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As a mum of five, I know the importance of keeping our children safe.

But when Prime Minister Anthony Albanese introduced his social media ban this week under the guise of protecting children online, I smelt a rat.

Do you believe Albanese when he says THIS 🤔

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drjoannahowe @albomp says he cares about protecting children but I don't believe that is the primary goal of his social media ban. He failed to introduce social media censorship laws last year via the Misinformation and Disinformation bill and so this is now another attempt to limit the power of people like you and me to reach people with the truth online and to pave the way for more draconian censorship laws.

Here's my 6 tips for parents seeking to bring up happy, healthy kids 🌟🌟🌟

- ❌ Do not give your kids a smartphone with the internet. If you need to be able to contact your kids as they catch public transport to school, buy them a dumb phone, a watch with calling capabilities or disable the internet on your kid's phone.
- ❌ Do not let your kids open social media accounts until after high school.
- ❌ No devices with internet in bedrooms / they should be stored in a central, visible place in the home or in a lock box
- ✅ Encourage your kids to explore hobbies and interests / foster this in primary school by discovering their gifts and giving them opportunities to develop these
- ✅ Build a strong family culture / have meals together without devices / talk about books, politics and culture / go into nature as a family once a week
- ✅ Teach your teenagers WHY you have put in the rules and boundaries that you have as a family. Have in-depth conversations where you explain why these are necessary, reference the research and give your teenagers your time and full attention in these discussions.

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Years ago, when asked on radio what he would do if he were a dictator, he replied without hesitation: *“Ban social media because people can say whatever they want.”*

I believe that is the real motivation behind Albanese’s social media ban.

If he genuinely cared about protecting children, he would care about children in the womb.

But he doesn’t. His government has allocated more money to abortion than any previous government, even using taxpayer funds to provide paid parental leave for late-term abortions.

This social media ban, starting with children under 16, is the first step on a long road toward digital censorship that will eventually stop you and me from speaking freely online.

Since I began posting on social media on 2 July 2022, our movement has grown exponentially. From that first Instagram post with zero followers, we now reach **100 million accounts annually and have a movement of more than 200,000 Australians.** Everything we’ve achieved stems from that beginning.



I know there's a lot of harmful content online. My kids don't have smartphones and they don't have access to social media.

However, in a world where the political and media establishment, universities and large corporations all sing from the same song sheet, social media has been a game-changer.

Quite literally, it is helping us save babies and expose the truth on abortion to every person.

This year alone, our movement has helped draft and support the introduction of four pro-life bills - **the most introduced in a single year in Australia since the 1980s!**

We **are** making a difference. When you forward our emails, invite friends to sign up, share our videos and attend our rallies, you help build this movement.

Ours is a grassroots movement and together, we will end abortion.

Sincerely,



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