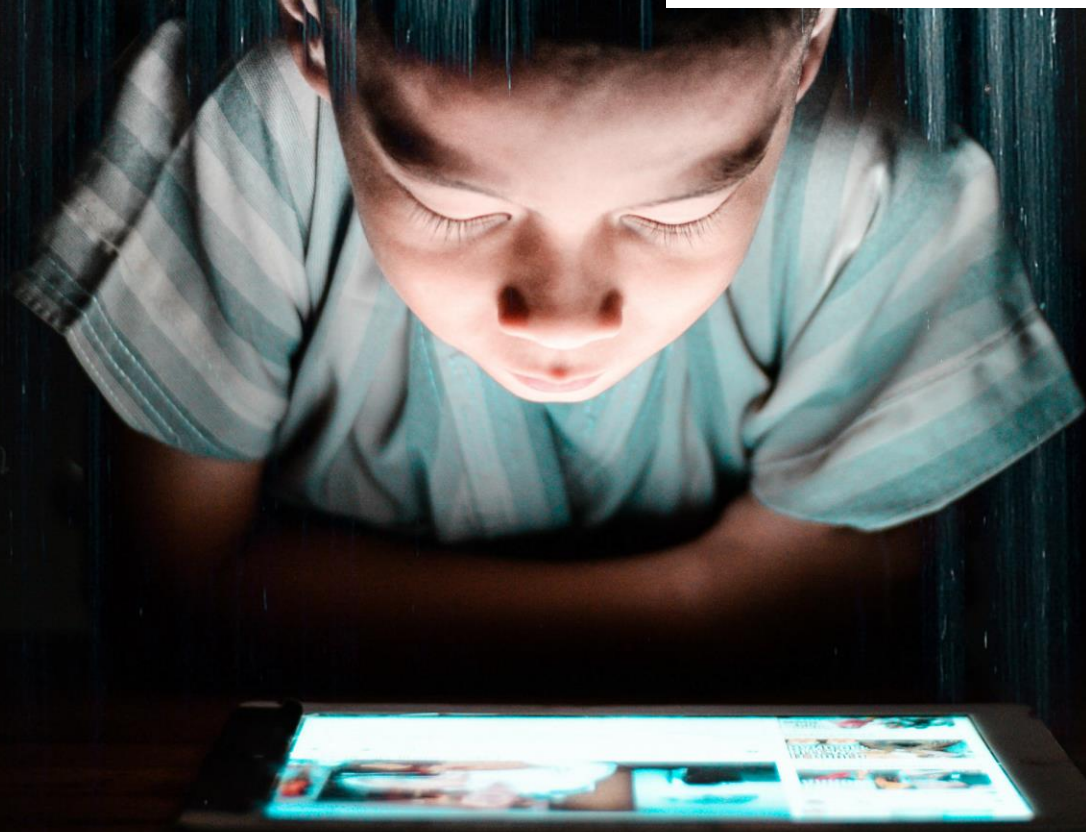


Barbara Patch, All Girls Allowed

# Digital Predators & AI Minefields: Equipping Your Church to Help the Next Generation





## **“Sex is kind of broken now”: children and pornography**

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August 2025

*“This report should be  
read as a map of what  
rock bottom looks like.”*

- Dame Rachel de Souza,  
Children’s Commissioner, UK



## The Toxic Trio

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- Bedroom
- Boredom
- Darkness

**The Most Dangerous  
Place for a Child**





# Mississippi father says son's suicide was result of sextortion scheme









# The Numbers Are Growing

The Girls' Attitudes Survey (UK, February 2025) found:

**77% of girls aged 7-21  
have experienced an online harm**

The new research reveals that the online harms and misogynistic content girls are experiencing online makes them feel unsafe (34%) and unable to tell a parent or carer (32%).



