

Ways of keeping children safe online during socio virtualization

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Abstract

Social media sites have a large number of internet users. Many people find social media as a channel or a tool to entertain themselves, to keep in touch with family and friends and to do their work or to support their activities. Therefore, they have been developed mainly for social interaction and information sharing. So, the internet with its screen and social media accounts makes a positive impact to their lives. The internet and social media are two things that are not been unavoidable and especially youngsters see them indispensable in their life. They get more benefits and find many opportunities by using internet and social media. Young people are being inspired in virtual world and find ways to empower themselves. They can reach more and much information than ever before for their needs, wants and wishes. Social media and its networks give and maintain them new opportunities and new entertain, connections, jobs etc. possibilities. Therefore, being online can help, provide and sociovirtualize (to socialize in the virtual world) to form and develop the new generations self-confidence and social skills in their new virtual lives.

The generation of digital age uses social media webs to connect with friends, to meet new people, to entertain themselves, to share and to get information. The young generation has challenges with using of social media. They can forget the time in front of the screen or during using the internet. They can easily share personal information, photos, or videos according to their purposes. It can be said that this is the generation who is going to be examined and tested with the usage of internet with its advantages and disadvantages. The human beings are going to learn and develop the using of internet and teach each other to protect themselves from the negatives and harmful of social media and effects.

Generally, teenagers described their social media accounts and sharing the way of their information as a positive part of their lives. In this study, how the young generation can use the social media by keeping themselves safe online is discussed.

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