

# SWS: 7 in 10 Filipino internet users view fake news as a serious problem

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Seven in 10 Filipino internet users believe that there is a serious problem with the spread of fake news in various social media platforms, based on the Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey results.

The nationwide SWS survey conducted from March 23 to 27 found 67 percent of Filipino internet users saying fake news in the internet is a serious problem (40 percent saying it is very serious, 26 percent saying it is somewhat serious).

Meanwhile, 13 percent said it is not a serious problem (9 percent saying it is somewhat not serious and 4 percent saying it is not serious at all).

About 20 percent of internet users were undecided on the issue.

These resulted to a net score of +54 (percentage of those serious minus percentage of those not serious), which is 11 points below the net +65 (73 percent serious, 8 percent not serious) in the December, 2017 survey.

The proportion of internet users who said there is a serious problem of fake news in the internet was higher in Metro Manila and the rest of Luzon, both at 71 percent, compared to Visayas at 68 percent, and Mindanao at 52 percent.