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Article #1 - Cyberbullying on Social Media

Summary:

The journal article, "Cyberbullying on Social Media: Definitions, Prevalence, And Impact Challenges" by (Ray, McDermott, & Nicho, 2024) provides an informative overview of the complexities surrounding cyberbullying. The authors effectively synthesize findings from 71 studies conducted between 2007 and 2022, revealing significant inconsistencies in definitions across various contexts. This lack of a standardized definition poses a challenge for both researchers and practitioners aiming to address the issue completely. By advocating for a universally accepted framework, the authors highlight an essential gap in existing literature that could hinder effective intervention strategies. In addition, the prevalence of cyberbullying among individuals exhibiting traits such as Machiavellianism, psychopathy, and narcissism underscores the need for targeted prevention efforts. (Giumetti & Kowalski, 2022) further explains this point by discussing how personality traits can predict both victimization and perpetration within online environments. Their findings suggest that individual differences play a crucial role in understanding who is most at risk or likely to engage in cyberbullying behaviors. However, as noted by (Mahfouz, 2023), these insights must be contextualized within specific populations to ensure relevance and efficacy.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, while the paper effectively outlines negative psychological outcomes associated with cyberbullying such as increased anxiety and depression. There remains a pressing need for longitudinal studies to establish causality definitively. The cross-sectional nature of much existing research limits our understanding of long-term impacts on both victims and perpetrators. Therefore, future research should prioritize longer designs to capture the dynamic nature of cyberbullying's effects over time.

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