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A Father's Day Reflection



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This coming Sunday is Father's Day, and like many of you, it has me reflecting on what that means.

I consider myself incredibly lucky—I had not just one, but two dads. At every big moment in my life, they stood proud: high school graduation, college, and when I became a mother.

Although I won't be able to see my dad this year—he lives about 600 miles away—I find myself more grateful with each passing year for the time we've shared. My grilling skills? I owe most of those to him. We still trade recipes, and I still find myself asking, "Dad, how do you cook that?" or "What seasonings go into your BBQ rub again?"

This year also brings a quiet ache. It's the first Father's Day without my stepdad, Bud, who passed away last September. The memory of him meeting my son for the first time is something I'll treasure forever. It was one of those rare, perfect moments that never fades.

So this weekend, celebrate Father's Day. Call your dad. Hug him if you can. And if you've had a falling out, maybe this is the time to mend that fence. Life is short—and family is one of life's greatest blessings.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there.



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Three generations together — my dad, my son, and me. Grateful for the memories.



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I cherished this moment with my stepdad and my son. This was the last birthday celebration for my son before he passed.



Attorney General Coleman Calls on Meta to address AI sexual exploitation risks

Attorney General Russell Coleman announced today he called on Meta Platforms, Inc. after disturbing reports that the social media giant's AI assistant, known as "Meta AI," may expose children to sexually explicit content and allow adults to simulate the grooming of minors. General Coleman joined a coalition of 28 attorneys general in a letter to Meta to express their concerns.

These reports are alarming because they create another virtual playground for predators to find and exploit our children," Attorney General Coleman said. "Working with AG colleagues around the country, we will go to where the threats are to keep Kentucky's kids safe."

Meta AI, integrated across Instagram, Facebook, and WhatsApp, allows users to interact with synthetic personas through text, voice, and image exchanges. Recent investigative re-



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porting has revealed that several Meta AI personas have engaged in graphic sexual conversations with users identifying as minors. In one case, a Meta-created persona using the voice of wrestler-turned-actor John Cena described a sexual encounter with a user posing as a 14-year-old girl and acknowledged its illegality. User-created underage personas were also implicated in facilitating pedophilic scenarios with adult-identifying users.

The attorneys general are seeking answers to several urgent questions, including:

Whether Meta intentionally removed safeguards to allow sexual role-play,

Whether any of these capabilities remain available on Meta's social media platforms, and

Whether Meta plans to halt access to sexual role-play on its platforms for users under the age of 18.

Attorney General Coleman joined the South Carolina-led letter with the attorneys general from Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming. The letter can be read at <https://www.scag.gov/>

[media/snmnjqh/meta-ai-letter-5-27-2025-signed.pdf](https://www.southcarolinagov.com/media/snmnjqh/meta-ai-letter-5-27-2025-signed.pdf).

In addition to joining the letter, Attorney General Coleman is also currently co-leading—along with California, Colorado, and New Jersey—a bi-partisan coalition of 29 states that filed a lawsuit against Meta in federal court for violations of state consumer protection statutes, as well as violations of the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). The multistate complaint generally alleges that Meta violated COPPA by unlawfully collecting the personal data of its youngest users without their parents' permission, and that Meta violated consumer protection statutes by misleading the public about the substantial dangers its social media platforms pose to teenagers and children. The complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, case no. 4:22-md-03047-YGR.

Glasgow Business and Professional Women



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Glasgow Business and Professional Women kicked off another year at the June meeting with Teresa Garmon as President and The Issues Management and Planning Meeting. During this meeting, members were encouraged to volunteer to help with planning the monthly meetings and with the several additional events such as the Women's Conference, the Elevate Conference and the Market on the Square, held by BPW throughout the year.