Internet: A revolution that has changed the whole of humankind

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Internet is a word or we can say a technology a very complex and revolutionary invention of 1965. It was first invented for military purposes, then expanded among the scientists for communication purposes, it was very much helpful during the days of the Cold War in having communication between the university's computers to military as in that time it could not be disrupted by enemies or spies or by any other problem. Internet kept expanding and finally, in 1990 it was available to the public it became the source of information, entertainment, connection, and socialization and it is safe to say that today almost everyone in the world has access to the Internet a revolution that impacted the everyday life of humankind it makes our life easier, with the Internet we have the access to connect with anyone around the world and we can communicate them and it is also a source of information and provide us knowledge about everything.

INTRODUCTION

Our journey started from Stone Age and has reached the modern age by witnessing many inventions and innovations from time to time but the most complex and revolutionary invention

that has impacted the whole of mankind in the modern world is the Internet.[1] The Internet plays a very important role in our life this is the time when everything is getting digitalized, so it is very safe to say that everyone is getting dependent on the Internet and almost everyone in the world has the access to the Internet.[2] Talking about the Internet,[3] it provides us with the benefit of effective communication through e-mails and other social networking apps like messenger or WhatsApp. It only takes seconds to reach any part of the world with clicks be it either via text calls or video calls, Internet people can get all types of information like they can watch the news and know about any part of the world without depending on TV's and newspaper or with the Internet the business of various types skyrocketed especially the online business.

It also enhanced the research work of professionals by enabling them to share or exchange of information or materials online.[4] The Internet also played a very important role in the education sector there are uncountable books and study materials available for students.[5] Recently, only two years ago, the world was implicated by coronavirus causing a pandemic across the world and forcing people to be locked inside their homes in order to protect themselves. The pandemic was a great hit to the daily life of students, occupation people, businessmen, and their businesses. COVID brought the daily lives of people to a halt where students suffered the loss of education, people were losing their jobs, the economy plummeted and businessmen suffered great losses in their businesses.[6]

When everyone was panicked, distressed, and depressed at that time Internet turned out to be a boon for everyone. It enabled the students and teachers to continue their classes through online meetings and lectures, even exams were conducted online, stopping the students from bearing

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[1] Alaa Gharwabi, 'Revolution of the Internet' (*Almeroth Classes*)
<https://sites.cs.ucsb.edu/~almeroth/classes/F04.176A/homework1_good_papers/Alaa-Gharbawi.html>
accessed 10 September 2022

[2] *Ibid*

[3] *Ibid*

[4] Kajal Sharna, 'Role of Internet in Education' (*The Asian School*, 4 January 2019)
<https://www.theasianschool.net/blog/role-of-internet-in-education/> accessed 10 September 2022

[5] *Ibid*

[6] *Ibid*

more losses.[7] The same was with other jobs and businesses although life was still hard but people made it through it the Internet emerged as a common time pass and a source of information for everyone during COVID.[8]

IMPACT OF THE INTERNET ON SOCIETY

The Internet is now considered as the greatest revolution of all time which has impacted the whole of humankind. Same Internet has positive and as well as negative impacts on society:

Positive Impacts

- It provides effective communication through social networking apps like WhatsApp and messenger.
- Helps and improve business interactions and transaction.
- Skyrocketed online business platforms.
- Provides education and has uncountable books and journals which give knowledge and information.
- Students can now opt for online courses using the internet.
- Application for jobs has become easier and vacancies are advertised online.

Negative Impacts

- Availability of illegal or inappropriate materials that is not suitable.
- Addiction of social networking can have a bad impact on an individual both personally and professionally.
- Accounts get hacked by hackers and stealing of data and personal information.
- Spreading hate through the Internet is very common nowadays.

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[7] Janna Anderson & Ors, 'Experts Say the 'New Normal' in 2025 Will Be Far More Tech-Driven, Presenting More Big Challenges' (Pew Research Center, 18 February 2021) <https://www.pewresearch.org/internet/2021/02/18/experts-say-the-new-normal-in-2025-will-be-far-more-tech-driven-presenting-more-big-challenges/> accessed 10 September 2022

[8] *Ibid*

INTERNET ADDICTION AMONG CHILDREN

Addiction of the Internet among children is very common these days. Recently, two years ago we have seen a case of a three year old child who is severely addicted to the Internet as his parents gave him a mobile phone as a toy, and at that very small age, he learned all the features of a mobile phone and ultimately get addicted to it in such a small age because of operating on mobile phones continuously the motor section of his brain received such an adverse effect that the child is unable to stand up on his legs when he walks,[9] it seems that he is in a drunken state, stumbles now and then and trips down. Similarly, there are so many cases in which the parents to stop the baby crying handed over a mobile phone to him, the baby used his thumbs for months for different purposes and as a result, his thumbs moves in a fixed direction that is left and right his thumb doesn't bend, other fingers have become insensitive, the supply of message from his brain to fingers has got hampered and the other fingers have stopped working. The child is unable to pick up anything lying on the surface.