# Who are the Predators?



Pedophiles



Traffickers



Extortionists



Sex Industry

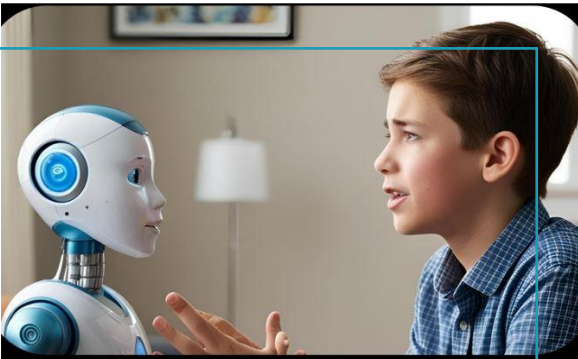


Peers



Social Media

Big  
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AI Tools & Companions



# Apps Predators Use to Target & Groom Youth



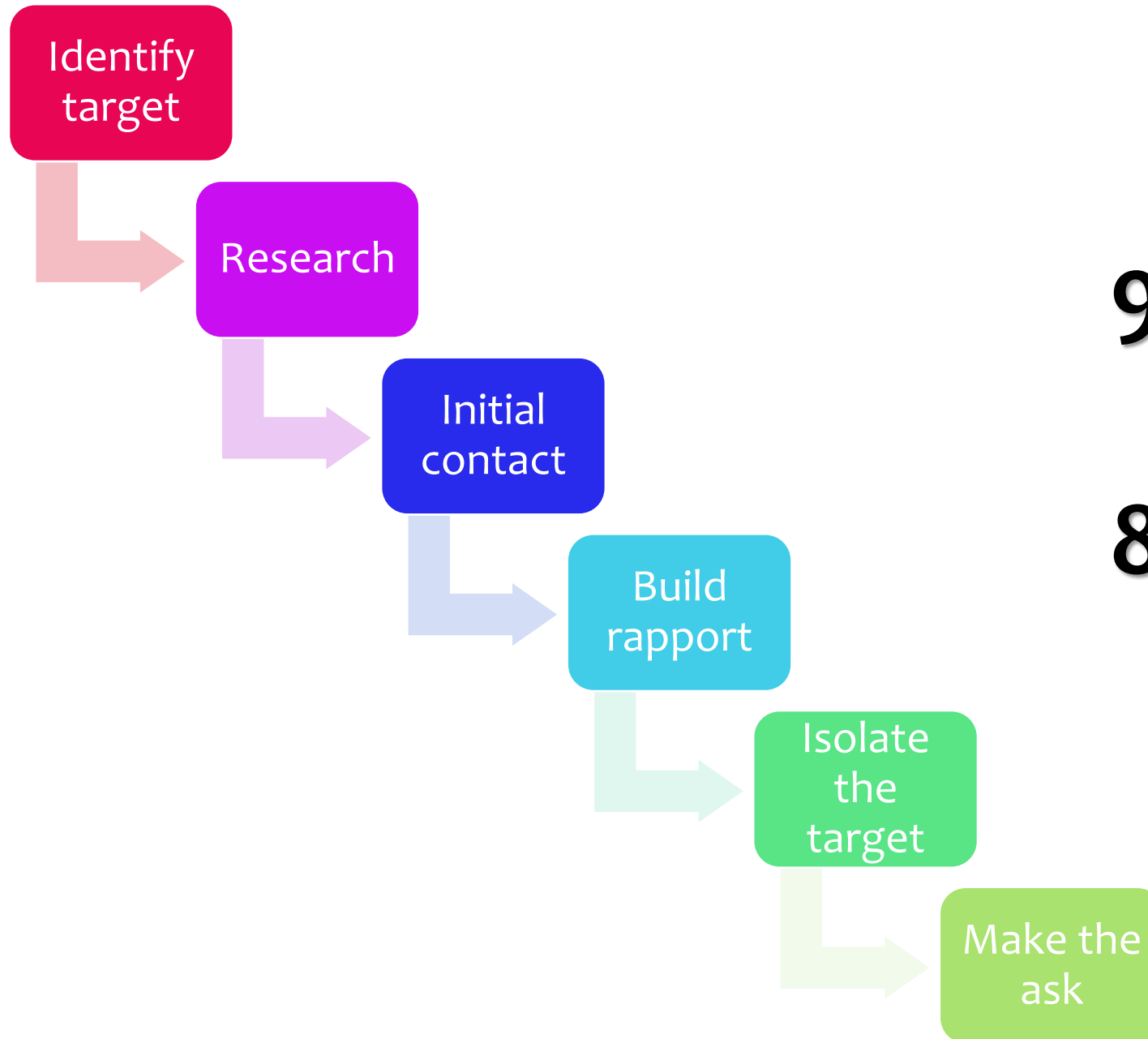


**Hang in There!**





# Predator's Playbook



**97 seconds**

**8 minutes**



**2024**

# **CyberTipline Report**



NATIONAL CENTER FOR  
**MISSING &  
EXPLOITED**  
CHILDREN®

**546,000 reports**  
regarding online enticement.

**192% increase**  
compared to the reports in 2023.



**55 % of trafficking victims  
age 7-11 are recruited  
through social media**



# Social Media / Social Algorithms – What’s Happening

## Prioritizes Engagement Over Well-being

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Push unsolicited distressing material to minors, triggering doomscrolling, which leads to anxiety & depression

Amplifies negative and sensational content

Promotes “highlight reels” creating FOMO

**= MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES**

## Exploits Vulnerabilities of Youth

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Unrealistic comparisons encourages “me too” behavior

