

LIES ON SOCIAL MEDIA KILLING THE HUMANITY

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Abstract:

Since the early 2000s, new Internet technologies have significantly influenced multiple aspects of human societies worldwide. Social media technologies are one of the most recent examples of the continuing interactions between people and technologies that are changing societies. These lies and misinformation leads to the fatal to “Humanity” and to stop these things there are several laws and many more are needed to restrict and have control on this.

Introduction:

Basically, the social media is the tool to connect people with each other, share the information. And its platforms are the way by which the information is being transmitted as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, Snapchat etc. These platforms are used to get in touch with each other, share information, views, content, Ideas, etc. these platforms can be used to circulate “the TRUTH as well as the LIE’s and MISINFORMATION”. The kind of lies and misinformation are spread by the Terrorist Organizations to influence the terrorism, by Political Parties against their opposition to attract the vote bank, by some anti-social elements for cyber fraud or for some Social agenda’s cases like some Protests, Rapes, lynching etc. which we had seen in near past.

Orientation towards topic: -

As we all know in the past decade the world had led towards development with technologies, innovation and discoveries and one of the biggest technologies which is been used by the whole mankind is social media via various platforms. When we talk about how lying on social media platforms is affecting the humanity the very first thing that came to our mind is the Security. Security of our Nation, Our well beings, our forces etc. For example, militant groups are using social media to influence and manipulate youngsters to join their groups. Like some terrorist organizations like TRF, ISIS, TMI etc. are using these platforms to communicate, to raise moral of the members of their organizations. If we look in the result of these messages or communication, we can look toward to stone pelting incident.

If we talk about other aspects, let's talk about current situation Misinformation's lead by some people are really harmful and undoing things which we are facing in our current situation. The fake news spread on the internet regarding the COVID -19 Situation leads to the very shameful doing to the humanity, doctors, nursing staff, police been attacked at several place due to this fake information about a prior community.

There is a very famous saying, Half Knowledge is very dangerous. And it had been seen earlier in last year and this year also in the case of NRC, CAA, CAB. The act NRC had stated that it will detect illegal migrants for now in Assam. It might be expandable to the nationwide or not this is a debatable topic. When we come to the CAA or CAB – the act or bill state that the non-Muslim i.e.; Hindus, Sikh, Parses, Jain, Bodh and Christians migrant had come to India without visa on or before 31 December 2014 and completed five year here from the Muslim majority country Pakistan, Afghanistan and Bangladesh due to some religious pressure or unpleasantness there, will be provided Indian Citizenship.

Now after the act declares many political parties, religious parties and groups had started protest against these bills, the fake news that spread was is that due to these bills and acts the Indian Muslim who are already the citizen of India will be taken out from the Country, these facts misguide the people, results in the nationwide protest against the act and government. And this protest the lies that was forcefully spread through the social media platform like Instagram, Facebook, Twitter etc. and the situation got worse as the Shain-baug, Jamia-Islamia and many more places nationwide. The lies that had spread through the social media plays a very crucial role in the fire of the protest.

When the survey had done to the protesters many of them didn't even know a basic things about these bills and the act, so how can they be sure about the results. It is just because of the lies and the fake news and the hypothetical facts that made to provoke the public, students etc.

These are only some example that are being noticeable and highlighted but there are a lot of examples out there, by these examples we can easily state that we need to understand what needed to be forwarded and what needs to be exempted. In a study regarding the social media posts says that a fake news travels six times faster than the real one. So, it is our failure, that we are not able differentiate between the real and the fake news.

Laws and the Acts:

The Social Media law had made which is regulated with IT act in year 2000 to regulate, control and deal with the issue arising out of it. Here I would like to catch your attention towards a few offences related to social media.

- Posting a defamatory comment or material against someone – offence under section 66A- of IT act, Punishable with imprisonment.
- Even liking and sharing these types of comments are also considered as an offence
- Posting a defamatory comment or material against a particular community or religion - offence under section 499 of IPC.
- Posting or sharing any pornographic content- punishable offence under section 292, 292A, 293, 294 of IPC.

Conclusion:

I would like to conclude it with few more lines we are responsible for what we are sharing and making things good or bad. We have to think about a lot of things to do before sharing the information about any religion, human being, situation etc. As a wise man said “We need to understand that these smart phones are making us stupid and these social networking platforms are making more unsocial in real life, and that’s the real fatal to the humanity.

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