

Facebook, Instagram Parent Company Meta Accused of Harming Children in Landmark Case

The largest social media company in the world is headed to a California courtroom next week.

Meta, the company behind sites like Facebook and Instagram, is accused of bringing psychological harm to children and illegally collecting their data.

Attorneys general say features like endless scrolling and push notifications led to addiction and mental health issues in young people.



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State attorneys general from 29 states have sued Meta over allegations of harm to young users, but the California case represents the first of four states levying suits.

Earlier this week, a federal appeals court ruled that Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act did not provide legal immunity from the more than 3,000 lawsuits against Meta and fellow social media platforms.

The 1996 law typically shields tech companies from liability for content created by third parties. But in this case, it's the product design that's under scrutiny.

It's the latest in a series of blows for Meta.

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