

EPISODE: #012: THE APPS YOUR KID WON'T SHOW YOU: TITANIA JORDAN ON
SEXTORTION, ROBLOX, AND THE TALK EVERY PARENT NEEDS TO HAVE

Claim 1: "64% of US teens now use an AI chatbot, and roughly three in ten use one every day" — TRUE

Source: [Pew Research Center, "Teens, Social Media and AI Chatbots 2025" \(December 9, 2025\)](#)

Claim 2: "72% of teens have used AI for companionship" — TRUE

Source: [Common Sense Media, "Talk, Trust, and Trade-Offs: How and Why Teens Use AI Companions" \(July 16, 2025\)](#)

Claim 3: "33% of that 72% say they have relationships and/or friendships with chatbots" — MOSTLY TRUE, framing slightly off

Same report as above finds 33% of all teens surveyed use AI companions for social interaction and relationships, not 33% of the 72% subgroup specifically.

Source: [Common Sense Media, "Talk, Trust, and Trade-Offs: How and Why Teens Use AI Companions" \(July 16, 2025\)](#)

Claim 4: "31% of kids ages eleven through sixteen who've used a chatbot say it feels like one of their friends" — TRUE

Source: [Vodafone, "AI Chatbots: Safer Internet Day 2026" research \(February 2026\), survey of 2,000 UK children ages 11-16](#)

Claim 5: "South Carolina State Representative Brandon Guffey lost his son to sextortionists through Instagram... his son was around seventeen" — TRUE

Rep. Brandon Guffey's son Gavin, 17, was targeted by sextortionists on Instagram in July 2022 and died by suicide hours later. Guffey has since sued Meta and pushed South Carolina's "Gavin's Law."

Source: [A South Carolina lawmaker is suing Instagram after his son died by suicide- CNN](#)

Claim 6: "Between October 2021 and March 2023... over 13,000 reports... at least 12,600 victims, primarily boys... linked to at least 20 suicides" — TRUE

This matches the FBI's own figures exactly.

Source: [The Financially Motivated Sextortion Threat - FBI](#)

Claim 7: "In 2024, the FBI received nearly 55,000 sextortion related reports, a 59% jump over the prior year" — PARTIALLY TRUE

The number and percentage are accurate (54,936 complaints, 59% increase), but this FBI/IC3 figure covers "sextortion and other forms of extortion" broadly, not specifically minors.

Source: [10 key numbers from the 2024 FBI IC3 report - Cyber Scoop](#)

Claim 8: "A few years ago... Apple was going to start flagging CSAM in iCloud... and then they walked it back" — TRUE

Apple announced CSAM detection for iCloud Photos in 2021, delayed it after backlash, and formally abandoned it in December 2022, citing privacy and security concerns.

Source: [Apple Abandons Controversial Plans to Detect Known CSAM in iCloud Photos- Mac Rumors](#)

Claim 9: "Tim Tebow and his foundation recently passed the Renewed Hope Act" — PARTIALLY TRUE

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Tebow has lobbied Congress on this for years, including testifying before the Senate with a map showing every U.S. location where someone was caught with CSAM. But the Renewed Hope Act itself — the bill with that specific name — never passed; it stalled in a House committee. What actually became law was a different bill, the Secure America Act, which carried the same funding Tebow had been pushing for (\$108.5 million for 200 new child-exploitation investigators) and passed in June 2026. So the outcome he wanted happened, but not through the named bill Titania references.

Source: [HSL spending plan includes critical funds to rescue exploited children, hunt predators - WJLA](#)

Claim 10: "There are thankfully legislators like John Ossoff and Marsha Blackburn... advocating in a bipartisan way" — TRUE

Ossoff and Blackburn co-sponsored the REPORT Act (signed into law 2024), and Ossoff has separately co-sponsored KOSA and COPPA 2.0.

Source: [Sen. Ossoff Working to Pass Bipartisan Legislation to Protect Children Online - OSSOFF](#)

Claim 11: "State attorneys generals are suing Roblox for the harms that have happened to kids" — TRUE

At least six states (Kentucky, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Nebraska, Tennessee) have sued Roblox over child safety failures as of mid-2026, with more under investigation.

Source: [Texas sues Roblox, alleging the online gaming platform endangers children - The Texas Tribune](#)

Claim 12: "There are groups out there like 764 whose whole job it is to convince children to harm each other, abuse each other, abuse animals" — TRUE

764 is a real network the DOJ prosecutes as a domestic nihilistic violent extremist (NVE) organization; the FBI ranks it a "Tier One" threat, its highest priority tier. It coerces minors into self-harm, animal cruelty, and CSAM production, and is active in part on Roblox and Discord. Canada has formally designated it a terrorist entity; the U.S. has not yet taken that specific step but treats it as a domestic terrorism priority.

Source: [Leaders of 764 Arrested and Charged for Operating Global Child Exploitation Enterprise - Justice.Gov](#)

Claim 13: "Suicide is the second leading cause of death in children in this nation" — TRUE

Confirmed by CDC data for children aged 10–14; suicide ranks among the top three causes of death across most child and teen age bands (for 15–19, it's third, after unintentional injury and homicide).

Source: [Distribution of the 10 leading causes of death among children and adolescents aged 10 to 14 years in the United States from 2020 to 2023 - Statista](#)

Claim 14: "Around 16 states have either passed or introduced legislation requiring trust funds... if the content percentage... is thirty percent or greater" — TRUE

Both the count (16 states) and the 30%-of-content threshold match published tracking of child-influencer trust fund laws.

Source: [Protecting Young Influencers: New Laws Protect Content Creators That Are Minors - Multistate.us](#)