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Mobile Apps II

Week 6 Summaries

Article 1: States Launch Probe Into TikTok's Effect on Kids' Health

This article talks about an investigation that is being launched on TikTok to analyze long term consequences of the app on teens and younger users. It is mentioned that TikTok could have a serious effect on one's mental health. TikTok is said to have around 1 billion monthly users with most of them being younger kids and teens. Majority of the concerns surrounding TikTok is the fact that it could lead to eating disorders and can promote the idea of self-harm. TikTok claims that its algorithm is designed in a way that it pushes content based on the ages of the users. However, it is noticed that it pushes the content based on what videos you like. There have been many incidents over the world where the content creators have killed themselves due to not being able to handle hate comments and criticisms. Due to these incidents happening, parents are getting concerned about their kids being on the app.

Article 2: Oklahoma Governor Offers Record \$15M to Electric Car Maker

As we know, electric cars are the future. Gas cars are slowly meant to be replaced with electric cars. The use of gas causes pollution in the atmosphere and we are using an excessive amount of fossil fuels. Electric cars are meant to help reduce the effects of global warming. In this article, Republican Gov. Kevin Stitt is looking to award a company named Canoo \$15 million to support the manufacturing of electric vehicles and all the company's planned facilities of around \$450 million in Oklahoma. This amount of \$15 million is the most amount we have seen through the years to support electric cars.

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