The effect of using the Internet on teenagers has some different kinds of effects and it has made the children mobile-centric except watching the content on mobile phones they do nothing and their own thinking ability has received severe effects. In many cases, when mobile phones were snatched from them, they committed suicide. One such case has been aired on a news channel in which a teenager shot his mother dead simply because he couldn't bare his mother snatching the mobile phone from him. Quiet frequently, we hear or read such cases that appear in newspapers, on social media sites, or aired by news channels.[10]

Mobile phones have become an unnecessary headache, and one of the best gifts of science has become a bane in many ways to many families as the children are getting affected not only mentally and physically but socially too. Even for better purposes if mobile phones are used it cause some unwanted harm causing a rift in the relationship. Brains are loaded with negative

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[9] Caroline Miller, 'Is Internet Addiction Real' (*Child Mind Institute*) <https://childmind.org/article/is-internet-addiction-real/#:~:text=Technology%20negatively%20impacts%20kids%20if,anxiety%20and%20depression%20in%20teenagers.> accessed 10 September 2022
[10] *Ibid*

contents, affecting the behavior of the user. Therefore in my opinion children and teenagers must not be given it as a toy but they must be made aware of how to use which sites should be kept aloof. If not the future of such children is destined to be bleak and gradually they would reach doom.

INTERNET AND GENERATION GAP

Generation Gap is a term given to the gap or age difference between two sets of people the young people and their elders. Every generation has a set of rules and values that shapes their culture, views, and their thinking. It is obvious that one generation will differ from another and they would have their own beliefs on how one should proceed further with life. In our generation technology plays a very important role in every aspect of our life be it transportation work or studies but the Internet is a technology that has far surpassed others in the matter of our dependence. It can be both good and bad, bad in the sense that it has a negative impact on our life if we spent a major share of our everyday life on our mobile phones surfing through social media. Good in the sense that it can also provide income and can give you varieties of knowledge and stable life if used properly.

But these are the things that we of the current and coming generation will understand which quite not set right with the people of our previous generation for technology and Internet is still alien for many people belonging to the previous generation. From early life, they have seen their parents struggle for every basic need and they themselves went through more or less the same kind of thing so they could not understand the sudden advancement in technology and that it could provide certain things quite easily that they struggle to get. Our Generation spent their maximum time on the Internet surfing social networking sites and doing other things which leads to a lack of communication between our generation and the previous ones. In old times people used to spend their time communicating with each other and they share their ideas and views on a particular topic, but now the time has changed everyone has smartphones and access to the Internet which is the root cause of creating a generation gap.

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE INTERNET

Modern Man is handicapped without the Internet. The Internet has become a need in every bit of life. The Internet has impacted the everyday life of humankind and it has many positive aspects as well as negative aspects too. Talking the positive aspect starts with search engines like Google or Firefox which enable us to search for anything and get information. We can get information about our country as well as other countries too while just sitting on a chair or laying on the bed. It provides us with the benefit of effective communication through social networking sites with just one click we can connect and can talk or call anyone around the globe.

Almost every student has the access to the Internet so we can assume that no student is left behind due to a lack of study material or guidance during COVID times Internet emerged as a boon for students as well as for occupation class people too as everything goes online. The Internet is playing a major role in integrating or exchanging cultures of the world. The Internet also provides us with a variety of global job opportunities. Nowadays it is quite easy to apply to companies in foreign countries through the Internet. The Internet also strengthens human rights since everything has become much more transparent, and the exploitation of workers has decreased.

NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF THE INTERNET

If we talk about the negative aspects of this wireless technology connecting people across the world, then there are fewer however the impacts are very serious. Some commit fraud on a large scale either by hacking into accounts or fooling people out of their money. It is the best place to advertise any service or product compared to other methods. Advertising on the Internet is easy they would spend spam mail in the inbox to attract people some foolishly get attracted and ultimately get cheated out of their money.

Another disadvantage is that while the Internet provides various information data there are also things on the Internet which is not age appropriate for many users such as pornographic videos or other violent images or videos. Then there are hackers who are the biggest threat not only to common people but even to government bodies. They run a program that gets into PC and ruins

valuable data, user's personal information like name, address, and bank details are often accessed by hackers which leads to huge losses of that individual if somehow they hacked into the government bodies or intelligence this can also bring the whole country under a great threat.

Recently, the biggest misuse of the Internet was done to provoke religious and communal violence, they use the Internet to spread hatred among people via social media. Just a few months ago, a certain community came out on roads in 14 different states in the name of protest which turned into violence, as a result, the government even had to stop the Internet in various regions of the country.

CONCLUSION

Lastly, I would like to conclude that it is not possible for people to not indulge in the disadvantages of the Internet but what can be done is that they could be made aware of the impacts and implications about the advantages and disadvantages of the Internet, that it can make the life of a person both better or miserable depending on their choice. The parents can teach their children about this in the home. The schools can generate awareness among the students, even the government can run programs and create awareness among the people about the various advantages and disadvantages of the Internet.