Normalizes harmful ideologies (misogyny/violence in “intimacy”, extreme challenges)

DMs expose at-risk youth to online predators

**= SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, SEXUAL EXTORTION, TRAFFICKING**

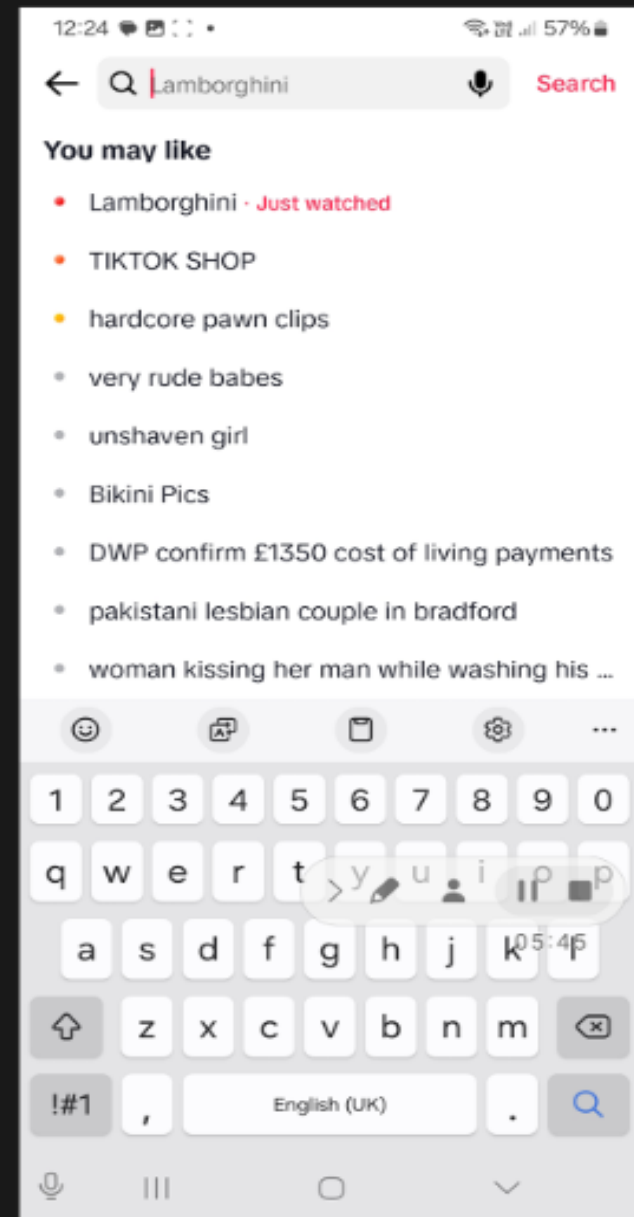
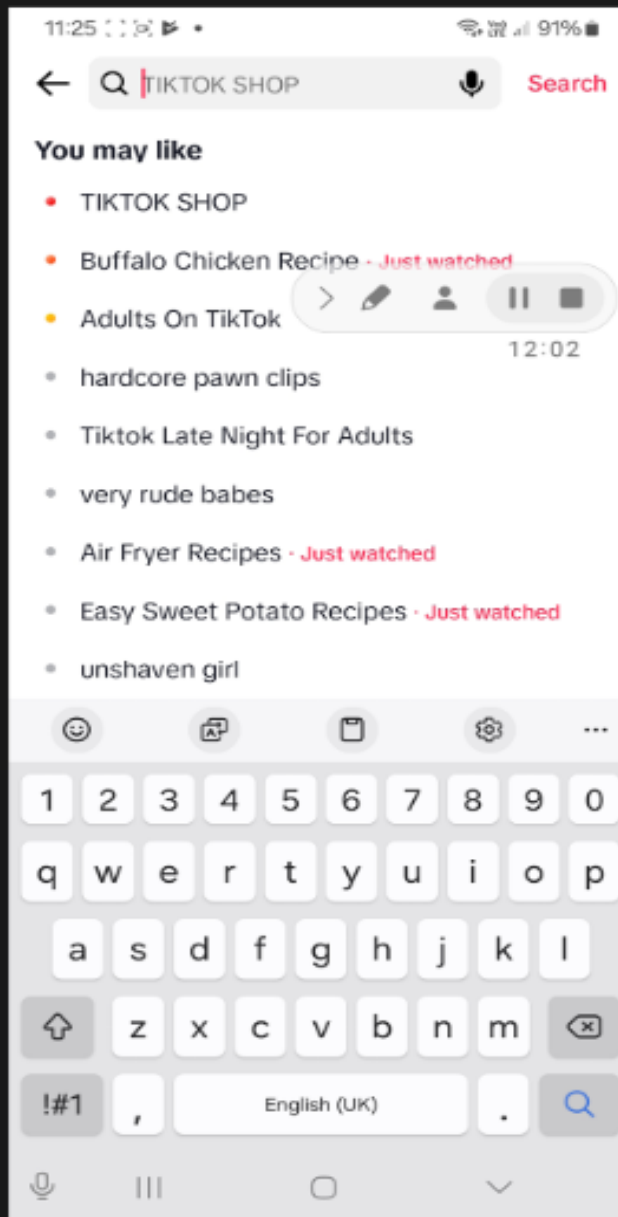
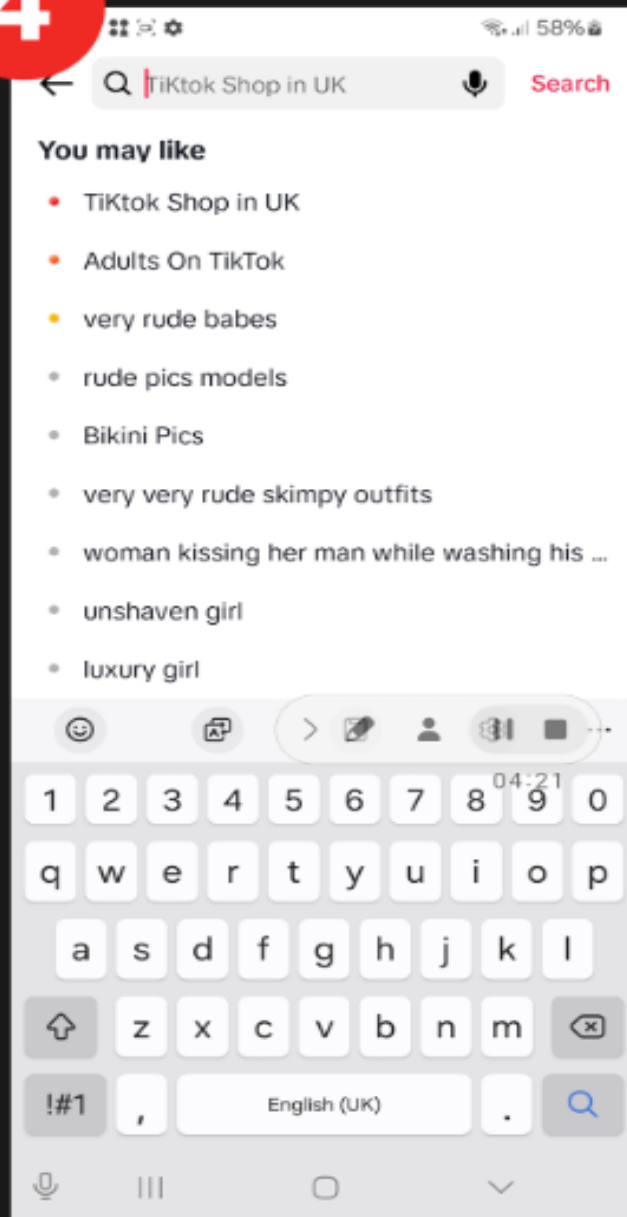


