

Topic - Social media platforms : blessing or curse

Social media as it stands today does have its benefit and drawbacks to society at large. For parents who send their kids off to foreign lands in pursuit of better education, it is a blessing. Whereas, for a teenage victim of cyberbullying it is a curse. Nowadays, the cons far outweigh the pros.

Firstly, the social media has greatly contributed to increase in social isolations. The reason being that each year, the average number of hours being spend online on social media has been increasing. This is specially true among the younger generations. This time could have been spent on making meaningful and lasting bonds with your family and friends.

Excessive social media use has also been linked to psychological issues such as depression, anxiety, low self-esteem and etc. People have a habit of showing off on social media platforms. The issue arises when people from middle or lower class starts comparing their lives with that of high status people. These people imagined that the grass is greener on the other side, little do they know that both the above mentioned issues can be resolved with limited screentime.

Perhaps, the biggest concern of social media platforms these days are privacy invasion. It is a common practice for platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, to share the personal information of users to third parties. As evident, from 2018's trial of Mark Zuckerberg (co-founder of Facebook) in front of U.S Congress.