

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: Very good idea

This should be law! They should be held to account as PUBLISHERS of material. Like any publishing house the same rules should apply to them

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

Response: Very good idea

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: Not sure

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

Response: Good idea

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

Response: Good idea

Again these guys are publishers of information. They should pay for this not the government. They make millions of these platforms and should not be exempt

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

Response: Good idea

Q7. New laws requiring truth in political advertising.

Response: Good idea

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

Response: Hold these publishers to account. Make it law that they must abide by the same laws and rules as any publisher does