# Social Media Promotes Hypersexualized Content

A research team at Global Witness  
set up 7 TikTok accounts  
each posing as a 13-year-old kid  
with highest safety setting ON,  
then simply clicked into Search...



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## Is ANYTHING safe?

## Guns, Drugs, and Skin Bleaching: YouTube Kids Still Poses Risks to Children

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In their own word

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# Targeted Ads

## From Fake Job Ads to Human Trafficking: The Horrifying Reality of the Human Trafficking Scam Trade



About Campaign

**I recruited girls to sell themselves on OnlyFans. left.**

Posted by Collective Shout 1036sc on October 23, 2023

*"I want to do all I can to educate young girls on how this lifestyle is not the glamorous life it is presented as... OnlyFans is preying on young women and it's time for me to speak out"*

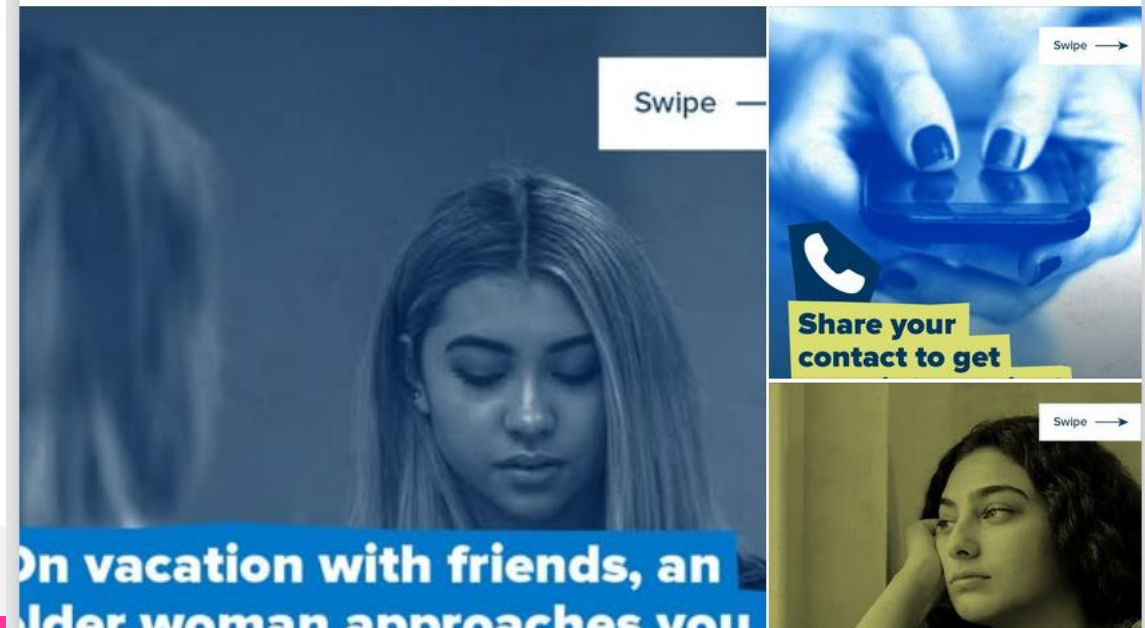
### U.S. Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign's Post



U.S. Department of Homeland Security Blue Campaign

July 11 ·

Traffickers may lie and promise high-paying or "perfect" jobs to lure victims. Never share personal information or go off alone with someone you don't know. Learn how to report these instances to help others at the link in our comments. [#HumanTraffickingAwareness](#) [#TravelTips](#)







AI – It's Not As Bad As You Think

It's **MUCH WORSE**



# AI Threats

## DeepFakes Create Fear

- Peer to peer harassment & bullying
- Facilitates sexual extortion

## Empowers Predators

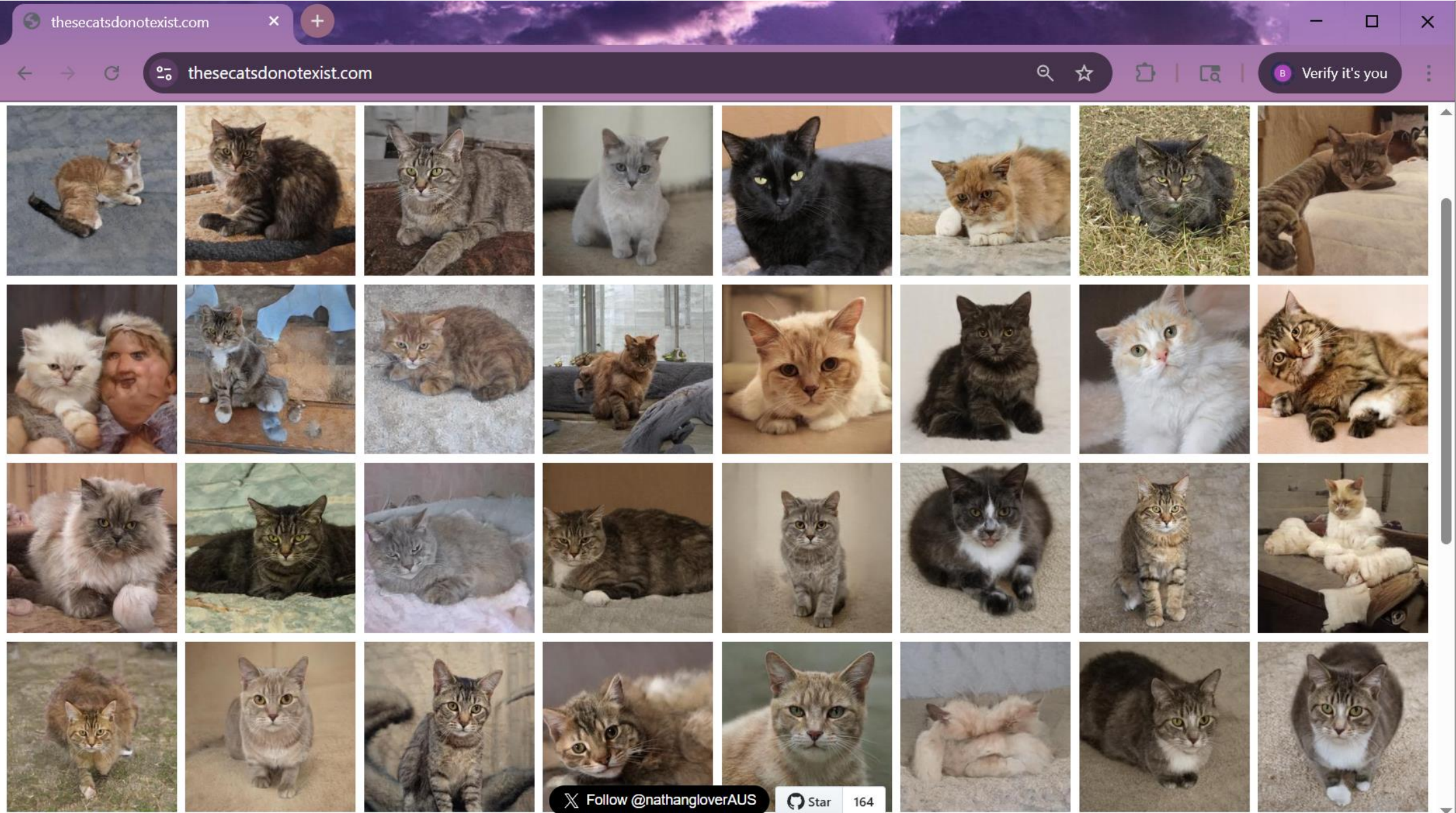
- Find targets more easily
- Scales reach

