

Banning Various websites

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Paragraph Writing

{ Banning digital websites
in Pakistan }

In Pakistan, Banning digital websites have become a culture. Vast censorship results in hurting Pakistanis sentiment to access the knowledge. Recently, Wikipedia was banned by Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) due to "Sacrilegious Content" available. In a statement on Feb 4, 2023 by Wikimedia foundation said "Ban denies the fifth largest nation to have access to knowledge repository". If the ban continues in Pakistan it would undermine the people to have access to knowledge, history and education. Major social media websites have been banned in the last few years e.g. Youtube was banned from 2012 to 2016, facebook in 2010, in the same way, Tiktok from 2020 to 2021. All this shows the banning of the digital websites culture ^{has} flourished in Pakistan.²¹

Negative effects of Social Media on youth (peer pressure)

There have been various negative effects of social media on youth, however, chief among which them is peer pressure.

Peer pressure is motivating the youth to indulge in the activities that are against their norms, for example, a study shows that 75% of youth are using drugs as a result of peer pressure. In addition to this, youth have been participating in sexting - Jacobson & Casas with others in a study.

It has conducted survey among youth and claim that one of the factors is peer pressure which, pressurize the youth to indulge in sexting. Thus, it shows one of the primary negative effects of social media on youth is peer pressure.