# **Topline questionnaire**

#### 2018 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S Teen Survey TOPLINE Draft March 7 – April 10, 2018 Teens ages 13-17 N=743

ASK ALL:

DEVICE At home, do you have or have access to... [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

		Yes	<u>No</u>	<u>DK/Refusal</u>
a.	A smartphone			
	March 7-April 10, 2018	95	5	*
	Sept 25-Oct. 9, 2014 &	73	27	0
	Feb. 10-March 16, 2015	75	27	Ũ
b.	A cell phone that is not a			
	smartphone			
	March 7-April 10, 2018	29	70	2
	Sept 25-Oct. 9, 2014 &	30	70	*
	Feb. 10-March 16, 2015	50	70	
с.	A desktop or laptop computer			
	March 7-April 10, 2018	88	12	*
	Sept 25-Oct. 9, 2014 &	87	13	0
	Feb. 10-March 16, 2015	07	15	0
d.	A gaming console			
	March 7-April 10, 2018	84	16	1
	Sept 25-Oct. 9, 2014 &	81	19	*
	Feb. 10-March 16, 2015	01	19	

#### ASK ALL:

INTREQ About how often do you use the internet, either on a computer or a cellphone?<sup>3</sup>

	<u>Sept. 25 – Oct.</u> 9, 2014 & Feb.	
March 7-	10-March 16,	
<u>April 10, 2018</u>	<u>2015</u>	
45	24	Almost constantly
44	56	Several times a day
5	12	About once a day
5	5	Several times a week
2	3	Less often
0	0	DK/Refusal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The survey conducted in 2014-2015 gave an explicit option for "less than a week" to be comparable with the current survey that has now been included in the "less often" category.

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# ASK ALL:

GAMING Do you ever play video games - on a computer, game console or cellphone?

Yes
No
DK/Refusal

## ASK ALL:

SNS1 Do you ever use any of the following social media sites? [RANDOMIZE 1-7 WITH ITEM 8 LAST]

		<u>Selected</u>	<u>Not selected</u> /No answer
1.	Twitter March 7-April 10, 2018	32	68
2.	Instagram March 7-April 10, 2018	72	28
3.	Facebook March 7-April 10, 2018	51	49
4.	Snapchat March 7-April 10, 2018	69	31
5.	YouTube March 7-April 10, 2018	85	15
6.	Tumblr March 7-April 10, 2018	9	91
7.	Reddit March 7-April 10, 2018	7	93
8.	None of these March 7-April 10, 2018	3	97

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# ASK IF USING MORE THAN ONE SOCIAL MEDIA SITE [Count of "Yes" to SNS1\_1-7 > 1]

SNS2 Which one of these sites do you use most often?

#### Based on those who use more than one social media site [N=634]

March 7-	
<u>April 10, 2018</u>	
3	Twitter
16	Instagram
11	Facebook
40	Snapchat
29	YouTube
*	Tumblr
1	Reddit
*	DK/Refusal

#### SNSMOST Summary of most used social media site, based on SNS1 and SNS2

#### Based on total [N=743]

March 7-<u>Ap</u>ril 10

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- 3 Twitter 15 Instagram 10 Facebook 35 Snapchat 32 YouTube
- Tumblr \*
- Reddit 1
- 3 Not a social media user
  - DK/Refusal

#### ASK ALL:

SOC1 Overall, what effect would you say social media has had on people your age?

March 7-

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April 10, 2018

- 31 Mostly positive
- 24 Mostly negative
- 45 Neither positive nor negative
- \* DK/Refusal

# ASK IF SAYING SOCIAL MEDIA HAS A MOSTLY NEGATIVE OR MOSTLY POSITIVE EFFECT [SOC1=1,2]<sup>4</sup>

SOC1a What is the main reason you think social media has a [IF SOC1=1 "mostly positive effect"; IF SOC1=2 "mostly negative effect"] on people your age?

# Based on those who say social media has a mostly positive effect [N=219]

March 7-	
<u>April 10, 2018</u>	
40	Communication with friends and family
16	Finding information/news/current events
15	Meeting people with similar interests
9	Happiness, entertainment, convenience
7	Self-expression
5	Getting support
4	Learning new things
6	Other
4	DK/Refusal

# Based on those who say social media has a mostly negative effect [N=211]

March 7-	
<u>April 10, 2018</u>	
27	Bullying/people being mean/spreading rumors
	Harms relationships/not enough in-person
17	communication
	Gives teens an unrealistic picture of others'
15	lives
14	Distracted or addicted to devices
12	Peer pressure/teens too easily influenced
4	Causes psychological issues
3	Drama
12	Other
1	DK/Refusal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Open-ended responses were manually coded. Each open-ended response may contain reference to multiple themes.