



**ANALYTICAL REVIEW ON IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA ADDICTION IN CHILDREN  
& ADOLESCENTS MENTAL HEALTH W.S.R. TO JUVENILE CRIME**

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**ABSTRACT**

While becoming inseparable to our daily lives, online social media are blamed for aggregate mental health problems in younger people. This systematic review synthesized evidence on the impact of social media use on depression, anxiety and psychological distress in adolescents. The association between heavy use of social media and an intensification in mental health disorders has long been recognized. However, there is a gap in the works regarding mental health practitioners/providers' responses to this issue. The number of adolescents & children reporting mental health issues such as anxiety and depression has dramatically increased in the last two decades. As this trend coincides with the increase in social media use by adolescents Children. According to the Royal Society for Public Health, & Young Health Movement (2017), the prevalence of anxiety and depression has increased by 70% in the past 25 years in young people. Depression and anxiety have adverse consequences on adolescent development, including lower educational attainment, school dropout, impaired social relationships, and increased risk of substance abuse, mental health problems and suicide. Excessive use of Social media can induce the Juvenile crime.

**KEYWORDS:** Social media Addiction, Children mental health, Adolescents Mental health Juvenile crime.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Social Networking implicates the usage of the internet to unite users with their friends, family and colleagues. Social Networking websites are not essentially about assembly new people online, although this does ensue. Instead, they are primarily about involving with friends, family and associates you already have in real life. These sites permit you to share photos, videos and information, establish event chat download music and even performance games like Scrabble, Chess online. Often each of your friends, family or associates will be friends with several other friends. Just like in real life, the influences between people aren't just one-on-one but a network of connections. This online social networking is very useful in dispersion information, pictures and videos. For example, you can easily set up a web page with pictures and details of an event you might be planning such of as school fete. The site allows you to send out invites to other operators of social networking sites. Then, if given the choice by the host, those who are asked can send out extra requests to their friends who might like to appear – hence, the network. (www.acan.org.au). The World Health Organization (WHO, 2017) stated that 10 -20% of children and adolescents worldwide involvement mental health

problems. It is assessed that 50% of all mental disorders are recognized by the age of 14 and 75% by the age of 18.<sup>[1,2]</sup> According to the Royal Society for Public Health, & Young Health Movement (2017), the prevalence of anxiety and depression has augmented by 70% in the past 25 years in young people. Depression and anxiety have adverse significances on adolescent development, counting lower educational attainment, school dropout, lessened social relationships, and augmented risk of substance abuse, mental health problems and suicide.<sup>[3,4,5]</sup> Digital machineries have become a worldwide feature of young people's lives. Experience to awnings begins early in life for many youth, with US children under age two expenditure an average of 42 minutes per day with shade media.<sup>[6]</sup> By the time youth extent adolescence, most are fully engrossed in a world of smartphones, computers, and social media. Recent nationally demonstrative statistics suggest that 95% of adolescents aged 13-18 have access to a smartphone and 88% have access to a desktop or laptop at home.<sup>[7]</sup> In 2018, 45% of US adolescents stated that they were online "almost constantly," up from 24% only three years prior.<sup>[8]</sup> The generality of new media has created an increasingly complex situation for youth, parents, health care providers, and policymakers to navigate. Certainly,

while this media atmosphere has announced numerous different tasks and risks for youth mental health, so too has it presented substantial benefits and chances.

## 2. Social media

Social media are communicating technologies that permit the creation or sharing /exchange of information, ideas, livelihood benefits, and other forms of appearance via virtual communities and networks.<sup>[9,10]</sup> While tasks to the definition of social media arise<sup>[11]</sup> due to the broad variation of stand-alone and built-in social-media facilities presently existing, there are some common features.<sup>[12]</sup>

1. Social media are communicating Web 2.0 Internet-based applications.<sup>[13,14,15]</sup>
2. User-generated content—such as text posts or comments, digital photos or videos, and data generated through all online connections—is the essence of social media.<sup>[16]</sup>
3. Users generate service-specific profiles for the website or app that are intended and retained by the social-media organization.<sup>[17,18]</sup>
4. Social media assistances the improvement of online social networks by involving a user's profile with those of other personages or clusters.

