



Mothers Against
Media Addiction

LANDMARK VERDICT IN META & YOUTUBE TRIAL HERALDS IMPORTANT VICTORY: THE ERA OF BIG TECH INVINCIBILITY IS OVER

MARCH 25, 2026 - Following the verdict handed down in a landmark trial in California, which found that Meta and YouTube were negligent in designing addictive products that harm people's mental health, Julie Scelfo, Founder and Executive Director of Mothers Against Media Addiction (MAMA), released the following statement:

“Today’s verdict is a major victory in the fight to hold Big Tech accountable for their addictive algorithms and the predatory design of their platforms that have harmed so many of our children. It is also long overdue validation for the families whose children have been hurt, or even died by suicide, after being exposed to harmful content on these companies’ platforms.

“Throughout this trial, the first of thousands of cases brought by families and school districts, we saw indisputable evidence that social media companies knew that their products were putting our kids at risk – and did nothing to stop it. This outcome sends a clear message: Big Tech will finally be held accountable for knowingly harming the mental health and safety of our children for profit.”

“Now, our elected officials must build on the momentum from this ruling by passing legislation that requires online platforms to be safe by design and ends Big Tech’s efforts to addict kids to their dangerous products. Our nationwide MAMA movement will continue fighting to keep kids safe online and ensure every child is protected from the harms of media addiction and exploitative technology.”

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