

# What is the Media? Activity 2.2



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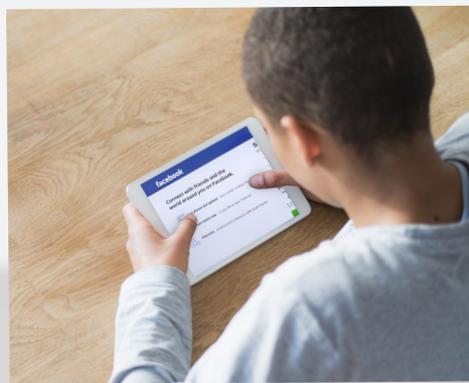
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## SOCIAL MEDIA GIANTS TO LIMIT ACCESS

Social Media companies across the world have decided to work together to limit the access of young people to social media. A spokesperson for one social media giant said “Children should not have access to social media. They do not understand how to use it in a responsible manner. We have therefore decided that we will limit the use of all social media to children over 16 year olds only.”

The move has been criticised by Youth Promotion Groups all around the world, who feel that young people are able to make decisions for themselves, and are able to use social media in a responsible and careful manner. A representative from an Irish Youth Promotion Group said “Young people have been using social media responsibly for a number of years and have a greater understanding of the uses and advantages of social media than many others. They are very upset at the fact that they will no longer have access to social media and request of these Social Media Companies review the decision in the hope that they will change her mind and allow young people access to social media again.”

Some Parents Groups have come out in agreement of the plan and many parents are



happy that children will no longer have access to social media. A representative from one parents group said “We are delighted that children will no longer have access to social media. I am sick and tired of my children sitting and looking at their phone all day. It’s about time the children went out and started to play again. I am so happy with this, I’ve decided to take my child’s phone away all together and they will no longer have any use for us.”

Whether you agree or disagree with this point of view, it is now clear that a decision has been made on behalf of young people in order to protect them.

- Do you feel that this is a good idea?
- Do you feel that young people need protecting?
- Do you feel that young people are responsible with social media?

Let us know what you think.