

Inquiry into the Impact of Social Media on Elections and Electoral Administration Survey

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SURVEY

Q1. Encouraging social media platforms to take more action against inappropriate activities (such as bots, harassment, trolling, spreading fake news).

Response: Bad idea

Because even the dumbest of things said can still have some merit.

Q2. The government funding media literacy campaigns to help people know what they can trust online.

Response: Very bad idea

Because people will decipher for themselves what they can trust or not trust. This will lead to propaganda. Let the people decide for themselves. This is not your job.

Q3. Requiring public disclosure of all online political advertising (for example, webpages created by social media platforms showing all of the political advertising on their platform and who paid for it, or webpages created by parties/candidates showing all of the online ads they have run).

Response: Very good idea

Full disclosure and transparency is paramount for people to make informed decisions.

Q4. Requiring online electoral advertising to state who paid for it.

Response: Very good idea

This information will set transparency.

Q5. Government support for independent and trust-worthy organisations that can fact-check claims or identify misinformation.

Response: Very bad idea

Who gets to be the judge of what's fact or fiction??? Yet again this will promote propaganda. Nothing should be off limits. People will work out what is true or false.

Q6. Using independent organisations (e.g. the Victorian Electoral Commission) as a source of reliable information about electoral candidates.

Response: Very bad idea

You say they are independent, but are they. Was this fact checked?The electoral commission should stick to their job of organising elections. Candidates should be responsible for passing out honest information about themselves to their electorates. We dont have Candidates organising the electoral office so why have the electoral office involvement in the candidates information.

Q7. New laws requiring truth in political advertising.

Response: Very good idea

There is no truth in political advertising.

Q8. Are there other things you'd like to see the government do relating to social media or online advertising and elections?

Response: Yes in regards to social media, stop having everything censored. We are entitled to both sides. People can decide for themselves what is true or false. It is also healthy as it promotes debate. Without debate we will never come to general consensus. Isn't this what happens in parliament. Two sides debating the points. Well this is what happens in society. Otherwise we would never have made the advances we have made over the past 100 years.