Users frequently admittance social media services via web-based apps on desktops and laptops, or download amenities that offer social media functionality to their mobile devices (e.g., smartphones and tablets). As operators occupy with these electronic services, they generate highly cooperating platforms through which personages, societies, and officialdoms can share, co-create, discuss, participate, and adjust user-generated content or self-curated content forwarded online.<sup>[19]</sup> Furthermore, social media are castoff to deed memories; study about and discover things; advertise oneself; and form friendships along with the growth of ideas from the construction of blogs, podcasts, videos, and gaming sites.<sup>[20]</sup> This altering relationship between human and technology is the attention of the emergent field of techno self-studies.

### 2.2 Types of Social Media

Certain of the utmost popular social media websites, with over 100 million registered users, embrace Facebook, TikTok, WeChat, Instagram, QZone, Weibo, Twitter, Tumblr, Baidu Tieba, and LinkedIn.

### Depending on interpretation, additional widespread platforms that are occasionally referred to as social media:

YouTube, QQ, Quora, Telegram, WhatsApp, LINE, Snapchat, Pinterest, Viber, Reddit, Discord, VK, Microsoft Teams, and more. Wikis are examples of collaborative content creation.

## 3. Children & Adolescents

The Privileges of the Child describes a child as an distinct aged 0–18 years. Adolescence is the stage of life

extending between childhood and adulthood, and its definition has long modelled a mystery. Adolescence includes elements of biological development and major social role transitions, both of which have altered in the past century. Earlier adolescence has enhanced the onset of adolescence in nearly all populations, while considerate of continued growth has elevated its endpoint age well into the 20s. In parallel, deferred timing of role evolutions, including completion of education, marriage, and parenthood, continue to shift popular insights of when adulthood begins. Arguably, the changeover period from childhood to adulthood now occupies a greater portion of the life course than ever before at a time when unparalleled social forces, counting marketing and digital media, are distressing health and wellbeing across these years. An extended and more inclusive definition of adolescence is needed for developmentally apposite framing of laws, social policies, and service systems. Rather than age 10–19 years, a definition of 10–24 years corresponds more closely to adolescent growth and popular understandings of this lifetime phase and would enable protracted reserves across a wider range of settings.

### 4. Impact of social media Addiction in children & Adolescents in mental health

Teenagers and young adults — ages 16 to 24 — are the furthestmost intense operators of social media. Welfares of social media use contain improving friendships and decreasing lonesomeness. But there is also signal that overdoing has a negative impact on self-esteem and gratification with their lives. And this social media usage is also related to an upturn in mental health problems, counting anxiety, depression and suicidality. Nearly 90% of 16-24 year olds usage the internet for social networking.<sup>[21]</sup> Social media's admiration among adolescents isn't astounding, since it has been revealed to distress the reward centres that are so vigorous in teen brains. An imaging study has revealed that these areas are triggered when participants noticed images with a lot of "Likes". The response is sturdiest when Likes are on images posted by contestant. When seeing photographs of risky behaviours apparently taken and posted by peers, instigation in the cognitive control network decreased.<sup>[22]</sup>

Amplified time on social media has had histrionic effects on teen behaviour, counting scarcer risky social events and more mental health symptoms. "Displacement" may account for these properties. If social media substitutes negative activities or isolation, it can be positive. If it substitutes face-to-face interaction or exercise, it can be negative.<sup>[23]</sup>

### The good

- 12th-graders in 2015 were going out less often than 8th-graders did in 2009.
- Consumption, illicit drug use, and car accidents are down.

