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Will the internet have a positive or negative impact on how we process political information and form opinions about politics? Why?

**Introduction**

Technological advancement has changed the ways of living, and the internet could be reckoned as the latest discovery of man that has changed both ways of living and style of working. The Internet has revolutionized the world and today there is hardly any aspect or area of life that does not involve the internet. The Internet has broken all the man-made barriers and shrunken worldly distances. The information takes just a few seconds for reaching from one corner of the world to the other. Whenever anything happens in the world, the internet is searched as it is believed to have the latest and authentic update. It is asserted that the internet has brought a change in all fields of life; likewise, politics has also been shaped by the internet. Internet is used for conveying one’s voice to the world, in the blink of an eye, and has become one of the most popular ways of informing people about one’s vision and ideology (Chadwick et al, 2009). Internet has changed the conventional ways of politics and now political information is released over the internet for keeping people up to date about the actions/steps that a political party and government takes. It is difficult to say whether involvement of the internet would be having positive or negative impact in the processing of the political information as it is used and perceived differently.

**Discussion**

Different perceptions could be seen about the internet and how it affects the political information being processed through it. Political information consists of the set of activities that are linked with the political proceedings of a political party. Political information includes making decisions that would be for a greater number of people, as the political decision, whether taken by the ruling party or any other political party, affects a greater number of people. Some people are of the opinion that political information is impacted negatively when it is processed by the internet, while on the other hand, some claim that the internet can cast a positive impact on the political information, on how we process it. A person who supports the idea of a negative impact on the processing of the political information, believes that authenticity could have been tempered by political influence (Farrell et al, 2012). Contrary, those who are in favor of the internet, as something that positively impacts the political information that is being processed, believe that technologies like the internet bring new opportunities to political corporations and candidates for reaching more and more people, so that a greater number could understand their vision.

People who claim the involvement of the internet positively impact our way of processing political information, believe that political parties are being given the potential to spread information. Political information would process the positive aspect of the internet and be used in helping political parties build a relationship with the general public by raising a voice against matters they want to discuss on national and state forums. Internet (especially social media) is used for gathering information about the latest political affairs using various sites. The Internet would have a positive impact on the processing of political information as it has been regarded as a reliable source of information. The Internet has positive impacts on ways of how we process political information as it has become the fastest and most trusted available source (Mallinson et al, 2018). Authenticity, popularity, reliability, and availability are the factors that support the view of the positive impact of the internet, on how political information is processed.

Opinions formed about political activities by accessing information from the internet could be molded in several ways. It has been observed that the internet cast both negative and positive impacts of opinion-making about a political party or its activities. The Internet plays a positive role in forming a fair opinion about politics, as it helps people in knowing more about the political activities of a political party. On the other hand, it could be said that the internet positively impacts the perception or opinion being made, as the internet reveals major realities of political parties. For example, internet portrays the real image of any political figure or party as without any discrimination. Internet helps in viewing the actual face of the political leadership and activities as the internet as shrunken this world into a small global village where none of the reality could be hiding. The Internet plays a positive role in the making of opinion regarding a political party or activities, as it spots light on all the related aspects regarding a political party or activity.

**Conclusion**

Taking a look at the above discussion, it could be asserted that the internet has both negative, as well as, positive impacts on how political information is processed through the use of the internet. The Internet would have a positive impact on how we process political information as news regarding the political happenings comes up on different sites and pages within a matter of seconds. The Internet also helps the political leadership in having a healthy relationship with the general public as it provides several forums to the particular political parties and to share the necessary information that they want to disclose to people. The Internet helps in forming an opinion about political parties and information by revealing facts. So, as a whole, it could be promulgated that the internet positively impacts on how political information is processed, along with forming of the opinion as it serves as the most authentic and reliable source, available to people.

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