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SURVEY NAME: VSP TRACKER WAVE 6

METHODOLOGY: OFCOM ONLINE RESEARCH PANEL QUANTITATIVE SURVEY

SURVEY LENGTH: 10 MINUTES

TARGET SAMPLE: 1,000 NAT REP RESPONDENTS AGED 13+ AND BOOST ACROSS VSPS

Thank you for taking part in this research about how you go online and the types of video sharing websites and apps you visit. YouGov is conducting this research jointly with one of our clients who is a regulator for communications services. This survey contains some questions asking about times you may have seen something that made you feel uncomfortable on the internet.

The information we collect within this survey, as well as other personal information you have already given us through your YouGov membership will help our client to understand people's experiences online. Please be aware that some information collected from you may be 'sensitive' in nature, for example information about your sexual orientation, ethnicity, or religion. There is no obligation to answer these questions, you will have the option to 'skip' if you'd prefer not to respond.

Unless we specifically ask for your permission to do otherwise, YouGov will share only anonymised data with our client. This means that they will not be able to identify you from the information they receive. All personal data you have given us will strictly be used for research and analysis purposes only.

You have the right to withdraw your consent to process the information you have provided at any time during or after the research. You may exit the survey at any time and your data will not be included in the results shared with our client. If you would like to withdraw your consent after completing the survey, please contact YouGov at ORPwithdrawal@yougov.com

If you are happy to continue on the basis described above, please give your consent by selecting the start button below to proceed to the survey.

First we would like to know a bit about you.

 $\textbf{INSERT following pdls - only ask those who have never answered it or haven't answered it in the past six month\\$

Birthyear - In what year were you born? [OPEN]

Gender – Profile_Gender – Are you...?

- Male
 - Female

[ASK ALL] [Multiple]

D12. Do you have any children aged 17 or under? If so, how old are they?

- 1. No children aged 17 or under [EXCLUSIVE]
- 2. Yes, aged 0-2
- 3. Yes, aged 3-4
- 4. Yes, aged 5-10
- 5. Yes, aged 11-12
- 6. Yes, aged 13-15
- 7. Yes, aged 16-17

Ethnicity - ethnicity_new pdl

What ethnic group best describes you? Please select one option only.

White

English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British

Irish

Gypsy or Irish Traveller

Any other White background

Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups

White and Black Caribbean

White and Black African

White and Asian

Any other Mixed / Multiple ethnic background

Asian/Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Chinese

Any other Asian background

Black/African/Caribbean/Black British

African

Caribbean

Any other Black / African / Caribbean background

Other ethnic group

Arab

Any other ethnic group

Prefer not to say

Religion - profile_religion pdl

Do you regard yourself as belonging to any particular religion, and if so, to which of these do you belong?

No, I do not regard myself as belonging to any particular religion.

Yes - Church of England/Anglican/Episcopal

Yes - Roman Catholic

Yes - Presbyterian/Church of Scotland

Yes - Methodist

Yes - Baptist

Yes - Orthodox Christian

Yes - Pentecostal (e.g. Assemblies of God, Elim Pentecostal Church, New Testament Church of God, Redeemed Christian Church of God)

Yes - Evangelical – independent/non-denominational (e.g. FIEC, Pioneer, Vineyard, Newfrontiers)

Yes - United Reformed Church

Yes - Free Presbyterian

Yes - Brethren

Yes - Judaism

Yes - Hinduism

Yes - Islam

Yes - Sikhism

Yes - Buddhism

Yes - Other

Prefer not to say

Highest education – profile_education_level pdl What is the highest educational or work-related qualification you have?

No formal qualifications

Youth training certificate/skillseekers

Recognised trade apprenticeship completed

Clerical and commercial

City & Guilds certificate

City & Guilds certificate - advanced

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CSE grades 2-5

CSE grade 1, GCE O level, GCSE, School Certificate

Scottish Ordinary/ Lower Certificate

GCE A level or Higher Certificate

Scottish Higher Certificate

Nursing qualification (e.g. SEN, SRN, SCM, RGN)

Teaching qualification (not degree)

University diploma

University or CNAA first degree (e.g. BA, B.Sc, B.Ed)

University or CNAA higher degree (e.g. M.Sc, Ph.D)

Other technical, professional or higher qualification

Don't know

Prefer not to say

Working status – profile_work_stat – Which of these applies to you?

