but not near my house. They have fibers on the main road near my subdivision but they won't run it from the road to my house. Also even if it existed I would be paying \$600 a month or 25mbps upload and download.

I just feel like in 2025 every government entity and every private sector companies they want to do a shake down on everyone and provide piss poor quality services. I mean my city's garbage company they hire people that cannot read English. I had to pay \$100 each for each bin so there's 3 bins so I paid \$300 total and these are color coded bins so the workers knows what is what without reading words. These people sometimes pick up trash and sometimes they pick it up but miss 1 out of 3 bins.

It's just getting ridiculous and these things just make me depress and find nothing enjoyable in life right now. I mean the internet is turning into place where you cannot speak your mind. You will always have to watch what you say in a professional manner.

VirtualPrivateNetworking - August 2, 2025, 12:42 am

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Europe and UK once again on the forefront of Freedom rights. Taking away the freedom!

We need to push back against this. Cannot have a 1984 world!