## AI Chatbots Pressure Kids

- Fosters isolation
- Introduce inappropriate conversations
- Encourages bad/harmful behavior



# Which of these cats is real?





# Youth Are Worried About Deep Fakes

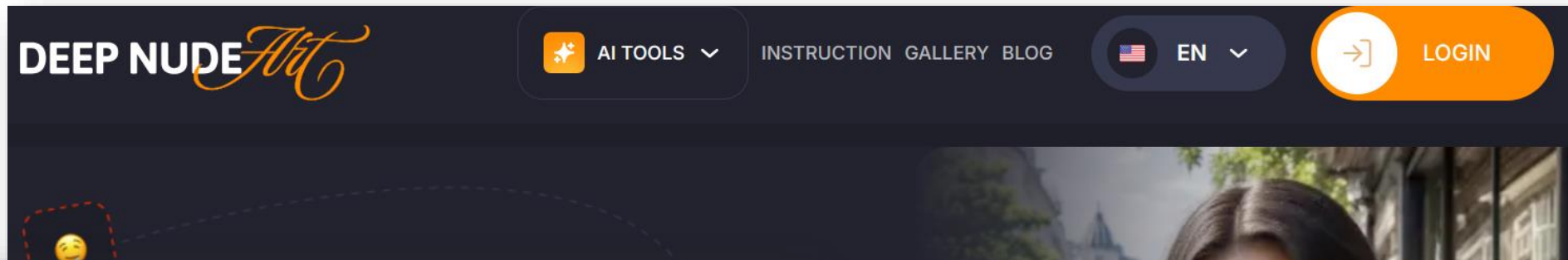
**1 in 4 youth have seen a deepfake**

In March this year, Thorn released findings from a survey of 1,200 teens ages **13-20**. The key findings indicate that:

- 84% of teens believe deepfake nudes are harmful, citing emotional distress (30%), reputational damage (29%), and deception (26%) as top reasons.
- Deepfake nudes already represent real experiences that our young people have to navigate.
- The young people who admit to creating deepfake nudes of others describe having **easy access** to deepfake technologies.



