

Inquiry into the Impact of Social Media on Elections and Electoral Administration Survey

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SURVEY

Q1. Encouraging social media platforms to take more action against inappropriate activities (such as bots, harassment, trolling, spreading fake news).

Response: Very good idea

The Misinformation can drastically influence voters opinions on topics for the wrong reasons swaying our elections unfairly with Bots being a big deal as influencers with money will have more of a say in an election rather than the people

Q2. The government funding media literacy campaigns to help people know what they can trust online.

Response: Very good idea

People need to understand fact from fiction and not to be swayed by misinformation. Also to have the tools to make a well-informed decision that will cement or alter their opinions in a logical endeavour.

Q3. Requiring public disclosure of all online political advertising (for example, webpages created by social media platforms showing all of the political advertising on their platform and who paid for it, or webpages created by parties/candidates showing all of the online ads they have run).

Response: Very good idea

Having a candidate that is not entirely beholden to the voter needs to be disclosed as some candidates have the backing of powerful sketchy donors while some do not

Q4. Requiring online electoral advertising to state who paid for it.

Response: Very good idea

having transparency gives a heightened sense of legitimacy to the electoral process cementing the right of the individual to stand for office.

Q5. Government support for independent and trust-worthy organisations that can fact-check claims or identify misinformation.

Response: Not sure

the importance for facts to be promoted through the media is an all high as that is how people get informed on policy and what is happening the world and any misinformation even slight can affect a person's judgement in a different direction to what it would be if the information was true

Q6. Using independent organisations (e.g. the Victorian Electoral Commission) as a source of reliable information about electoral candidates.

Response: Very good idea

Having a single source where people can go to learn about policies from the candidates will greatly help the voter make a well-informed decision

Q7. New laws requiring truth in political advertising.

Response: Very good idea

Having truth be part of what a party is promoting should help prevent populist candidates from preaching ineffective policies

Q8. Are there other things you'd like to see the government do relating to social media or online advertising and elections?

Response: