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## A DESCRIPTIVE STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF MOBILE PHONES AMONG YOUTH POPULATION

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### ABSTRACT

*Society is impacted by virtual entertainment in bunch ways. They get the information they need to form opinions and make decisions about various issues from the media. People are kept up to date and informed about what is going on in the world and around them by the media. In this area, the researcher examined the various social effects of youth using mobile phones. The very specific goals of the study are to: (1) investigate the influence of other social networking sites or other contributing factors on the respondents' use of mobile phones; (2) investigate the extent to which respondents use mobile phones; and (3) investigate the respondents' positive and negative effects on mobile phones. The study employs a straightforward random sampling strategy. Boys and girls from selected classes provided the samples. The example size of the review is 50 respondents. The study's findings and recommendations highlight the extensive role that social media plays in development, while mobile phones and other associated supplies have a significant negative impact. In order to control the negative effects of social networking websites on teenagers, sensitization and intervention programs are the absolute necessity of the moment.*



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### INTRODUCTION

In 1973, Motorola demonstrated the power of mobile or hand phones, which were made commercially available in 1984. Over the most recent couple of years, hand telephones have turned into a necessary piece of our lives. Every year, the number of mobile cellular subscriptions keeps rising. In 2016, there were in excess of seven billion clients around the world. The level of web utilization likewise expanded around the world 7-overlay from 6.5% to 43% somewhere in the range of 2000 and 2015. The level of families with web access additionally expanded from 18% in 2005 to 46% in 2015. In addition, the use of mobile phones is becoming more and more addictive. In 2012, new Time Versatility Survey detailed that 84% individuals "couldn't go a solitary day without their cell phones. According to 206 published surveys, half of teens and 27% of parents believe they are addicted to mobile phones. Recent research also indicated an increase in smartphone dependence, which may lead to an increase in internet addiction. Dry eyes, computer vision syndrome, weakness of the thumb and wrist, neck pain and rigidity, increased frequency of De Quervain's tenosynovitis, tactile hallucinations, nomophobia, insecurity, delusions, auditory sleep disturbances, insomnia, hallucinations, lower self-confidence, and mobile phone addiction disorders are some of the psychological conditions that can result from excessive use of mobile phones. The pyknotic nucleus, apoptosis in the brain cortex, and behavioral

changes brought on by prolonged exposure to Wi-Fi radiation in animals were all observed. Kesari et al. concluded that mobile phone radiation may raise reactive oxygen species, a factor in the onset of metabolic and neurodegenerative diseases.

### TODAY'S YOUTH MOBILE PHONE

New and potent resources are having a significant impact on today's youth. In the age of the Internet, social media have grown in popularity. It provides a means of keeping in touch with new and old friends, networking, following brands and businesses, and a brief biography of each user's life. In recent years, young people all over the world have been using mobile phones. For the majority of adolescents, it is the most widely used form of electronic communication and has become an essential part of their day-to-day lives. As a matter of fact, the cell phone has abandoned a mechanical device to a social tool<sup>1</sup>. Youngsters utilize the cell phone in certain ways to coordinate and keep up with their informal communities. However, it also has a negative effect on young people's relationships with their peers. These can incorporate alienation and digital harassing. Similarly, issues of safety and surveillance from a parent's perspective have resulted in negotiated changes to young people's freedoms as a result of the mobile phone. Even though functional coordination can be beneficial to the family, it can also lead to other issues like financial issues, non-custodial parent access, excessive reliance on mobile phones for safety concerns, and intrusions into the lives of young people.

However, less research has been done on the impact of mobile phones on schools as institutions. Some of the negative effects include disruptions to lessons, instances of cheating, and bullying. Texting parents of truants appears to be the only benefit for the school. Further examination is required into the outcomes of cell phone use in schools. The researcher decided to conduct a study on the impact of mobile phones on social relationships as a result of all of these facts. The mobile phone has had a significant impact on young people's peer groups. Pre-adulthood is a period of progress and expanding impact of the friend gathering and in this way correspondence among peer bunch individuals is key to the personality of the individual<sup>2</sup>. The peer group has become a truly networked society<sup>3</sup> as a result of the impact that mobile phones have had on interpersonal relationships. So the ongoing review is planned to grasp the different effects of the cell phone among the young and social connections.

### REVIEW OF LITERATURE:

While cell phones date back to the 1950s, the innovation grew up during the 1990s with improvement of the GSM network in Europe, the presence of a few transmission frameworks in the U.S., sending off of NTT DoCoMo in Japan, and synchronous development in the Center East, the remainder of Asia, and Africa<sup>4</sup>. Out of a global population of approximately 6.8 billion<sup>5</sup>, there were nearly 4.7 billion mobile phone subscribers in 2009. Today's mobile phones come in a wide range of prices and features. Other than messaging and voice capacities, most telephones offer instruments, for example, a location book, an assortment of ring tones, a camera, a morning timer, a schedule, and maybe a MP3 player or radio. Smart (3G or 4G) phones can watch videos and access the Internet. Mobile telephony has spread to all age groups, income levels, and cultural groups<sup>6</sup>. Be that as it may, since they were first presented, mobiles have partaken in a particularly high take-up among teens and youthful grown-ups

### YOUNG PEOPLE AND MOBILE PHONES:

800 adolescents in the United States between the ages of 12 and 17 were surveyed by Lenhart et al.<sup>7</sup> regarding their use of mobile phones. The older teenage girls averaged 100 messages per day, and the researchers found that half of the teens were sending 50 or more messages per day. Clearly, text messaging on mobile phones is an important part of the lives of many teenagers in the United States, though voice calls are still a part of how they talk to each other<sup>8</sup>. Indeed, even before the blast of cell phone use in the U.S., worldwide examination has reported the unavoidable utilization of cell phones by teens and youthful grown-ups in different pieces of the world<sup>9</sup>. Besides, youngsters have been instrumental in fostering the capability of the cell phone. For instance, they have been at the very front of starting or advocating lexical alternate routes in text informing like the shortening "u" for "you"

or the abbreviation "Haha" for "roaring with laughter". They are adept at screening calls, such as ignoring Mom's calls by using caller ID; downloading software that tells some people "This number is no longer in service" by default, when in fact it is). Additionally, beeping a friend, or calling but hanging up after a predetermined number of rings, is a common way for them to save money on phone bills.<sup>1</sup>

Mobiles have likewise helped help the social liberation of youngsters from parental authority<sup>11</sup>. Assuming youngsters have cell phones, their folks frequently feel greater security when kids travel freely outside the home. Young people are likewise liberated from being required to talk from a family landline, which is many times in semi public space (Ling and Nobleman, in press). For youthful grown-ups residing away from home, these opportunities are amplified.

### **GROWING CONCERNS ABOUT MOBILE PHONES:**

As cell phone use has extended, so have worries about abuse of the innovation. A significant issue has been performing various tasks: messaging while at the same time going to a class talk or conference; chatting on the telephone while sitting at an eatery with a companion; messaging while at the same time going across the road; talking or messaging while at the same time driving. A few circumstances disregard customary standards of social way of behaving, while others become wellbeing issues. In a smart experiment<sup>12</sup> had a jokester ride a unicycle across the primary square of a college grounds in the U.S. Understudy bystanders who were on their cell phones were not exactly half as prone to see the comedian as the people who were not utilizing individual hardware (like a cell phone or iPod). Additionally, those on cell phones required almost 83 seconds to cross the square, contrasted and 75 seconds for those without electronic gadgets

Additionally, using a mobile phone can pose a physical threat. The American School of Crisis Doctors Establishment (n.d.) has expressed concern about the rising number of cases in the emergency room involving people using mobile phones who tripped on sidewalks, walked into lampposts, or entered the street into oncoming traffic. In November 2009, the Seat Web and American Life Venture revealed that one-fourth of American young people of driving age conceded they had messaged while driving<sup>13</sup>. In a review a half year after the fact, grown-ups recognized a similar pace of messaging.

A few specialists have started to investigate what utilization of mobiles means for individuals genuinely or socially. Beranuy and co report a connection between's cell phone use and mental trouble, as seen, for instance, in decay of family and social connections<sup>15</sup>. Hubbard, et al, concentrated on dating accomplices whose eye to eye discussions were interfered with by a call. According to the findings of the researchers, partners who received the calls had negative feelings about imposing on their partner who was waiting, whereas those who were left waiting believed that their partners had damaged their image by taking the call. Likewise, Humphreys depicts the ponderousness felt constantly individual from an eye to eye pair when the primary part is utilizing a cell phone.

### **Findings on the Negative Impact of mobile phones on the respondents:**

The ascent of cell phones helped interfacing individuals in another manner. The significant discoveries I. our time is being extended increasingly thin by work and family responsibilities, however informal communication destinations offer an opportunity to convey in rapid and effective way ii. One person can lead a life free of small talk thanks to social networking sites like mobile phones iii. connected to the world: Social networking sites enable one person to communicate effectively and easily with more than just their immediate circle of close friends and family.

