

## EFFECTS OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON EDUCATION

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Social media is used by the vast majority of individuals in the 21st century. To start with social media is a computer-based technology that makes it easier to share information, ideas, and thoughts by creating online communities and networks. Social media is Internet-based by design and enables instantaneous electronic content communication for consumers. How does social media affect students and their education? It has its own share of good and bad effects on education.

The pupils are inspired and motivated to learn because to the advanced use of social media platforms. One of the main factors that contribute to educational development is the usage of YouTube to view educational videos. Other important factors include simple access to e-books, online notes, and learning via video calling. In reality, students can join a variety of study groups online for a variety of disciplines and learn from them.

Social media has a significant positive effect on improving academic achievement of students they get more knowledge through acquiring data and information. When students are given projects to complete, they use a variety of online resources to obtain knowledge and find answers to their assignments.

Some students may begin incorporating the colloquial social media lingo into their academic work. Even terms like "the" and "you" may be shortened to "d" and "u," respectively. This makes it more difficult for them to learn how to communicate in real life using appropriate grammar and spelling. They might even begin incorporating texting and online chat into regular talks, which would be detrimental to their ability to communicate effectively as a whole.

When someone becomes dependent on something, they are unable to live without it. For any student who relies primarily on social media for learning, this might be highly harmful. Because they know they can always use social media to gain any information, some kids could not even pay attention in class. This is unhealthy because they won't be able to function without it. Because they may easily replace in-person interactions with their professors and peers with the usage of a social media app, this addiction can also negatively affect the students' self-esteem and confidence. This can prevent them from developing the confidence to connect with others in real life.

One of the biggest drawbacks of social media in education is students may have a lack of ability to learn independently. This may cause some of the pupils to slouch in the background and not actively contribute to the group project. Since group work might give certain students the chance to develop a tendency toward laziness and an unwillingness to complete tasks independently, this can even prevent them from working on their own unique thoughts and ideas.

The bottom line is that social media plays a significant role in our daily lives, thus there is no need to exclude it from the educational process, negative effect should just be minimized through execution of effective methods and positive impacts should be utilized for effective learning to happen.

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