Working full time (30 or more hours per week)

Working part time (8-29 hours a week)

Working part time (Less than 8 hours a week)

Full time student

Retired

Unemployed

Not working

Other

Household income - profile_gross_household-

Gross HOUSEHOLD income is the combined income of all those earners in a household from all sources, including wages, salaries, or rents and before tax deductions. What is your gross household income?

under £5,000 per year £5,000 to £9,999 per year £10,000 to £14,999 per year £15,000 to £19,999 per year £20,000 to £24,999 per year £25,000 to £29,999 per year £30,000 to £34,999 per year £35,000 to £39,999 per year £40,000 to £44,999 per year £45,000 to £49,999 per year £50,000 to £59,999 per year £60,000 to £69,999 per year £70,000 to £99,999 per year £100,000 to £149,999 per £150,000 and over Don't know Prefer not to answer

profile_itv -

Which ITV channel do you receive? (If you receive more than one ITV channel which one do you watch most often?)

ITV London

ITV Central

ITV Anglia (East Anglia)

ITV Wales / West

ITV West Country (South West)

ITV Meridian (South)

ITV Granada (Lancashire)

ITV Tyne Tees (North East)

ITV Yorkshire

STV Central (Central Scotland)

STV North (North Scotland)

ITV Border

ITV Ulster

None

Don't know

Social Grade - Profile Socialgrade_cie **Urban/rural- ONS_urban**

CR1. Childcare responsibility

[SINGLE]

Are you responsible for any of the children aged under 18 in your household, as a parent or guardian?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 3. Prefer not to say

[ASK ALL ADULTS 18+]

[Open numerical]

D5. How many people under the age of 18 live in your household?

[WRITE IN]

[ASK ALL ADULTS]

[Multiple]

D7. Which of these – if any – impact or limit your daily activities or the work you can do? Please select all that apply.

- 1. Hearing? Poor hearing, partial hearing, or are deaf
- 2. Eyesight? Poor vision, colour blindness, partial sight, or are blind
- 3. Mobility? Cannot walk at all/ use a wheelchair or mobility scooter etc., or cannot walk very far or manage stairs or can only do so with difficulty
- 4. Dexterity? Limited ability to reach/ difficulty opening things with your hands/ difficulty using a telephone handset/ television remote control/ computer keyboard etc.
- 5. Breathing? Breathlessness or chest pains
- 6. Mental abilities? Such as learning, understanding, concentration, memory, communicating, cognitive loss or deterioration
- 7. Difficulty with speech? e,g. due to stroke, stutter or stammer
- 8. Social behaviour? Conditions associated with this such as autism, attention deficit disorder etc.
- 9. Your mental health? Anxiety, depression, or trauma-related conditions, for example
- 10. Other illnesses/ conditions which impact or limit your daily activities or the work you can do (please state optional)
- 11. Nothing no impairments or conditions impact or limit your daily activities or the work you can do **[Exclusive]**
- 12. Prefer not to say [Exclusive]
- 13. Don't know [Exclusive]

SECTION 2: PROFILING & SCREENING OF CHILDREN

[ASK IF PARENT OF 13-17 YEAR OLD, ASK IF D12=6 OR 7] [Single]

C1. Today we are looking for teenagers aged 13-17 years to take part in this survey. The survey is asking about internet usage and takes about 20 minutes to complete. The survey contains some questions asking about times they may have seen something that made them feel uncomfortable on the internet, for example, offensive language or content unsuitable for their age group. The purpose of this research is to find out more about people's experiences of using online services.

Participation is voluntary and your child does not need to take part.

If there is more than one child in your household aged 13-17 years, please select <u>one</u> child to take part in this survey.

