

Cyberbullying against Women in Iraq

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Iraqi Women and Cyberbullying

Technology has advanced tremendously over the years bringing many advantages in society. Although technology brings a vast number of advantages there are also many disadvantages that come along with it. One of those disadvantages is the rise of cyberbullying in society. Unfortunately, women in Iraq have been dealing with cyberbullying challenges for a while now due to the growth in technology. Iraqi women tend to be cyberbullied due to their different lifestyle in comparison to women in industrialized and developed nations.

Unfortunately, in Iraq there are very few laws that protect from cyberbullying. Due to the lack of laws, there is not much protection for these women being cyberbullied. The main conclusion of this article is that it demonstrates that cyberbullying against women in Iraq is a result of literacy, lack of resources, and the absence of contemporary criminal legislation.

Principles of Social Science Involved

This article portrayed many examples of the principals of social sciences. Relativism is involved due to both cyberbullying and technology being related. Due to the rise of technology many individuals can use technology for the wrong purpose. Cyberbullying is one example of how users can attack and harm another certain individual. Not only is relativism involved in that sense but also changes in technology involve changes in the political system. For instance, in Iraq there are few laws and regulations in place to help protect these women from cyberbullying. Such regulations and laws are related to the political system due to their power of ensuring that consequences are placed for individuals who misuse technology for the wrong purposes.

Objectivity is also represented in this article because the study does not exist to form opinions or a point of view but instead it exists to objectively advance knowledge regarding the challenges being faced by Iraqi women due to cyberbullying. The question of why these women are being

cyberbullied forms many opinions but the article demonstrates no bias of the topic. Parsimony is demonstrated in this article by providing a clear and simple conclusion that “the origins of cyberbullying may be traced back to the utilization of social media and digital platforms as means of communication” (Ali, 2023). According to this article, the main reason why these women are being cyberbullied is due to them exposing themselves more on social media and using digital platforms for communication. Empiricism is demonstrated by performing a study on one of our real senses which is the ability for these Iraqi women to be able to see the hateful comments being made through cyberbullying. Ethical neutrality involves the main question on whether the Iraqi government is enforcing laws and regulations to help protect these Iraqi women and if not, what measure should they take to ensure security for these women. This article demonstrates a nomothetic model of determinism by identifying the relatively few causes of cyberbullying such as child growth and self-perception. As shown throughout the article the principles of social science were demonstrated all through the examples, questions, and explanations of why these women are being cyberbullied and why the Iraqi government has not enforced stricter laws and regulations to ensure that these women are protected.

Research Questions/Hypothesis and Research Methods

Throughout this article the main question is why are these Iraqi women being cyberbullied? Throughout the study it demonstrates that Iraqi women were being cyberbullied due to their different lifestyle. Many Iraqi women are housewives that have little education. According to the research “the severity of cyberbullying increases when individuals are unable to conceal their personal information on social media platforms or lack of knowledge to use social media in a proficient manner” (Ali,2023). This demonstrates the probable causes of why these women are being cyberbullied. The main hypothesis is if the Iraqi government enforces stricter

laws and regulations then there will be a decrease in the severity of cyberbullying against the Iraqi women. This is the hypothesis because the independent variable is the government, and the dependent variable is the Iraqi women. This article's main research method was using archival research. Throughout the article there are many forms of already existing research being used to ensure credibility. The article uses existing forms of research such as crime reports and studies conducted by scientists that ensure credibility for the article.

Data & Analysis

Throughout the article I was able to analyze that the Iraqi government has not developed a well-structured framework to be able to ensure that Iraqi women are being protected from Cyberbullies. For instance, the data demonstrates that the “issue of privacy in social media and communication remains largely unaddressed in Iraq, as a significant number of Iraqi women encounter various forms of threats on social media platforms that directly impact their personal lives (Zhu et al., 2020). This data provides concrete information that the Iraqi government's laws are not effective towards securing protection against such acts. In Iraq there are very few consequences for such actions and therefore, have caused a significant downfall on the personal lives of these women. This article provides data collection to provide concrete information on how the government is not acting in an effective manner for these women. I also believe that cyber analytics is a form of data and analysis due to the researchers receiving real time data of when these women are being attacked through the web. The data in this article was collected from the research participants through a series of questions regarding the fact whether cyberbullying and discrimination against women is truly common in Iraq and how perceived norms such as internet education, social beliefs and social media impact the discrimination and cybersecurity against the women in Iraq.

Relation to Class and contributions to Marginalized Groups

While evaluating this article I was able to find many key components that we have been learning in class. For instance, the use of Archival research which a key advantage of using this research method is that it can access many subjects who otherwise would not be accessible. I also can find a relation on the component of criminology by developing an article of cybercrime which is a form of criminology as well as the use of political science. Political science can be demonstrated due to the government being involved in the research and demonstrating the law of laws and regulations to be able to ensure security for these Iraqi women online. I also analyzed that this article demonstrated what cybersecurity was all about and the importance of implementing stricter rules and regulations to ensure security of personal information. Having stricter rules and regulations implemented ensures the decrease for certain attackers to affect another individual's personal life. This article demonstrates an effective way of describing the challenges of a marginalized groups. Iraqi women are commonly at risk to be affected by discrimination due to their cultural differences, lack of education and lack of opportunities. "It is vital to comprehend that women in Iraq are encountering challenges in relation to their utilization of social media as a means of communication and engagement" (Ali, 2023). These challenges are unjust because they are trying to use technology for a positive manner and being attacked for it. Another challenge for these Iraqi women is that it is evident that women are confronted with issue of domestic violence making it already another of cyberbullying for them allowing themselves to be put in that position. These Iraqi women are not as educated and do not have the governmental support that other well-developed countries have.

Societal contributions

This article contributes through society in many different manners. It develops a credible source for individuals to understand the issues that cyberbullying can create in society. For instance, “the impact of hate speech and bullying on a child growth and self-perception can be substantial perhaps resulting in diminished self-esteem (Chen, 2022). This is crucial for understanding how these Iraqi women’s self-perception and self-esteem is being affected due to the hateful comments and perception of them on the internet. This article also contributes to society by helping the readers understand that not only children and males suffer from cyberbullying but many other marginalized groups in society. For example, “Cyberbullying is a significant societal issue that affects not only children and males but also individuals who hold influential positions in society” (Chen, 2022). This article demonstrates the importance of ensuring that protection such as laws and regulations are in place to ensure that people are protected through the internet and consequences are established when attackers decide to harm an individual through the internet.

Conclusion

Overall, the article reflected many key components that relate to cybersecurity and the components that make cybersecurity what it is today. These Iraqi women are experiencing challenges due to the lack of cybersecurity laws and regulations that need to be placed by the Iraqi government. Iraqi women are suffering from hateful comments and remarks that lead them to have a negative self-esteem in themselves causing them to have issues in their future. The article demonstrated the principles of social science while ensuring that a proper data and analysis was put in place.

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