Numerous advantages of mobile phones include: convenience, usefulness, and even the fashion factor. However, there are aspects that users dislike. We need to take into account the effects on social interaction and personal well-being in addition to obvious issues like dead batteries, dropped calls, costs, and the potential effects of radiation. These worries comprise what we could call the "clouded side" of cell phones Cell phones are specialized gadgets as well as utilized for news and data. It capabilities as private media gadgets for amusement. It is a piece of their personality and is utilized as a way to communicate their independence. In some areas of life, it was a way to negotiate independence from parents. It is utilized as a way to lay out new kinships and keep up with old ones. It is used to help

close relationships. It is used to tease others and to watch pornographic content in public places, which the participants believe is unethical and socially unacceptable.

### Positive impact of smartphones on the academic performance of undergraduate students

Students' gender and the use of smartphones as a general method of learning distraction were cross-tabulated; it found that 50 of the male respondents find cell phones diverting and 43 were female understudies who propose that cell phone utilization isn't distracting overall. Rouis, Limayem, and Salehi-Sangari (2011) say that because smartphones give students access to the internet, they sometimes feel the need to text their classmates in class. In addition, a cross-tabulation between student faculty and the question was performed: "Do you have web access in your study hall settings?" The findings indicate that students in the department of Commerce have more classrooms with internet access than faculty in the departments of Human and Social Sciences, where only eight of the faculty members report having internet access. In Fig. 4, understudies were found out if their scholastic presentation has expanded with the utilization of cell phones; the outcomes showed that 76.3% of the understudies expressed that it has to some degree expanded, 6.7% said that it has not expanded and the other 5.6% proposed that their scholarly execution has most certainly expanded. Besides, 55.7% of the respondents find support from their colleagues while looking for help; this finding is upheld by Mokoena (2012) and Gowthami and VenkataKrishnaKumar (2016), who propose that cell phone utilization by understudies increments cooperative exercises, data sharing, scholarly help and backing from one another. Fig. 1 shows that 'occasionally' (52.5%) and 'oftentimes' (38.1%) utilizing cell phones helps respondents scholastically. In fact, Fig. 2 features that the utilization of cell phones helps understudies in numerous ways, including doing explore (42.7%), tackling tasks (19.5%), getting to address slides (10.1%) and some more. Additionally, Fig. 3 demonstrates that respondents occasionally use smartphones to communicate with their lecturers. Every one of the discoveries, including Fig. 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 demonstrate that undergraduates' use of smartphones is beneficial to them academically in that it boosts their performance, albeit not significantly.

### Negative impacts of smartphone usage on the academic performance of undergraduate students

Students' academic performance is negatively impacted by their use of social media. A correlation was found between the age range of the students and the frequency with which they receive calls on their smartphones while in class. The finding shows a positive connection between the two factors, and that implies that the periods of the understudies fundamentally affect how frequently they get approaches their cell phones in a homeroom. According to the descriptive statistics in Table 3, question 1 demonstrates that a higher percentage of students indicated that they occasionally receive calls while in class (61.6%), with 18.7% selecting the "always" option. Additionally, a higher percentage of students indicated that they are generally distracted when using smartphones (71.2%). Distractions are caused by taking and returning calls (Rouis et al., 2011). Being referred to 3, 18.1% of the understudies never get instant messages on their cell phones and 63.2% of the understudies 'some of the time' get instant messages. The finding likewise shows that 69.3% of the respondents 'at times' answer to instant messages in study halls. However, a crosstabulation reveals that female students' sleeping patterns are affected more by smartphone use than male students'. Due to these referenced interruptions, a few schools have confined the utilization of cell phones in classes or during addresses.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

In a number of ways, more in-depth understanding of social networking sites may be provided by future research on their use. To either confirm or disprove the findings, researchers could expand on this study by including a larger number of participants. Besides, replication of this review with various meetings per member might lay out an additional predictable and dependable informational collection. The findings of this study can be used by researchers to conduct a grounded theory investigation into the effects of social networking sites and the motivations behind their use. In the near future, it would

be preferable to conduct a thorough investigation into the negative effects of mobile phones on academic performance.

It is essential to take into consideration the social development that teenagers and young adults are undergoing when looking at the use of mobile phones by young people. Fellowships are being started, created, and broken; enrollment in a social coterie might become huge; heartfelt ties might arise; also, associations with relatives might move. In the past, these social connections were negotiated face-to-face, and later, over landline phones as well. Now, they are frequently played out over mobile phones. As a result, the mobile phone is more than just a tool for communicating information to young people; it is also a lifeline for managing social interaction.