Are you happy for a child aged 13-17 years in your household to take part in this survey?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

[IF C1= 2]

Thank you for your participation. [SCREEN OUT]

[ASK IF D12=6 OR 7 and C1 = 1]

[New text page]

That's great! We have some short questions for you to answer about your child. Please answer about a child who is available to take part. If they are not available currently please close the survey and re-open once they are available.

[ASK IF D12=6 OR 7 AND C1 = 1]

[Single]

C2 Is your child a...?

- 1. Boy
- 2. Girl
- 3. Other (please specify)
- 4. Prefer not to say

[ASK IF D12=6 OR 7 AND C1 = 1]

[Open numerical]

C3. Please enter the child's age in the box below

Min 13, Max 17

[ASK IF D12=6 OR 7 AND C1 = 1]

[Multiple]

C4. Which of these – if any – impact or limit your child's daily activities? Please select all that apply.

- 1. Hearing? Poor hearing, partial hearing, or are deaf
- 2. Eyesight? Poor vision, colour blindness, partial sight, or are blind
- 3. Mobility? Cannot walk at all/ use a wheelchair or mobility scooter etc., or cannot walk very far or manage stairs or can only do so with difficulty
- 4. Dexterity? Limited ability to reach/ difficulty opening things with their hands/ difficulty using a telephone handset/ television remote control/ computer keyboard etc.
- 5. Breathing? Breathlessness or chest pains
- 6. Mental abilities? Such as learning, understanding, concentration, memory, communicating, cognitive loss or deterioration
- 7. Difficulty with speech? e.g. due to stroke, stutter or stammer
- 8. Social/ behaviour? Conditions associated with this such as autism, attention deficit disorder, etc.
- 9. Their mental health? Anxiety, depression, or trauma-related conditions, for example
- 10. Other illnesses/ conditions which impact or limit their daily activities or the work they can do
- 11. Nothing no impairments or conditions impact or limit their daily activities or the work they can do [ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE]
- 12. Prefer not to say [ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE]

13. Don't know [ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE]

[ASK IF D12=6 OR 7 AND C1 = 1]

[Single]

C5. Which one of these groups best describes your child's ethnic group or background?

- <1> English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British
- <2> Irish
- <3> Gypsy or Irish Traveller
- <4> Any other White background
- <5> White and Black Caribbean
- <6> White and Black African
- <7> White and Asian
- <8> Any other Mixed / Multiple ethnic background
- <9> Indian
- <10> Pakistani
- <11> Bangladeshi
- <12> Chinese
- <13> Any other Asian background
- <14> African
- <15> Caribbean
- <16> Any other Black / African / Caribbean background
- <17> Arab
- <18 fixed> Any other ethnic group
- <19 fixed> Prefer not to say

[ASK IF D12=6 OR 7 AND C1 = 1]

[Single]

C6. What is your child's religion, if any?

- <1> No, my child does not belong to any particular religion.
- <2> Yes Church of England/Anglican/Episcopal
- <3> Yes Roman Catholic
- <4> Yes Presbyterian/Church of Scotland
- <5> Yes Methodist
- <6> Yes Baptist
- <17> Yes Orthodox Christian
- <18> Yes Pentecostal (e.g. Assemblies of God, Elim Pentecostal Church, New Testament Church of God, Redeemed Christian Church of God)
- <19> Yes Evangelical independent/non-denominational (e.g. FIEC, Pioneer, Vineyard, Newfrontiers)
- <7> Yes United Reformed Church
- <8> Yes Free Presbyterian
- <9> Yes Brethren
- <10> Yes Judaism
- <11> Yes Hinduism
- <12> Yes Islam
- <13> Yes Sikhism
- <14> Yes Buddhism
- <15> Yes Other

<16> Prefer not to say

[ASK IF D12=6 OR 7 AND C1 = 1]

[Text]

Great. Please pass the survey over to your xxxxx and ask them to click the next button when ready. If they are not available currently please close the survey and re-open once they are available.

Note – we are after the child's opinions. However please do help them if they need assistance understanding the questions.

