

10 Things to Teach Kids About Online Content & Cancel Culture



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Seeing is NOT believing

Don't believe everything you see online, especially since negative stories circulate wider than positive, and even credible news sites get things wrong. AI-generated content is hard to detect and can spread misinformation quickly.



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Life is meant to be lived in the real world

Not everything should be shared on social media. Parents must remind kids that excessive time spent online often leads to more anxiety and sadness and diminished enjoyment of day-to-day life.



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Comparison is the thief of joy

Filters, photoshop, and selective sharing enable people to control how the world sees them. Social media often presents unattainable beauty standards and distorted versions of "reality."



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Share with care

Because it's inevitable that children will share some things online, they must be taught about online safety including not revealing their current location. Remind them regularly to NEVER take or send nude photos.



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Post with purpose

Online content lasts forever, so always consider potential consequences before sharing thoughts online. Before publishing, kids should weigh whether or not a post portrays them in a positive light or is likely to produce negative consequences.



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Someone is always watching

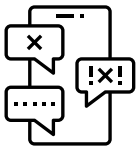
Virtually everything can be captured through cellphone videos or photos. Kids should be aware of their surroundings and ensure that intimate or inappropriate activities are not being recorded.



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Mistakes are a part of life

Personal growth comes from making errors; something that all kids (and adults) do. It is harder than ever to move past mistakes in the age of the Internet, making it critical that kids employ best practices for safe behavior online.



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Cancel Culture is a form of bullying

Kids should not only be taught to avoid becoming targets of cancel culture, but also discouraged from participating in it. Public scorn, online bullying and cancel culture can lead to devastating and permanent consequences, including child suicide.



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Canceling is NOT ok

It is not OK to demonize, dehumanize or cancel others for having different views. Introduce kids to the value of considering and debating different perspectives, and appropriate avenues for holding people accountable for their actions.



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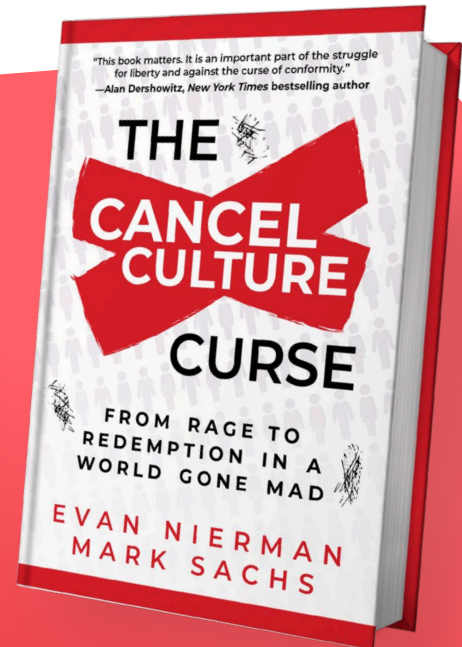
Kindness matters

Surrounding themselves with positive friends makes kids' lives fuller and happier. Encourage them to apply the golden rule to their online behavior and all aspects of life: do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Are you, your child or family experiencing cancel culture?

Want to learn more about how to respond?

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