Why parents help their children lie to Facebook about age: Unintended consequences of the ‘Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act’

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1007 parents of children aged 10-14 surveyed

55% of parents with a 12-year old reported their child had a Facebook

Of the parents with the 12-year children on Facebook:

- 82% of the parents knew when their 12-year old child signed up
- 76% of the parents assisted their 12-year old sign up
93% of the parents studied believed that they – parents – should decide whether a child can access websites and online services -- not the company providing the service or the government.