# Nudifying Apps / Deepfakes



How it works

Price

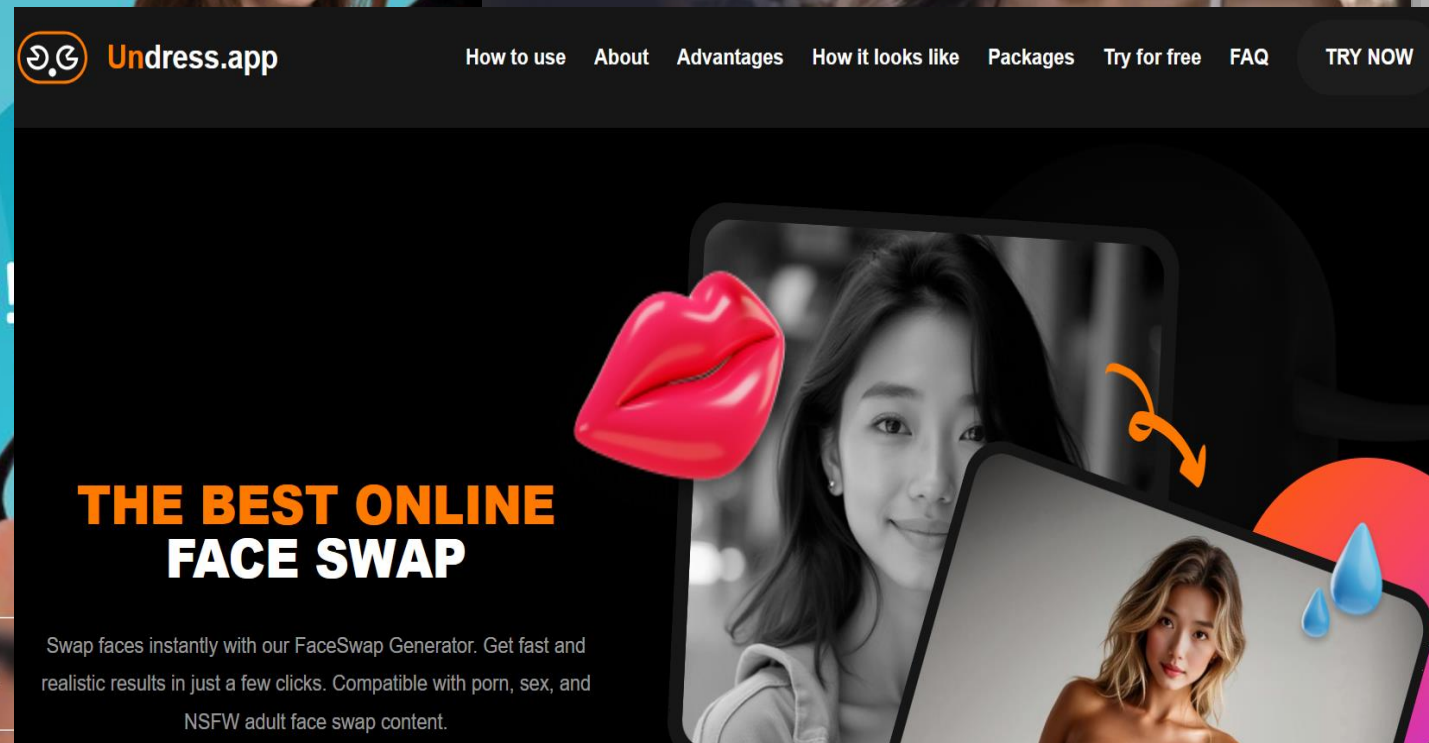
DeepNudeNow!

## Undress anyone online and completely for free!

Realization of an original AI algorithm for generating nudes from photos of clothed women

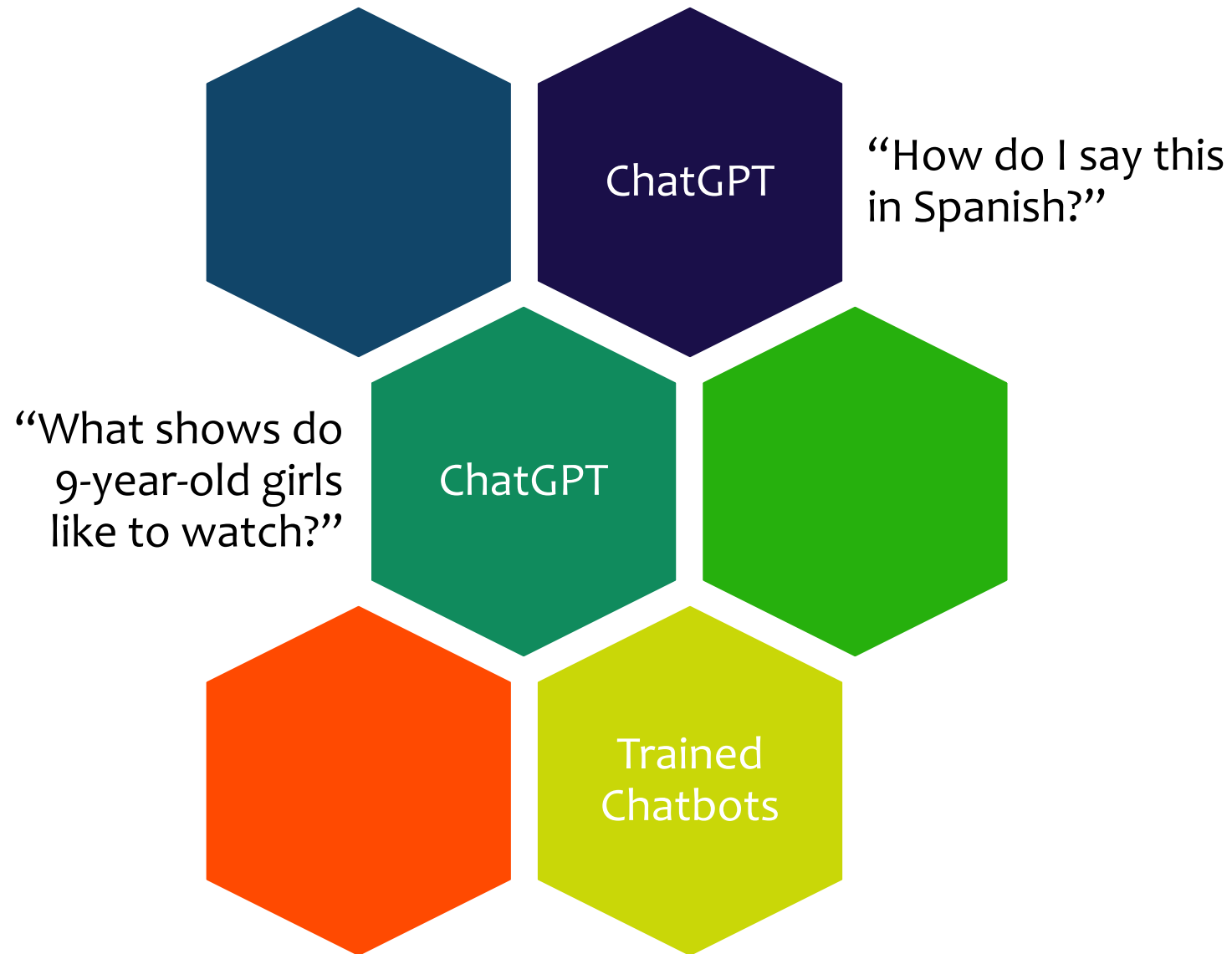
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# AI Accelerates Predators' Efforts