As a reminder, all answers will be anonymous and will not be attributed to them in any way. We will also store the data in accordance with our data privacy policy [https://account.yougov.com/gb-en/account/privacy-policy].

[ASK IF C1 = 1]

[Single]

C7. Today we would like to ask you some questions about how you go online and the types of video sharing websites and apps you visit.

Your parent has said it's okay for you to take part. Are you happy to take part in this survey?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

[IF C7 = 2, END SURVEY]

Thank you for your answers so far, please pass the device back to your parent. [SHOW END SCREENS]

ASK ALL

Q1. How frequently do you use or visit any of the following sites or apps that host user-generated videos (i.e. people sharing videos online)? This includes watching videos, uploading videos, commenting on videos or sending private messages on these sites or apps using any device.

SINGLE CODE GRID, RANDOMISE ROWS

- 1. YouTube
- 2. Instagram
- 3. TikTok
- 4. Facebook
- 5. Snapchat
- 6. Twitch
- 7. BitChute [18+ ONLY]
- 8. OnlyFans [18+ ONLY]
- 9. Vimeo
- 10. Fruitlab

- 21. Recast
- 22. Onevsp (previously Brand New Tube) [18+ ONLY]
- 23. Thomas Cook
- 24.Sponsor Hub
- 25.GatorJax
- 27. MintStars [18+ ONLY]
- 14. Xpanded.com [18+ ONLY]
- 17. Fanzworld [18+ ONLY]
- 19. AdmireMe [18+ ONLY]
- 28. Fansify [18+ ONLY]
- 30. SoSpoilt [18+ ONLY]
- 31. Sesire [18+ ONLY]

COLUMNS

- 1. Several times a day
- 2. At least once a day
- 3. At least once a week
- 4. At least once a month
- 5. At least once in the last 3 months
- 6. At least once in the last 12 months
- 7. Used to use, but haven't in the last 12 months
- 8. Never

ASK ALL WHO VISITED APPS/SITES IN LAST 3 MONTHS [Q1= 1-5 FOR ANY ROW]

Q3a. In the last 3 months, have you come across any violent, abusive or inappropriate videos when using these sites or apps?

SINGLE CHOICE GRID, RANDOMISE ROWS.

[PULL THROUGH VSPs CODED 1-5 AT Q1]

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 98. Don't Know

ASK ALL WHO VISITED APPS/SITES IN LAST 3 MONTHS [Q1= 1-5 FOR ANY ROW]

Q3b. How likely or unlikely do you think you are to come across violent, abusive or inappropriate videos when using these sites or apps in the next 3 months?

SINGLE CHOICE GRID, RANDOMISE ROWS.

[PULL THROUGH VSPs CODED 1-5 AT Q1]

COLUMNS

- 1. Very likely
- 2. Somewhat likely
- 3. Somewhat unlikely
- 4. Very unlikely

ASK ALL WHO VISITED APPS/SITES IN LAST 3 MONTHS [Q1= 1-5 FOR ANY ROW]

Q4. On a scale from 0-10, where 0 means completely unprotected and 10 means completely protected, how protected or unprotected do you feel from violent, abusive or inappropriate videos when using these sites or apps?

SINGLE CHOICE GRID, RANDOMISE ROWS.

[PULL THROUGH VSPs CODED 1-5 AT Q1]

SCALE FROM 0-10 – LABEL FOR 0: COMPLETELY UNPROTECTED, LABEL FOR 10: COMPLETELY PROTECTED

ASK ALL WHO FELT PROTECTED ON EACH APP/SITE [Q4= 8-10 FOR ANY ROW]

Q4b. You said you felt protected from violent, abusive or inappropriate videos when using these sites or apps, why did you feel protected?

[PULL THROUGH VSPs CODED 8-10 AT Q4]

MULTI-CODE

- 1. I was able to report the video to the app/site
- 2. The app/site removed the video
- 3. The app/site has tools in place that help me tailor my experience on it
- 4. I don't see any violent, abusive or inappropriate videos
- 5. Other [ANCHOR]
- 6. Don't know [ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE]

ASK ALL WHO SAID THEY FELT PROTECTED FOR 'OTHER' REASONS [IF Q4b = 5]

Q4b_Other. 'What were your other reasons why you said you felt protected from violent, abusive or inappropriate videos when using these sites or apps?'

