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Topic: Digital freedom without digital Responsibility: A new challenge for Pakistan Society.

Outline

Introduction

Although proponents argue that digital freedom ensures accountability, strengthens democracy and promotes social cohesion, in reality, digital freedom without digital responsibility has become a major challenge for Pakistan society, as it harms individual dignity, amplifies disinformation, polarizes society through undermining social harmony and social cohesion.

Deciphering the term "Digital freedom" and "Digital Responsibility"

Significance of digital responsibility with digital freedom for a Society

Digital freedom: a threat: 21/01/2021

: to the Pakistan Society

Why digital freedom without
digital responsibility is a
new threat for Pakistan
Society?

⇒ Amplify disinformation.

Evidence, Recently a disinformation campaign related to death of Pakistani political leader, Imran Khan, has amplified in social media.

⇒ Threaten national security:

Evidence: According to Center for Research and Strategic Study Report, digital freedom has become the threat to the national security of the country.

⇒ Polarize society and manipulate

Public Opinion

Evidence: According to UNICEF Digital Right Foundations, political leaders in Pakistan built fake narratives in social media to promote their interests and to shape public opinion, undermining social harmony.

⇒ Radicalize youth.

Evidence: According to Centre for Research and Strategic Studies Report, militant and extremist groups such as TIP, Majid Brigade, BIA spread extremist ideologies to radicalize youth through social media.

⇒ On what grounds proponents argue that digital freedom is crucial for a society.

Counter Argument: Digital freedom ensures accountability, strengthen democracy, and promote social cohesion.

Rebuttal: Digital freedom without digital responsibility undermines social harmony and threaten

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National Security

⇒ **Conclusion**

Digital freedom has revolutionized society in the contemporary era through promoting civil awareness and facilitating social harmony. Undoubtedly, it has empowered society and become a vector for ensuring accountability and transparency. Apart this, modern societies used it as a tool

for demanding for their rights and toppling authoritarian regimes. However, it has undermined social harmony in Pakistan ~~through~~ due to lack of digital responsibility. Although proponents argue that it strengthens democracy and ensures accountability, in reality it harms individual dignity, polarizes society and become vector for shaping public opinion. Not only this, it amplifies disinformation, radicalizes youth

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and threatens national security of the country. This essay argues how digital freedom without digital responsibility has become a major challenge for the Pakistan's Society.

Before understanding the significance of digital responsibility for digital freedom, it is imperative to understand the term

"Digital freedom" and "Digital Responsibility". Digital freedom is the legal right of freedom of expressions, of views, ideas, thoughts of an individual in context of digital technology. An individual has right to access information, criticize the policies of government, and demand for their fundamental rights. While digital responsibility refers to the ethical and safe use of technology; focusing on protecting oneself and take care of dignity, privacy and respect of other person.

Having explored the digital freedom and digital responsibility, it is necessary to understand the importance of digital responsibility for digital freedom. Digital responsibility is pivotal for the digital freedom in a society. It ensures the ethical and responsible use of digital technology for the welfare of society. It facilitates the protection of privacy and fundamental rights of an individual and prevent abusive use of data of other people. Moreover, it is necessary for protecting the national security of the country and ensuring social harmony.

Before exploring why digital freedom has become a new challenge in Pakistan society, it is necessary to understand the condition of Pakistan society under the realm

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of digital technology. Digital freedom has emerged as a new threat to Pakistan society. It has been used as a vector by the extremist groups and political parties for spreading their interest and propaganda among the people. It has become security threat due to lack of awareness and digital divide in Pakistan society.