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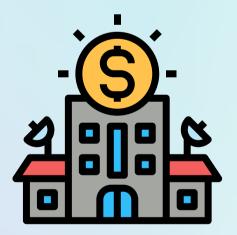
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Heavy social media use is associated with increased self-hatred, low self-esteem, and poor body image -- even more so for kids under 11.





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Teens are flocking to plastic surgeons' offices, asking for procedures to make them look like their edited selfies. It's so common, surgeons have a name for it -- "Snapchat dysmorphia."





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The more time kids spend on social media, the more likely they are to develop severe disordered eating symptoms.







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Social medial platforms must stop harming kids' mental health by:

- Clearly labeling manipulated photos, including those by 3rd party apps
- Disabling beauty filters on kids' accounts
- Stopping promotion of harmful body image content to kids





Here's what parents can do:

- Talk to your kids about filters, photoshop, and other ways social media isn't real life
- Show your kids people who look like them, in the media and in real life
- Sign the open letter to tech companies asking for design changes to keep kids safer online:

https://bit.ly/3k5Dm8Y