- Ninth-graders now are 40% less sexually vigorous and the teen birth rate is down 67 percent since 1991.
- Less than an hour of gaming a day may have positive mental health effects.<sup>[24]</sup>

#### The bad

- Eighth-graders who spend 10 or more hours a week on social media are 56% additional likely to boom being unhappy than those who spend fewer time. Heavy social media use upsurgers reports of unhappiness by 56%. Substantial users of social media raise their risk of depression by 27 percent.<sup>[25]</sup>

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- YouTube is broadly watched by teens as a positive force, but teens explosion Snapchat, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram intensification feelings of anxiety.<sup>[26]</sup>

#### Girls are excessively affected by the negative aspects of social media.

- Supplementary than twice as many girls as boys said they had been cyber intimidated in the last year (22% vs. 10%).<sup>[27]</sup> More than twice as many girls as boys report being cyber bullied.
- Boys' depression increased by 21% between 2012 and 2015, and girls' increased by 50%.<sup>[28]</sup>

#### There may be a hidden casualty of the constant social media onslaught: sleep.

- Teens who expended three or more hours a day on electronic devices were 28% more likely to get less than seven hours of sleep, and teens who visited social media sites every day were 19% more likely not to get suitable sleep.<sup>[29]</sup>
- Privation of sleep can undesirably affect teens' mood, aptitude to think, to react, to control their emotions, to study and to get along with adults. It's a vicious cycle—lack of sleep disturbs mood, and depression can lead to privation of sleep. And numerous studies have found that severe sleep debt is related to suicidal ideation.
- Teens who don't sleep enough are additional than twice as likely to explosion higher stages of depressive symptoms (31% vs 12%).
- Teens who sleep less than seven hours a night are also 68% more prospective to have at least one risk factor for suicide.<sup>[30]</sup>

### 5. Impact of Social Media Addiction in children & Adolescents Mental health to Juvenile crime:

#### 5.1. According to Elia Abi-Jaoude *et al.*<sup>[31]</sup>

- Substantiation from a variability of cross-sectional, longitudinal and empirical studies incriminate smartphone and social media use in the rise in mental distress, self-injurious behaviour and suicidality among youth; there is a dose–response

connection, and the effects appear to be utmost among girls.

- Social media can disturb adolescents' self-view and interpersonal relationships through social assessment and negative communications, counting cyber bullying; additionally, social media content often includes normalization and even elevation of self-harm and suicidality among youth.
- High extents of youth involve in substantial smartphone use and media multitasking, with resulting chronic sleep deprivation, and negative effects on cognitive control, academic concert and socioemotional functioning.
- Clinicians can work collaboratively with youth and their families, using open, non judgmental and developmentally suitable methods to reduce potential harms from social media and smartphone use, counting education and practical problem-solving.
- There is a need for public awareness crusades and social policy creativities that support nurturing home and school environments that foster pliability as youth navigate the contests of adolescence in today's world.

#### 5.2. Online Social Network Addiction<sup>[32]</sup>

Obsession to online social networking, as well as Internet addiction in general, are recent and inefficiently explored phenomena, frequently discussed and occasionally disputed in the psychiatric nonfiction. The addictive nature of SNS is supported primarily by the mental preoccupation of many chronic SNS users who as a result tend to neglect other aspects of their social operative such as family and offline friends. In addition, according to our own comments, sudden cessation of online social networking (i.e., lack of Internet connection) may in certain chronic users because signs and symptoms that at least partially resembles the ones seen during drug/alcohol/nicotine abstinence syndrome.

Online social networking as a potential addiction disorder has so far been conversed in many publications. SNS addiction represents a relatively new subject in psychiatry research, and as with other possibly SNS-related disorders, numerous queries continue unrequited.

In 2012, Andreassen *et al.* established the Facebook Addiction Scale, a scoring system originally based on a total of 18 items, challenging features of dependence such as salience, mood modification, tolerance, withdrawal, conflict, and relapse. The authors realistic the scale along with other questionnaires (such as Addictive Tendencies Scale, Online Sociability Scale, etc.) on a sample of 423 students. The test presented a comparatively high consistency and evidenced to be applicable to the student population. The same year, regarding this study, Griffiths<sup>35</sup> articulated concern that the term "Facebook addiction" may be obsolete due to a large diversity of actions that can be done on Facebook

moreover conventional social networking (i.e., playing games). Nevertheless, any attempt to design a scoring system that would be able to measure at least a certain aspect of social networking addiction is, in our opinion, Chief addition to the present knowledge in this field.

