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**Introduction**

The increasing technological world highly focuses towards the use of internet for communication and networking within the global world. People were constantly of the opinion to free the internet so that they will have access towards everything. Thus, at that time they haven’t realized the fact that the extreme freedom towards internal will have megative impacts on their lives. There were no prior instructions to control the threats of the internet. Publishers are revising strategies to protect their content. People are now concerned about cyberbulling and the privacy of their childrens. It didn’t restricted to the pionoors of twitter, facebook and other platforms but also involved the government to develop mechanism that secure people’s privacy. However, still the technological advancement is improving and thus companies find new ways to leak the content of their rivals and copy their ideas. Thus, this paper highlights some of the consequences of internet freedom that have disturbed the functioning of individuals as well as organizations.

**Discussion**

**Morozov, E. (2011). The dark side of internet freedom: The net delusion. *New York: Public Affairs*.**

In the book “the Net Delusion, The dark side of internet freedom” by Evgeny Morozov is one of the famous bookdescribing the threats concerning with internet freedom. The author states that the internet has becomed a nightmare for some people as they are afraid of being watched and filmed. This disturbs the values and norms and questions the morality of the society. describe that the internet euphoria will soon fade due to the visible contadictions that the internet is creating. He further states that the internet freedom is planting the seeds for dedemocratization that leads to abolishing the freedom in actual sense. Internet is not providing freedom intead it is haranessing the power of technologies. He believes that internet plays a high power politics in the structures of societies. People are tend to thing in terms of presentation on the internet irrespective of the ground political or cultural realities.

**Tarafdar, M., DArcy, J., Turel, O., & Gupta, A. (2015). The dark side of information technology. *MIT Sloan Management Review*, *56*(2), 61.**

The paper by Taratdar et.al states that the internet is one of the major platforms for culprits to smoothly perform illegal activities. The study observed that polygamy is banned in turkey, still it is highly prevalant in the villagers to find women through internet. Similarly, the Mexican crime gangs uses the internet to collect information about victims. They further explains that the visible liberty and freedom of speech due to internet is merely an abstract phenomenon. In real terms, the internet is supervising and shaping the minds of people according to their own terms. They also criticized internet for providing open space for criminals to perform without any regulations and fear of police apparatus (Tarafdar, DArcy, Turel, & Gupta, 2015). Thus, the rate of criminal acts as well as social injustices is increasing due to the internet freedom.

**Chertoff, M., & Simon, T. (2015). *The impact of the dark web on internet governance and cyber security*.**

Chertoff and Simon worked on the impact of dark web of cyber security. They generalizes that the internet provide passwords for accounts, however, there is no privacy in actual terms. Due to the increating technologies, people can easily hack your account and share your personal data, pictures and other files. They further described that facebook, twitter, and other websites share the information of their users with organizations so that they can provide strategies accordingly. It provide all the insight about individual choices about brands and the changing behavior. The data is sold by these companies irrespective of the fact of the users (Chertoff & Simon, 2015).

**Cohen-Almagor, R. (2017). Why Confronting the Internet’s Dark Side? *Philosophia*, *45*(3), 919–929.**

Cohen-Almagor has deepened their study to figure out the causes of internet’s dark side. He states that the internet shapes the idealogy of human minds that it is hard to change. He believed that the freedom of internet has in real terms caged the people in their influence. Internet has the power to divert attention fo people form important political engagements. It shapes the living standards of people as well as influence their political views and decisions. The media compaign is considered on of the strong medium in elections (Cohen-Almagor, 2017). Thus, the authorities pays the facebook and twitter to run compaigns infavor of their parties.

**Salmela-Aro, K., Upadyaya, K., Hakkarainen, K., Lonka, K., & Alho, K. (2017). The dark side of internet use: two longitudinal studies of excessive internet use, depressive symptoms, school burnout and engagement among Finnish early and late adolescents. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, *46*(2), 343–357.**

This study has constructed their observations based on the behavior of childrens and find that the most evident cause of internet freedom is that children tends to find solutions to every problem on internet. Children donot trust their intellectual abilities and copy whatever they find online. It has restricted the critical judgemental capabilities of childens and has minimized their confidence. Also, they spend most of the time on internet that restrict them from physical activies. The reaserach has reported that excessive internet usage results in increase anxiety and depression in childrens. The donot interact with people and are so much obsessed with the technology. Also the content is not suitable for them and there is no limitation on which content to share and what should be eliminated (Salmela-Aro, Upadyaya, Hakkarainen, Lonka, & Alho, 2017).

**Craker, N., & March, E. (2016). The dark side of Facebook®: The Dark Tetrad, negative social potency, and trolling behaviours. *Personality and Individual Differences*, *102*, 79–84.**

The paper presented by Craker and March states that, as people spend more time on the internet , they indulge in pornography and restricted contents. Everything is easily accessible through internet that has increased the probility of them falling in criminal acts. The freely accessible restricted content is believed to increase the desires of people and they indulge in sexual harrasements (Craker & March, 2016).

**Conclusion**

The internet freedom has proven to be a real world development that has decrease the distances and people are able to connect with every part of th world. However, it has also increased problems for the people. As industrialization increased and people lately observed its environmental and social impacts, similarly the internet freedom has resulted in major consequences for the peole. the most important factor is that people are obsessed with the internet and believe everything shared on the platform. They have lost their capacities to think and critically evaluate the stuff. Also, there is no privacy of people and the data is easily accessible to differeemnt organizations. Intelligence companies can also access the data of people. Thus, the individuals are required to safeguard themselves and refrain from sharing sensitive stuff. Also, they need to take care of their privacy and donot share confidential data.

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