

The Role of Information Networks in Shaping Society

Outline

1- Introduction:

2- Positive role of Information network in Shaping society:

a- Information circulation becomes very fast.

b- Awareness about what is wrong and what is right; well aware society.

c- Society becomes broad-minded and less conservative.

d- People learn about different cultures and tries to adopt it.

e- Socio-cultural problem awareness results in less gender biasness.

3- Negative role of Information network in Shaping society:

- a- Excessive knowledge may lead to data breaching.
- b- People have become isolated because they do not need to talk to anyone.
- c- People have become more status conscious; there is a hustle for more and more.
- d- Access to every kind of information may result in misinformation.

4- Way Forwards:

- a- Check and balance by parents on their children.
- b- Proper systematic ways of information by government.

5- Conclusion:

It was one fine day of 1878 when Alexander Graham Bell pronounced for the very first time on his telephone "hello", and that is the day when the story of information networks began. After 1878, there is a huge advancement in the field of communication and world has developed in it very much. Information networks are crucial and undoubtedly major part of today's human. It has played a major role in the awareness of people thus, it impacts the societies. Information networks have ^{played} positive as well as negative roles in societies. As societies are different so, the impact of information network varies. People are now well aware about their rights and duties due to their positive role. Same is the case in gender biasness, now, people gave rights to women and there is less gender discrimination. People gain different type of

knowledge and also learns about the different cultures, this is all because of positive role of information networks. Contrarily, it has some negative role also like, data breaching, isolation of people and consciousness of people about their status. To get rid of negative role different approaches can be adopted like, Parents and Elders should put proper check and balance on their child; when their child is accessing information networks. Similarly, Government should make policies and laws to stop the spread of false and illegal information. Thus, Information networks plays positive as well as negative roles in shaping societies and by using different ways societies can get rid of its negative role.

Spreading of information through information networks have become very easy. One can send information in seconds whereas, second person can also receive it in seconds. Inform-

ation about anything is just one finger away. This ease has impacted societies very much. Now, people know about everything and anyone who is far away from them. In old times, when people used Pigeon to send their letters or any person to give information it tooks many days or even months to reach its destination and as a result people face many loses. But, now societies can get knowledge on just one click and can send messages through information networks easily in less than seconds. Now, if Lahore hit by a earthquake and people over there need help. They will not send anything physically rather, they will just text for help and people of other cities will get that they are need. Thus, information networks have played a positive role in shaping societies as by getting more information societies perform-

ances have increased.

Information networks have made societies in a way that is well aware society. Societies of today knows about what is wrong and right for them. They know about their rights and responsibilities. They know how to solve an issue by their own because they have knowledge about everything. As this is a saying that knowledge nourishes your body and mind thus, a society is nourished by information networks. In 2020, when everyone was at their homes due to covid-19, how people came to know that they should wear masks, they should use sanitizers, they should avoid public places? It was all because of information networks. Society learnt from these networks and stay safe and healthy. Similarly, misconceptions made on the name of religion that becomes a

belief of a common man has been eradicated to many extent. People know what to follow and what not to. So, Information networks had shaped societies that are well aware.

Societies that are well informed and connected by information networks are very much broad minded not conservative.

As knowledge of different things had made their minds to think on broader image, they do not think conservatively. In Western countries, people do not take tension of little things, they avoid fights because for them mental health is more important than any other thing in the world. This is due to the awareness. Contrarily, Third world countries have depressive societies because they are not aware of mental health. All this awareness is due to information networks. Western world have become broad-minded beca-

use of their preferences and third world have become conservative due to their preferences. Most recent example of conservative society can be taken from Afghanistan. In Afghanistan, as there is ban on information networks their societies have been declared conservative and their people think like old age people. Resultantly information networks makes societies broad-minded.