[INSERT OPEN END BOXES FOR ALL ROWS CODED 5 AT Q4b]

ASK ALL WHO VISITED SITES/APPS IN LAST 3 MONTHS [Q1= 1-5 FOR ANY ROW]

Q6b. Thinking about the sites or apps you have used in the last 3 months, how much, if at all, are you aware of rules or safety measures put in place on them to protect users from violent, abusive or inappropriate videos?

SINGLE CODE

- 1. Very aware
- 2. Quite aware

- 3. Not very aware
- 4. Not at all aware

ASK ALL AWARE OF RULES OR SAFETY MEASURES [IF Q6b = 1,2]

Q7. What sort of rules or safety measures are you aware of these sites or apps having in place? Please provide as much detail as you can recall.

OPEN END

ASK ALL NOT/ NOT VERY AWARE OF RULES OR SAFETY MEASURES [IF Q6b = 3,4]

Q8. You said you are not very or not at all aware of rules or safety measures put in place by the sites or apps we've been talking about. Why do you think that is?

MULTI CHOICE, RANDOMISED

- 1. I've never had reason to look for them (e.g. never experienced anything bad on the sites or apps)
- 2. I don't know where to look to find them or find information about them
- 4. They're not relevant to me because I don't upload content
- 6. I just don't think I need them I'm responsible enough to decide what content is ok for me to view or who I talk to online
 - 7. They're not relevant to me because I don't use the sites or apps that often
 - 8. Other (please specify) [ANCHOR]
 - 9. Don't know [ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE]

ASK ALL WHO VISITED APPS/SITES IN LAST 3 MONTHS [Q1= 1-5 FOR ANY ROW]

Q10. Which of the following rules or safety measures do you think these sites and apps have in place?

MULTI CHOICE GRID, RANDOMISE ROWS. [PULL THROUGH VSPS CODED 1-5 AT Q1]

COLUMNS, RANDOMISED

- 2. Clear labelling of what content is advertising
- 3. Having clear rules for users on how to post advertising content
- 4. Flagging and reporting mechanisms/ buttons
- 5. Age checking systems
- 6. A notice that flags content that might be inappropriate or harmful before you view it
- 7. Parental controls
- 8. A complaints system
- 9. Tools and information to help you navigate the site or app safely such as a 'safety centre'
- 10. Prompts to remind you that tools to help you safely navigate the site or app are available
- 11. A way to directly report harmful content to a regulator or the police
- 12. A tool to hide content you have seen but do not wish to see again
- 13. Clear terms and conditions or community guidelines about what users can post

- 14. Minimum age requirement
- 99. None of these [ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE]

ASK ALL AWARE OF FLAGGING AND REPORTING MECHANISMS/ BUTTONS FOR ANY VSPS [Q10 = 4 FOR ANY ROW]

Q11. You mentioned that you are aware some sites and apps have buttons or reporting mechanisms that allow users to flag or report content that is concerning to them.

Have you ever used these buttons and/or mechanisms to flag content? By "flagging and reporting mechanisms" we mean mechanisms in place that provide users the ability to notify the site or app about content which may breach Terms & Conditions.

SINGLE CODE.

- 1. Yes
- 2. No, I tried but I couldn't find the reporting button/mechanism
- 3. No, I tried but the reporting button/ mechanism was hard to use
- 4. No, I've never tried to/ felt the need to
- 5. Can't remember

ASK ALL WHO HAVE USED FLAGGING AND REPORTING MECHANISMS/ BUTTONS [IF Q11= 1]

Q11e. Based on your experience of using reporting buttons/ mechanisms, would you be likely to use these tools again if you came across content which was concerning to you?

SINGLE CODE.

