

Article Review 1:

Cyberbullying on Social Media: Definitions, Prevalence, and Impact Challenges

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Introduction

Cyberbullying is the act where someone (or a group) targets an individual(s) online with malicious intent such as harassment or trolling. In this study, “Cyberbullying on Social Media: Definitions, Prevalence, and Impact Challenges,” written by Ray, Dermott, and Nicho, explores cyberbullying on social media through recent literature and with in-depth analysis. Its particular focus is on the under-researched topic of cyberbullying targeting adults and the effects this has on society. This article review will analyze the Journal through the lens of the social sciences and how it connects to the course.

Relation to the Social Science Principles

The social science principles consist of seven principles. These are relativism, objectivity, parsimony, empiricism, skepticism, ethical neutrality, and determinism. The paper does touch on most of these, however, there will be emphasis on objectivity and determinism. It is imperative that information is held with objectivity as emotion or bias shouldn't interfere so as to not influence the outcome of a study. Though, it can of course be challenging considering the topic of cyberbullying. Regardless, keeping composure and keeping evidence rooted in truth should take priority.

For skepticism, it's equally as important to adhere to. It is recommended to be wary of information as many variables can make data in a study unreliable or questionable. Such an example includes people/surveyors/researchers who can offer inaccurate information intentionally and unintentionally. Additionally, it is not uncommon for certain researchers to come to opposite/different conclusions to the same research field. “Some studies suggest there is a negative relationship between mental, well-being, and social media, whilst other research reports lack of association” (Ray, Dermott, Nicho, 2019).

Research and Variables

- Research Question: Impact of cyberbullying on social media.
- Hypothesis: Those who experience cyberbullying will have worsened mental health.
- Independent Variable: Cyberbullying.
- Dependent Variable: Impact of mental health and well-being.

Research Methods and Data Analysis

The journal is composed of both qualitative and quantitative collected data. The authors had examined 71 papers of recent literature and compiled and condensed them into this journal. Through the systematic evaluation of the articles, a plethora of information was gathered and sorted to help understand the impact of cyberbullying and gain more insight into what experiences can influence a person to commit them. Additionally, they used graphs detailing, charts, percentages, and diagrams to present data. This data was accumulated with information literacy techniques and the help of databases such as Google Scholar and Scopus.

Course Concept Connections

The study has many concepts that correlate and compliment the material so far learned in class and with the presentations. Most of this information reinforces and expands upon existing knowledge regarding social science. It relates to the principles of social science, field studies, and survey research. With the heavy discussion of the mind and personality, it is natural that it covers the topic of psychology and sociology. Not only this, it harkens to the subject of victimization, behavioral and psychodynamic features and theories.

Marginalized Groups

Marginalized groups such as women, ethnic minorities, and queer individuals are often the primary targets of cyberbullying attacks on social media. This can be especially dangerous as

these groups are more vulnerable and susceptible to victimization. Often, these communities lack strong support systems and may face increased adversity in attempting to reach out for help and aid.

Conclusion

In conclusion, this journal was incredibly informative, insightful, and filled with strong data points. It had a lot of strengths such as being well-organized, having simple yet thorough explanations, and showcased its data well. Additionally, it did a really good job in contributing to the subject and research of cyberbullying and the social sciences.

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