# Bad Company: AI Companions/ Chatbots

72% of teens have used  
AI companions



Sewell Setzer

Juliana Peralta



Adam Raine



# Virtual Worlds - Real Dangers



Former Meta researchers Cayce Savage and Dr. Jason Sattizahn testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee in September, 2025 that Meta buried and manipulated research showing its VR platforms were harming children, including those *as young as 10*.



# What Do Children Experience in Virtual Reality Systems?

- Over 44% - NEARLY HALF OF YOUTH - received hate speech or slur
- One in three youth (37.6%) experienced bullying
- One in three (35%) were harassed
- One in five (19%) were sexually harassed, and
- One in five (18.1%) faced grooming or predatory behavior.

*\* Girls were more likely than boys to experience sexual harassment and grooming.*



# Helping Parents

Ineffective Reactions:  
Detachment or Over-  
Controlling

Spend time together

Ask questions and then Listen!!

Be their safe place to share anything

Include them in digital safety planning

Get to know their friends

Emotional

Spiritual

Physical

Pray for & with them often

Talk about their identity in Christ

Value them highly

Study God's word together

Demonstrate authenticity,  
compassion & forgiveness

Digital Protections at home

Know their friends/activities

Know what apps they are using

Require safety protocols

Limit screen time



# Warning Signs of Exploitation

- Changes in physical appearance – new clothes, makeup, jewelry (unexplained)
- Increased health/sexual health-related problems
- Expressions of despair (self-harm, eating disorders, challenging behavior, aggression)
- Increased sexuality
- Isolation
- Defensiveness about location, who they are with, what they are doing
- Extreme fatigue (coupled with other symptoms)
- Fear of being touched
- Experimenting with drugs/alcohol
- Extreme attachment to digital devices
- Missing school or portions of the school day



# Taking Back Our Families

Call the church to **intentional prayer about** sexual integrity/safety.  
Invite the Spirit to search within - confess and repent of our own sin.

1. Consider a weekly/monthly focus, pray in leader meetings, start a special team.
2. Review your church's digital safety plan. Is your wi-fi locked down?
3. Implement an Intervention & Escalation plan for suspected & self-reported issues.
4. Lead/educate from the pulpit. Acknowledge the struggle. Provide support.
5. Routinely educate all children's and youth workers.
6. Create a team to monitor the digital landscape & share regular updates with workers and parents.
7. Add Digital Safety education to your calendar (for children, youth, parents).
8. Create safe spaces for youth to share & for parents to support each other.
9. Maintain & publish a list of local Resources for youth/families in crisis.
10. Help pass laws to protect youth and hold bad actors accountable.





Scan me!

## Get Notified

To be notified of state and or federal anti-exploitation sign-on / speak up opportunities, send your **email, name,** and **home state** to [barb@allgirlsallowed.org](mailto:barb@allgirlsallowed.org) or sign up here!





# Gear Up! Press On!

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