- 1. Highly likely
- 2. Quite likely
- 3. Quite unlikely
- 4. Highly unlikely
- 5. Don't know

ASK ALL WHO WOULD USE FLAGGING AND REPORTING MECHANISMS/ BUTTONS AGAIN [IF Q11e= 1-2]

Q11c. You said you would be likely to use these tools again, why is that?

MULTI CHOICE, RANDOMISE.

- 1. The tools were easy to use
- 2. The tools were easy to find
- 3. I got clear information about what would happen or what happened
- 4. Action was taken after I reported
- 5. Other (please specify) [ANCHOR]
- 6. Don't know [ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE]

ASK ALL WHO WOULD NOT USE FLAGGING AND REPORTING MECHANISMS/ BUTTONS AGAIN [IF Q11e= 3-4]

Q11d. You said you would be unlikely to use these tools again, why is that?

[MULTI CHOICE, RANDOMISE]

- 1. The tools were too difficult to use
- 2. The tools were difficult to find
- 3. There were too many options
- 4. The option I wanted to select wasn't covered
- 5. I didn't get a response after I reported
- 6. Action wasn't taken after I reported
- 7. Other (please specify) [ANCHOR]
- 8. Don't know [ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE]

ASK ALL PARENTS WHO VISITED NON-ADULT APPS/SITES IN LAST 3 MONTHS AND ARE AWARE OF REPORTING MECHANISMS FOR ANY OF THESE [IF CR1=1 AND Q10=4 FOR ANY NON 18+ VSPS]

Q11f. On a scale of 0-10, please indicate where your view lies when it comes to rules or safety measures for children on sites or apps like the ones we've been talking about (please only consider sites or apps suitable for under 18s):

0 means complete agreement with the statement on the left, 10 means complete agreement with the statement on the right, and 5 means you don't agree with either of the statements.

LABEL FOR 0: Flagging and reporting mechanisms on websites or apps are easy for children to use / access, LABEL FOR 10: Flagging and reporting mechanisms on websites or apps should be made easier for children to use / access

ASK ALL PARENTS WHO VISITED NON-ADULT APPS/SITES IN LAST 3 MONTHS AND ARE AWARE OF PARENTAL CONTROLS FOR ANY OF THESE [ASK IF CR1=1 AND Q10 = 7 FOR ANY NON 18+ VSPS]

Q25. On a scale from 0-10, where 0 means completely unprotected and 10 means completely protected, how protected or unprotected do you feel children are from violent, abusive or inappropriate videos when using sites or apps like the ones we've been talking about? (please only consider sites or apps suitable for under 18s)

SCALE FROM 0-10 – LABEL FOR 0: COMPLETELY UNPROTECTED, LABEL FOR 10: COMPLETELY PROTECTED

ASK ALL WHO FELT PROTECTED ON EACH APP/SITE [Q25= 8-10]

Q25b. You said you felt as though your child is protected from violent, abusive or inappropriate videos when using sites or apps like the ones we've been talking about, why is that?

MULTI-CODE

- 1. My child is able to report the video to the app/site
- 2. The app/site will remove videos with that content
- 3. The app/site has tools in place that help my child tailor their experience on it

- 4. My child does not see any violent, abusive or inappropriate videos
- 5. Other (please specify) [ANCHOR]
- 6. Don't know [ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE]

ASK ALL AWARE OF A COMPLAINTS SYSTEM FOR ANY VSP [IF Q10 = 8 FOR ANY ROW]

Q23. You mentioned that you are aware some sites and apps have a complaints system that allows users to complain about a site's decision, this may be about content that they have reported, or where their account has been temporarily suspended, for example.

Have you ever used this system?

[SINGLE CODE]

- 1. Yes
- 2. No, I tried to but it was hard to find so I stopped
- 3. No, I tried to but it was difficult to use so I stopped
- 4. No, I've never tried to/ felt the need to
- 5. Don't know

ASK ALL WHO HAVE USED A VSP COMPLAINTS SYSTEM [IF Q23 = 1]

Q23a. Based on your experience of using the complaints system, would you be likely to use it again if you came across content which was concerning to you?