Wolniczak et al. lately modified The Internet Addiction Questionnaire in order to test Facebook addiction in the student population. The authors also verified the sleep quality of Facebook users using the Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index. The outcomes showed that Facebook dependence may be related to deprived quality of sleep. To our information, this is the first study to modify existing questionnaires for Internet addiction in order to test Facebook use.

Probably, the most significant question is whether SNS addiction is really a mental disorder, and whether it should be diagnosed and treated as such. The Tenth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases and Health Problems (ICD-10) defined several exact criteria for dependence syndrome such as a strong desire or sense of compulsion, difficulties in controlling consumption behaviour, physiological withdrawal state after markdown or cessation, evidence of tolerance, and so on. A diagnosis should be made if three or more of the above stated criteria are present (at a certain time point) during the previous year.

It is clear that various of these diagnostic criteria could be useful to a minor percentage of chronic Facebook users who, as a result of this protracted computer use, have hitches in normal everyday working. However, one must be very careful with this approach, since in the future it could be quite problematic to differentiate SNS addiction from Internet addiction, which is a much additional general disorder (Internet addiction disorder, problematic Internet use, or compulsive Internet use). Furthermore, it should be renowned that neither Internet nor SNS addiction have been involved in the latest disease classification manuals such as Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5). In addition, SNS and Internet-related mental problems are frequently seen together with other diagnosable mental illnesses, or, in other words, these problems are intricate by comorbidity. Therefore, it remains unclear whether potential SNS addiction is an independent illness, or merely a manifestation of other mental issues such as, for example, personality disorders.

All in all, it leftovers to be seen whether SNS addiction will ever be recognized as a separate mental disorder. It can be expected that in the future, this issue will be a focal point of many research studies, and that, in the years to come, it will become the subject of a wide debate among psychiatrists, psychologists, and other specialists. The final outcomes and conclusions will have a substantial impact on the future organization of the mental health system, particularly considering that online

social networking touches such a large proportion of the world population.

### 5.3 According to Rowena E. Mojares et.al.<sup>[33]</sup>

**Table 1: Comparison of Impacts of Social Networking when grouped according to demographic variables.**

Age	F	P-value	Interpretation
Perceived Effects	0.684	0.564	Not Significant
Psychological	6.077	0.001	Significant
Physical	2.677	0.51	Not Significant
Emotional	1.269	0.289	Not Significant
Acts of Delinquency	5.038	0.003	Significant

Tables 1 show the frequency of juveniles using social networking according to age. There is a significant difference on the psychological and act of delinquency since the obtained p-value of 0.001 and 0.003 is less than 0.05 level of significance. This means that the respondents' assessment on the said variable differs as to age. Cyber-bullying and harassment are most often perpetrated by other teens and tend to happen most to older girls and to teens of either gender who have a strong online presence and it may take several forms. (Adler et al. 2000).

**Table 2: Comparison of Impacts of Social Networking When Grouped According To Sex.**

Sex	F	P-value	Interpretation
Perceived Effects	1.195	0.170	Not significant
Psychological	0.369	0.545	Not significant
Physical	0.475	0.492	Not significant
Emotional	4.062	0.047	Significant
Acts of Delinquency	4.567	0.035	Significant

There is a significant difference between male and female in terms emotional and acts of delinquency. The research, which looked at the differences between what the genders enjoyed doing online, discovered that men are more likely to visit entertainment, betting, games and music websites.”(Telegraph, October 2012, Women are More Attracted Social Networking Sites, <http://www.telegraph.com.uk>, 2012, October 2012).

## 6. CONCLUSION

The association between heavy use of social media and an intensification in mental health disorders has long been recognized. However, there is a gap in the works regarding mental health practitioners/providers' responses to this issue. The number of adolescents & children reporting mental health issues such as anxiety and depression has dramatically increased in the last two decades. As this trend coincides with the increase in social media use by adolescents Children. According to the Royal Society for Public Health, & Young Health Movement (2017), the prevalence of anxiety and depression has increased by 70% in the past 25 years in

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