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KOSA FAILS AMERICANS ONLINE

The so-called “Kids Online Safety Act” in Congress enables censorship and deteriorates security while not keeping a single child—or any American—safer online.



IT REGULATES FREE SPEECH

KOSA imposes content-based regulations on online services, which the Supreme Court considers “presumptively unconstitutional.” Other courts across the US have held similarly. Its selective approach to regulating content contradicts legal protections for free speech. KOSA’s vague mandate to prevent “harm” will enable moderation, as companies may remove protected speech to avoid liability. This chilling effect would limit both minors’ and adults’ access to a broad amount of information online.

IT ENABLES POLITICIANS & BUREAUCRATS TO CENSOR SPEECH ONLINE

KOSA grants sweeping powers to unelected FTC officials and state attorneys general to define and regulate “harmful” content online. This opens the door to partisan manipulation of online discourse. The bill’s broad scope, covering major platforms and smaller sites alike, represents a significant expansion of government control over online speech.



IT CREATES A CYBERSECURITY NIGHTMARE FOR AMERICANS

KOSA’s de facto age verification mandate poses a significant cybersecurity risk to all Americans and children, opening their sensitive data to hackers and identity thieves. Many recent breaches highlight the vulnerabilities of centralized ID verification systems that KOSA would effectively require. Children are already prime targets for identity theft, and KOSA would increase that risk.



CONGRESS: AMERICAN FAMILIES NEED MEANINGFUL & LEGAL SOLUTIONS FOR THE DIGITAL AGE. KOSA FAILS THEM.