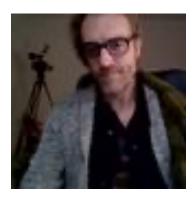VOX POP

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Recently, Australia has introduced a ban on social media for children under 16, sparking debate about the impact of online platforms on young people. Jigyasa Singh talks to the resident about how they feel about it.

Rita Kapadia, 46, Careers Consultant from Uxbridge said- "Yes, I would love to see this happen in the UK as well. I'm really interested to see how this ban will play out and what kind of impact it will have on the overall health of children. Mental health issues are such a big concern for students right now, and I'm hopeful that this change could make a difference for the younger generation."

Chase Bradburn, 40, Filmmaker from Canary Wharf said- "We're a double-income, no-children household, but I have relatives who constantly complain about their kids using social media. I think this ban is a much-needed step, and I really hope other countries will follow suit soon."

Johnathan Philip, 38, Mathematics Teacher in a state school from Belfast said- "I don't think banning something like social media or certain apps is going to solve the real problem, Students today are dealing with so much pressure—academic stress, family expectations, and then on top of that, we have to deal with everything going on in the world."

Rula Eryani, 29, Student from Uxbridge said -"I love it! Social media is making kids idiots. They start thinking artificially and focus more on how they present themselves than on who they really are."

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David S, 40, Marketing from London said- "Banning the use of algorithms targeting children on social media platforms and services should be considered, especially for behaviours that damage the development of children into adults. However this would be a ban on the damaging effects of advertising which is already more socially acceptable, such as with cigarette packaging, whilst allowing the majority of children the opportunity to use the social media as considered normal."

Rebecca Williams, 25, Assistant Manager from Nottingham said- "You could call me old-fashioned, but perhaps it's time for parents to take more responsibility in guiding their children, instead of relying on the government to step in. It feels misguided to jump straight to a ban without exploring other ways to address the issues surrounding social media. What about all the people over 16

who are also negatively affected by it? Shouldn't there be a broader solution?"

Vikalp Gaur, 25, Student from Portsmouth said-"Ban is good; put the ban in other countries too! Ban porn, ban drugs, ban wars".