

## "The impact of social media on mental health"

According to Alex Bogusky "Social media is a powerful tool, but it's also a powerful distraction." In 21 century, social media is one of the important tools of our lives through which people acquire positive effects including connection and community, self-expression, and access to information and resources. However, there are some negative effects which ultimately impact mental health such as comparison and envy, cyberbullying and addiction. Thus, it is necessary that one should use social media in a positive way.

With the help of social media, people are connected with each other. It is a source through which one can easily communicate with the world irrespective of distance. Thus social media can help people feel connected and part of a community.

Furthermore, social media provides a platform of self-expression and creativity. This can help in building memories and learning experience from others posting. Self-expression can create and sharing content that promotes positivity, inclusivity, and respect for diversity.

In addition, social media is very much helpful for accessing information and resources. With the help of this, one can get a vast array of information and resources, it is providing users with access to real-time news, educational content, online courses, and expert opinion. Additionally,



Social media groups and communities provide resources and support on various topics, such as mental health, career development, and entrepreneurship.

However, excessive social media use can have negative consequences for mental health.

One of the primary concerns is the culture of comparison and envy that media fosters. This happens when one imposes other's personality in one's routine. This can lead to feeling of inadequacy, low self-esteem, and a distorted view of reality. Moreover, the constant stream of information can be overwhelming which is causing feelings of anxiety, stress, and burnout.

Not only this, but cyberbullying is also a source which impacts mental health. Social media is its potential for cyberbullying, harassment, and online abuse. The anonymity of the internet can embolden individuals to engage in harmful behavior, which can have serious consequences for mental health. The constant fear of online attacks or harassment can lead to increased stress, anxiety, and a general sense of unease.

Furthermore, excessive use of social media can lead to addiction, which can have serious consequences for mental health. Due to overuse of social media, people are facing psychological issues. Social media has incurred some tactics like infinite scrolling and personalized notifications.



This can lead to a vicious cycle of constant checking and scrolling, which become inveterate in our daily life. As a result, people can live without meal for a day, but they cannot live without using social media.

In a nutshell, social media has great potential to impact mental health through various ways, such as the factor of comparison and envy, ~~the~~ cyberbullying, and addiction of social media. Along this, there are also positive effects which help in our learning process. In short, social media is a party where nobody knows how to dance, but everyone's too afraid to leave. Thus, it is necessary that one should minimize the use of social media. If one is using social media, it is better option to use it for positive purpose.