### Role of smartphones in academic learning

The job of cell phone and versatile advances in training should not be overlooked (Tikoria and Agariya, 2017). As a result of the smartphone and other media's role in promoting and advancing the necessary skills and knowledge of the 21st century, academic learning is now innovative (Tulenko & Bailey, 2013; Emerson and Berge, 2018). Understudies have encounters of computerized environmental factors in a material and individual way, which is achieved by a few cell phones, including tablets and cell phones (Cano, 2012). According to Mokoena (2012), students' use of smartphones to connect to the internet enhances collaborative learning. This statement suggests that students are more engaged in learner-centered participation learning when they use smartphones. This is a distinctive sign on various backings that cell phones have brought to the understudies; It improves their comprehension by increasing their participation in social media, their academic performance, and the sharing of information; It improves their social skills by providing them with opportunities to seek academic support and assistance, among other things.

However, Kinsella (2009) claims that the use of smartphones has solved the problem of communicating with students in lecture halls. Associatively, Mokoena (2012) states that gathering projects or potentially work given to the understudies by their speakers are effectively and advantageously did with the guide of cell phones. This further demonstrates that students can now record their teachers' lectures and lessons in real time. This is finished by recording data during illustrations, which has been made conceivable by the modern highlights accessible on cell phones. According to alternate points of view, individuals attempt to embrace the utilization of cell phones since it is not generally utilized as specialized devices (calls and instant messages) just, yet in addition as devices for individuals' social and work lives and conceivably a likely instrument in their scholarly lives (Cano, 2012). Buck, MelInnis, and Randolph (2013) say that Lytle (2012) says college students who use StudyBlue Flash Cards think it helps them remember key terms as they prepare for tests. The concentrate further expresses that a few understudies use iPhones for the Evernote Look application, which fills in as a note-taking cloud administration, consequently offering them the chance to figure out their notes and changing them into compelling review materials.

### DISCUSSION:

Millions of people have joined social networking sites since they were first launched, many of whom have made them part of their daily routine. This new way to stay in touch with friends and communicate with classmates has especially been welcomed by college students. Even though using these websites to stay in touch with other people might be good for you, there's a chance that it could hurt how well students do in school. It can be deduced from the study that academic performance is affected by social networking site use, as 88 percent of respondents rated their academic performance as moderate. The cell phones can be utilized as weapon or as a venturing stone contingent upon how one perspectives it. We all know that our teenagers are our assets, and if they perform well in school and have a variety of social skills, that would increase the value and utility of those assets.

With the development of cell phones, what the understudies do outside the homeroom is a lot of equivalent to the work they do within the study hall. This perception is vital to the issue raised in the review as to the obligation or job of cell phones outside the premises of the school (college). It very well



may be seen that understudies utilize their cell phones in light of multiple factors at college without limitations. Then, Vanwelsenaers (2012) claims that students use smartphones for a significant portion of the 4.5 lesson hours. Collaboration is currently a crucial skill for the 21st century that Singaporean educators are working to teach their students. Students are also participating in dialogues and other collaborative activities by effectively utilizing smartphones. This is an excellent illustration of how the smartphone facilitates conversation and information/content sharing.

## CONCLUSION

Young people's peer groups have been influenced by the mobile phone, resulting in a truly networked society. It has additionally affected the developing connections inside the family; especially because of the increased negotiating power that young people have with regard to safety and curfews through the use of their mobile phones. According to reports from educational institutions, students' use of mobile phones interrupts instruction and decreases their focus in class, both of which have a negative impact on academic outcomes. However, the impact of mobile phones on the school's social institution has not been extensively studied, and it has the potential to cause numerous issues in the future.

This study looked into how undergraduate students at North-West University in South Africa's academic performance was affected by their use of smartphones. This study used a questionnaire-based quantitative research strategy to collect data from 375 undergraduate students to determine the impact. It was discovered that the majority of undergraduate students are utilizing smartphones to communicate with instructors and other students. It was likewise found that involving cell phones occupies understudies from their examinations in specific perspectives. Additionally, the findings demonstrated how students' academic abilities and progress were affected by their use of smartphones. Cell phones are furnished with media telephone highlights, which incorporate camera capability, sound recording capability, video capability and numerous others. These features help students effectively steer their learning and goals. As per Kibona and Mgaya (2015), most cell phone and sporting applications are habit-forming to both the more elevated level and lower level understudies in Tanzania, which, thusly, influences their scholastic exhibition. WhatsApp, Twitter, and Facebook were among the cited applications. In addition, over the course of time, a number of learning systems have emerged that involve ubiquitous learning (u-learning), which utilizes the capabilities of smartphones in the learning environment. In order to advance various forms of learning in the 21st century through the process of connecting to the internet, Jung (2014) claims that ubiquitous learning (u-learning) combines the characteristics of electronic learning (e-learning) and mobile learning (m-learning).

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