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In the video article that was provided in class, Scott Galloway, the host of CNN+, mentioned that he would rather give his 14 years old son, a bottle of bottle of Jack Daniels and marijuana rather than giving him an Instagram and Snapchat account. This controversial statement created quite a stir online. Although, there are merits to what he said about the dangers of social media platforms like Instagram and Snapchat, it is asinine to suggest that giving a kid whisky and weed is less dangerous than giving him access to social media accounts. First of all, giving an underage kid any form of alcohol is just plain irresponsible. Giving a kid access to alcohol at a young age could lead him or her to a life of alcoholism. Although weed might have some health related benefits if used correctly and responsibly, suggesting that you would rather give it to a kid instead of access to social media accounts is mind boggling. It sets a bad example and could possibly lead to the kid becoming a drug addict in the future. Instead of advocating such ridiculous statements, he should have focus on how parents should teach their kids how to properly and responsibly conduct themselves online. As a journalist, it is his responsibility to fact check his statements and avoid saying things that the public might misinterpret. Rather than suggesting whiskey and weed, he should have provided the public ways and methods on how parents can monitor their kid's online activities. Parental locks is one example of such method. By using parental locks, parents can restrict and limit access to online contents that are not meant for kids. Of course, there is always the old fashioned "Talk to your kid method". It is always a good idea for parents to teach their kids what is right and what is wrong, not just in the online world but the in real world as well.