



### Newsletter Topics: The Manosphere - What is this? | WhatsApp Parent-Managed Accounts

## The Manosphere!

The Netflix documentary Louis Theroux: Inside the Manosphere is a shocking look at online influencers who spread anti-women, extreme ideologies. While disturbing, it's a wake-up call. Here's what you need to know to protect your children.

### What is the "manosphere"?

A collection of online groups that push harmful beliefs: that men are losing power, feminism is dangerous, and women exist for men's benefit. Young people, especially teenage boys feeling insecure or lonely, are vulnerable.

### 3 things you can do right now:

- 1. Teach critical thinking**
  - Ask your child: "What is this influencer trying to make you feel? Who benefits if you believe this?"
- 2. Have short, calm conversations**
  - Use openers like: "I've seen some weird stuff online about men vs. women. Have you come across that?" Avoid lecturing.
- 3. Manage the algorithm together**
  - Review who they follow.
  - Use "not interested" on harmful content.
  - Turn off YouTube autoplay.

### Warning signs to watch for:

- New angry or sexist language ("female", "simp", "red pill")
- Withdrawal from family or female friends
- Sudden interest in "men's rights" content

### What if you're worried?

Stay calm. Don't ban their phone. *Ask:* "Help me understand what you like about that creator?" Then introduce positive male role models who respect women.



## WhatsApp: Parent Managed Accounts

WhatsApp is rolling out Parent-Managed Accounts - a feature designed for younger users (under 13 in Europe/UK, under 16 in some regions) who need parental oversight.

### These settings allow you to:

- Choose who can contact your child
- Ensure only you can add them to groups

### Important caution:

Just because the option now exists, WhatsApp may still not be appropriate for your child.

### How it works:

Parent PIN control: Parents set a PIN to manage key settings.

### What you can manage:

- Who your child can message
- Unknown contacts & group invites
- Privacy settings
- Activity reminders

### Child's experience:

They can still chat freely with approved contacts, but parents can step in for safety.

### Key features:

- Block & report - Parents can help block or report harmful users.
- Account linking - Link your account to your child's, and unlink later when they're older.
- No secret snooping - You don't see their messages, just controls over who they connect with.

This feature is currently unavailable and is rolling out gradually. Keep WhatsApp updated via Google Play or App Store, and watch for announcements.

More information can be found here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/894871699629864>