[SINGLE CODE]

- 1. Highly likely
- 2. Quite likely
- 3. Quite unlikely
- 4. Highly unlikely
- 5. Don't know

ASK ALL WHO WOULD BE LIKELY TO USE A VSP COMPLAINTS SYSTEM AGAIN [IF Q23a= 1-2]

Q23b. You said you would be likely to use this complaints system again, why is that?

[MULTI CHOICE. RANDOMISE]

- 1. It was easy to use
- 2. It was easy to find
- 3. I got clear information about what would happen or what happened
- 4. Action was taken after I complained
- 5. Other (please specify) [ANCHOR]
- 6. Don't know [ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE]

ASK ALL WHO WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO USE A VSP COMPLAINTS SYSTEM AGAIN [IF Q23a= 3-4]

Q23c. You said you would be unlikely to use this complaints system again, why is that?

[MULTI CHOICE. RANDOMISE]

- 1. It was too difficult to use
- 2. It was too difficult to find
- 3. There were too many options
- 4. The option I wanted to select wasn't covered
- 5. I didn't get a response after I complained
- 6. I wasn't satisfied with the information provided after I complained
- 7. Action wasn't taken after I complained
- 8. Other (please specify) [ANCHOR]
- 9. Don't know [ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE]

ASK ALL WHO VISITED APPS/SITES IN LAST 3 MONTHS [Q1= 1-5 FOR ANY ROW]

Q24a. When you signed up to the sites or apps you use below, which of the following applied?

[SINGLE CODE GRID, RANDOMISE ROWS.]

[PULL THROUGH VSPS CODED 1-5 AT Q1]

- 1. I accessed the terms and conditions (T&Cs) and tried to read them as thoroughly as possible before agreeing to them
- 2. I accessed the terms and conditions (T&Cs) and scanned for key points before agreeing to them
- 3. I agreed to the terms and conditions (T&Cs) without trying to access or read them
- 4. I didn't come across the terms and conditions (T&Cs) when signing up
- 5. Don't know

ASK ALL WHO ACCESSED AND READ T&CS [IF Q24a = 1-2 FOR ANY ROW]

Q24b. When you signed up to the following sites or apps, why did you access and read the T&Cs? Please select all that apply

[MULTI CHOICE GRID. RANDOMISE ROWS AND COLUMNS]

[INSERT ANY ROWS CODED 1-2 AT Q24a]

- 1. To better understand what is and isn't allowed on the platform
- 2. To understand what data this platform will collect
- 3. To learn more about how my data will be used/ shared
- 4. To find out more about account settings, security or account deletion
- 5. To make sure I wouldn't accidently violate any rules or guidelines whilst using the platform
- 6. I'm just curious about these things

- 7. To help me decide if I'm comfortable signing up to this platform or not
- 8. To better understand who owns any content I post
- 9. The platform forces me to
- 10. Other [ANCHOR]
- 11. Don't Know [ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE]

ASK ALL WHO SAID THEY ACCESSED T&CS FOR 'OTHER' REASONS [IF Q24b = 10]

Q24b_Other. What were your other reasons for accessing and reading the T&Cs when you signed up? [INSERT OPEN END BOXES FOR ALL ROWS CODED 10 AT Q24b]

ASK ALL WHO VISITED APPS/SITES IN LAST 3 MONTHS [Q1= 1-5 FOR ANY ROW]

Q24c. Do you know where to find the T&Cs on these sites or apps?

[SINGLE CODE GRID, RANDOMISE ROWS.]

[PULL THROUGH VSPS CODED 1-5 AT Q1]

- 1. Yes
- 2. I think so, but I have never looked
- 3. No
- 4. Don't know

ASK ALL WHO ACCESSED AND READ T&CS [IF Q24a = 1-2 FOR ANY ROW]

Q24d. You said you read the T&Cs when you signed up to the following platforms. On a scale of 1-5 where 1 is 'didn't understand at all' and 5 is 'fully understood', when you read the T&Cs, to what extent did you find you were able to understand them?'

