

A Study Freedom of Speech and Expression via Social Media

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Abstract: *As per Recent studies, a commitment to freedom of speech and expression means that an Individual must be free to speak to others and to hear what others may say, without Interference from the state. It is said that the answer to bad or erroneous speech is not The speaker., is seen as responsible for his or her actions, including harmful actions, Whether these actions occur because he or she agrees or disagrees with the speakers Message. As online spaces become increasingly integral to public discourse, this study explores the challenges and opportunities presented by digital communication technologies. It delves into the tensions between upholding individual liberties and addressing concerns such as hate speech, misinformation, and algorithmic bias. By analysing legal frameworks, platform policies, and societal implications, this abstract seeks to provide insights into navigating the complexities of online expression while safeguarding democratic principles in the digital age. In a democratic country like India, each and every citizen has the right to express and impart Information through social media. Because we enjoy this freedom, we can upload, uplink, comment, like, share, etc. through Social media. These social media sites provide complete or absolute freedom of expression; but as netizens how are we using it? This paper reviews the freedom of speech and expression and related violations through social media*

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I. INTRODUCTION

Before the invention of the printing press, a written work, once created, could only be Physically multiplied by highly laborious and error-prone manual copying. No detailed system Of censorship and control over scribes existed, and their works rarely caused wider controversy. In response to the printing press, and the theological heresy it allowed to spread, the Roman Catholic Church moved to impose censorship. Printing allowed for multiple exact copies of a Work, leading to a more rapid and widespread circulation of ideas and information. The written Editions banned or censored books written by Rene Descartes, Giordano Bruno, Galilei, David Hume, John Locke, Daniel Defoe Jean Jacques Rousseau and Voltaire. Government and Church encouraged printing in many ways because it allowed for the dissemination of Bibles And Government information works of dissent and criticism could also circulate rapidly. But in today's scenario Social media comprises primarily internet and mobile phone based Tools for sharing discussing information. It blends technology, telecommunications, and social Interaction provides a platform to communicate through words, pictures, films, and music. Social media includes web-based and mobile technology used to turn communication into Interact dialogue. Freedom of speech is understood to be fundamental in a democracy. The norms on limiting Freedom of expression mean that public debate may not be completely suppressed even in times

II. SOCIAL MEDIA

Technologies for sharing and discussing material, such as those based on the internet and mobile phones, predominate on social Media platforms. There are many other methods to communicate one self through the medium of the internet: through writing, Photographs, videos, and music, to name just a few examples. By using web-based entertainment, which incorporates electronic And versatile advancements, changing correspondence into an intuitive dialog is conceivable (Singh, 2019). It is alluded to as "virtual entertainment" on the web and portable stages that permit people and associations to impart Progressively and trade client created content. In the expressions of Andreas Kaplan and

Michael Heinlein, "virtual Entertainment" is portrayed as "a bunch of web put together applications that grow with respect to the calculated and mechanical Underpinnings of Web 2.0, and that permit the creation and sharing of client produced content." "Web 2.0" stages are Internet Stages that take into account client investment and are alluded to accordingly. In the field of web-based entertainment, "client Created content" alludes to all of the manners by which clients might speak with each other and share data. As indicated by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, content that is named "client delivered" should satisfy three exact

Models:1. To begin with, it should be made available to the general public via a publicly accessible website or on a private social Networking site.

2. In terms of creativity, it necessitates the least amount of work.

3. It's "made outside of professional procedures and practises."

Social Media may likewise be utilized related to cell phones, which is alluded to as versatile virtual entertainment. Versatile web based Entertainment contrasts from conventional virtual entertainment in that it adds new perspectives like the client's current (area awareness) and the time delay among sending and getting messages since it is worked on cell phones, portable web-based Entertainment (time-responsiveness) (Singh, 2019).

III. FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND EXPRESSION AND SOCIALMEDIA

The internet and social media has become a vital communications tool through Individuals can exercise their rights of freedom of expression and exchange information i.e. their ideas. In the past years or so, a growing movement of people around the world has witnessed who are advocating for change, justice, equality, accountability of the power and respect for human rights. In such movements the internet and social media has played a key role by enabling people of connects and exchange information instantly and creating a sense of solidarity. Emphasizing the importance of internet, the UN Human rights committee has Also tried to give practical application freedom of opinion and expression in the Radically altered media landscape, the centre of which is occupied by the internet and Mobile communication. Describing new media global network to exchange ideas and Opinions that does not necessarily rely on traditional mass media, the Committee stated That should take all necessary steps further the independence of these new media and Also ensure access to them. Thus, it is seen that freedom of speech and expression is recognized as a Fundamental right in whatever medium it is exercised under the Constitution of India And international documents. And in the light of the growing use of internet and social Media is a medium of exercising this right, access to this medium has also been Recognized a fundamental human right.

