Fortune: Don’t praise Meta ‘for what the court orders them to do’: Meta will only pay the full $17.1 billion settlement if TikTok and YouTube match it

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Rob Lalka, Albert Lepage Professor in Business, was interviewed by Fortune about Meta's $17.1 billion settlement with state attorneys general over harms to children caused by the company's Facebook and Instagram apps.

> “No one should be praising someone for what the court orders them to do. Meta is not reforming here, they’re complying,” he said. “The amount of money that they’re paying out is nowhere near commensurate to the impact that they’ve had on society.”

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