[SINGLE CODE GRID, RANDOMISE ROWS.] [INSERT ANY ROWS CODED 1-2 AT Q24a]

- 1. Didn't understand at all
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5. Fully understood
- 6. Don't know

ASK ALL WHO DIDN'T UNDERSTAND T&CS [IF Q24d = 1-2 FOR ANY ROW]

Q24e. You said you didn't understand the T&Cs for the following sites or apps, why is that?

[MULTI CHOICE GRID, RANDOMISE ROWS AND COLUMNS]

[INSERT ANY ROWS CODED 1-2 AT Q24d]

- They contain too much 'legal' language that I can't understand
- 2. They contain complex language
- 3. They aren't available in my native language
- 4. They are too long
- 5. Other [ANCHOR]
- 6. Don't know [ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE]

ASK ALL WHO DIDN'T UNDERSTAND T&CS FOR 'OTHER' REASONS [IF Q24e = 5 FOR ANY ROW]

Q24e_Other. What are your other reasons for not understanding T&Cs for the following sites or apps?

[INSERT OPEN END BOXES FOR ALL ROWS CODED 5 AT Q24e]

ASK ALL WHO DIDN'T UNDERSTAND T&CS [IF Q24d = 1-2 FOR ANY ROW]

Q24f. Which of the following improvements would you like to see applied to T&Cs on the following sites or apps? Please select all that apply.

[MULTI CHOICE GRID. RANDOMISE ROWS AND COLUMNS]

[INSERT ANY ROWS CODED 1-2 AT Q24d]

- 1. Show the T&Cs in a text box which you can scroll through
- 2. Add icons
- 3. Add a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section
- 4. Use a pop up to display further information
- 5. Add warning labels to highlight something you might not have encountered or seen before
- 6. Include a summary of the information
- 7. Add examples
- 8. Shorten T&Cs
- 9. Use simple language
- 10. Add clear headings
- 11. Add emojis
- 12. Add fictional characters
- 13. Provide opportunities to opt in/out in various sections of the T&Cs
- 14. Other [ANCHOR]
- 15. Don't know [ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE]

ASK ALL WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE 'OTHER' IMPROVEMENTS TO T&CS [IF Q24f = 14 FOR ANY ROW]

Q24f_Other. What other improvements would you like to see applied to T&Cs on the following sites or apps? If you have more than one answer please separate each answer using a semi colon (;)

[INSERT OPEN END BOXES FOR ALL ROWS CODED 14 AT Q24f]

ASK ALL WHO ACCEPTED T&CS WITHOUT READING THEM [IF Q24a = 3 FOR ANY ROW]

Q24g. You said you accepted the T&Cs without reading them when signing up to the following platforms. Why is that? Please select all that apply.

[MULTI CHOICE GRID, RANDOMISE ROWS AND COLUMNS] [INSERT ROWS CODED 3 AT Q24a]

- 1. Too long to read
- 2. Can't understand them
- 3. I wasn't forced to read them
- 4. It wouldn't have affected my decision to sign up or use this site or app
- 5. They don't contain any information that is important to me
- 6. I'm just not interested
- 7. They are overwhelming
- 8. I trust this site or app is not allowed to do anything illegal
- 9. They all tend to be similar, so I didn't feel the need to read them
- 10. Other [ANCHOR]
- 11. Don't Know [ANCHOR, EXCLUSIVE]

ASK ALL WITH 'OTHER' REASONS FOR ACCEPTING T&CS WITHOUT READING THEM [IF Q24g = 10] Q24g_Other. What are your other reasons for accepting T&Cs without reading when signing up?

[INSERT OPEN END BOXES FOR ALL ROWS CODED 10 AT Q24g]

ASK CHILDREN (13-17 YEARS)

Q17. Thank you for taking part in this survey. We just wanted to check from the point this survey was handed to you, did you fill out the survey...

SINGLE CODE

- 1. Giving all your own views and experiences
- 2. Giving your own views and experiences, with help from an adult/parent
- 3. Having an adult/parent give their opinion of your views and experiences

Please pass the device back to you parent/guardian

[Take to END SCREEN - RESPONDENTS SHOULD SEE [SHOW ALL ON END SCREEN]

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