IV. METHODOLOGY

The researcher in the present research has adopted Doctrinal Method for collecting required data hence the data has been collected through secondary source, for Example reference books, internet, journals, cases etc.

V. DISCUSSION

Nowadays, people can comment on any issue freely, and the internet is regarded as the Most important thing in their daily life, because they can post words they want to say On the internet conveniently, and even insult others by typing offensive words. Although most people in modern society emphasize freedom of speech, there are still a Lot of serious problems caused by it, including harmful speech, irreparable events, and Misuse of this freedom. First, freedom of speech can harm people. Because of the convenience of the internet,Even a word can greatly inflict many people. Netizens leave various kinds of negative Messages on the internet, and some are anonymous. They don't consider these insulting Words immoral. Sometimes these comments aim at a person, and it may be for no Reason. The phenomenon is called, "Cyber bully", however, Netizens have no idea that They should be responsible for the consequences, but their comments may lead to the Victim's permanent psychological harm. Humiliating comments can result in a suicide. When more and more people attack a Person with negative words, he or she will be very upset, and when the person is not Able to cope with situations, he or she may hopelessly resort to committing suicide. By The time, the consequence is irrevocable, and it is too late to regret. People readily comment on every event and anyone, but it may be illegal. Sometimes People use bad language to convey their emotions, but they may be sued by others, and The internet is no exception. Police can find Netizens location and punish them, even if They are anonymous. To sum up in spite of

freedom for or speech, we still have to strike a balance between Law and freedom. We not only need to be concerned about others feelings, butalso need To treasure this freedom and use it well.

VI. FINDING

In freedom of speech and expression, a basic element of a functional democracy is to Allow citizens to participate in the political and social processes of the country. There Is ample freedom of speech, thought and expression in all forms i.e. verbal, written, Broadcast etc., in a healthy democracy. Freedom of speech is guaranteed not only by the Indian Constitutions but also by International statues such as the Universal Declaration of human Rights declared on 10th December 1948, he International Covenant on civil and political rights, the European Convention on Human Rights and fundamental Freedoms etc.

- 1) This is important because democracy works well only if the people have the rights To express their opinions about the government and criticize it if needed.
- 2) The voice of the people must be heard and their grievances are satisfied.
- 3) Not just in the political sphere, even in other spheres like social, cultural and Economic, the people must have their voices heard in a true democracy.
- 4) In the absence of the above freedom, democracy is threatened. The government will Become all too powerful and start serving the interest of a few rather than the general Public.
- 5) Heavy clampdown on the right to free speech and free press will create a fear factor Under which people would endure silently. In such scenario, people would feel Stifled and would rather suffer than express their opinions.
- 6) Freedom of the press is also an important factor in the freedom of speech and Expression.
- 7) The second Chief Justice of India, Mr. Shastri has observed, "Freedom of Speech And of the Press lay at the foundation of all democratic organizations, for without Free political discussion no public education, so essential for the proper function of The process of Government, is possible.
- 8) In the Indian context, the significance of this freedom can be understood from the Fact that the preamble itself ensures to all citizens the liberty of thought, expression, Belief, faith and worship.
- 9) Liberal democracies, especially in the West, have a very wide interpretation of the Freedom of speech and expression. There is plenty of ways for people to express Dissent freely.
- 10) However, most countries have some sort of censorship in place, most of which are Related to defamation, hate speech etc.
- 11) The idea behind censorship is generally to prevent law and order issues in the Country

VII. CONCLUSION

It is clearly explain that Social media is very powerful means of exerting one's freedom of Speech and expression. However it is also been increasingly used for illegal acts which has Given force to the Governments attempts at censoring social media. Where on the one has The misuse of social media entails the need for legal censorship, on the other hand, there Legitimate fears of violation of civil rights of people as an inevitable consequence Censorship. What is therefore desirable is regulation of social media, not its censorship. However The present cyber laws of India are neither appropriate nor adequate in this respect, analysis Of the existing IT laws shows that there is unaccountable and immense power in hands of The Government while dealing with security in the cyber space. Even then, it is sufficient To check the misuse of social media. Hence, a specific legislation is desirable regulate social Media. However, there are many practical difficulties which may arise while doing so. They aVery thins which demarcate the enjoyment of one's right and the violation of enjoyment of Else's right in the process. In social media, the exercise of freedom of speech and expression By one may result in the invasion of privacy and defamation .again, the objectionable Content varies from one person to another. A cartoon or mimicry is a harmless way having Fun but offence may be taken by the person concerned. Similarly, hate speech, remarks Religious sentiment have different meanings for different people. Keeping all this in mind, it is suggested that the Government should including technical Experts to look into all the possible facets of the use and misuse of media and recommend A suitable manner in which it can be regulated hindering civil rights of citizens.

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