
The Urgent Need of Control of the Content Posted on Social Media Platforms

Ever since different types of media platforms and different variations of media have been introduced, it has made society progress at a much quicker rate. Media has influenced many individuals in a good way and in a bad way. It is currently the most powerful source of knowledge to ever exist in human history. The media can definitely get out of hand sometimes, whether it is regarding a social media platform or an opinion stated openly on the internet. There should always be control on what is being posted, as once the sent button is clicked, there is no going back, therefore this can cause more problems to arise.

To begin with, it is difficult to control, regulate, and censor media. It is only difficult because of certain individuals that are roaming the web, to only put down other religions, races, and individuals. There are also intellectual individuals on the internet that think twice or three times before making an outburst online. The government for this matter, controls what goes on and what is taken down, which is through their own opinions on certain posts. An individual can go against the government in this manner and put out their opinion on how bad the government is treating its people. Within seconds, the government would delete that comment as well and shut down that site. Above all, the government may or may not give out a fine to that individual, this depends on how vulgar the post was. Therefore, it is certainly difficult in censoring media as the government would need to monitor certain blogs and posts day by day, and shutting down or deleting the comment would cause more tension between the government and other individuals.

Initially, the pros of media censorship is that it protects children from violence and sexual material. Now a days, it is much easier to access such content, through surfing the web on a laptop, phone, or even a gaming console, like a PS4. With media censorship coming into play, children will be able to watch, play, and surf the web freely without such images or material coming forward. Another advantage is that it will limit advertisements that are harmful. There are several ads, whether they are before or in between a video on youtube, or on the side of a site; they promote certain product and ideas that cause problems in the long run. This could include products being advertised to influence body shaming or unhealthy eating habit, to addiction. It is necessary and understandable for this content to be censored. Another advantage of media censorship is that it will control the level of hate.

On social media platforms and other types of media, it is noticed that there is a lot of slandering towards certain religions, individuals, and even companies. This would be helpful if it was censored, therefore it would avoid prejudice or discriminatory behavior in forming, based on something that is false. The last advantage is that it would help security. If this rule was implemented, it would avoid sensitive content from being shared, therefore it would do that individual good instead of bad. It would also avoid panic and chaos in the long run; if no photos are shared, nothing can go wrong. Four cons or disadvantages of media censorship are as follows. Censoring would encourage ignorance. Ignorance is usually used when an individual wants to control someone and keep them clueless or unaware. Censoring the news and reports on certain incidents would put several individuals at risk. Censoring the media will also limit awareness and education. Some of the most current issues that society is facing are racism, discrimination, poverty, war, and climate change. Hiding these issues or sugar coating them can

cause harm to individuals as they would not be aware of several issues in the world. Freedom of speech is also taken away when one censors the media. Limiting an individual on saying or not saying certain ideas is violating their right as a citizen in Canada.

Adding on, these days, whenever one visits the library or even attends a party, it is noticed that many children are constantly on their devices. As children continue to stay on their devices day and night, it has a negative impact on the brain. I have seen children that become anxious, scared, traumatized, and hypersexualized due to things they hear, see, and experience day by day. Children are very sensitive and cannot handle certain topics, the same way adults can. For the proper development of the brain, a child needs to be cared for and needs to be safe. No child should be able to have an easy access to pornography or certain websites. No child should experience violence on Tv, extreme use of language, or two individuals that are intimate. Having the excuse of “they will learn about it or see it from someplace else one day” is no excuse for stopping them throughout their early development stage. Therefore government should take action and look into this problem as it is on the rise.

To conclude, there should always be control on what is being posted, as once the sent button is clicked, there is no going back, therefore this can cause more problems to arise. The media can definitely get out of hand sometimes, whether it is regarding a social media platform or an opinion stated openly on the internet. Media is currently the most powerful source of knowledge to ever exist in human history. Media has influenced many individuals in a good way and in a bad way. Ever since different types of media platforms and different variations of media have been introduced, it has made society progress at a much quicker rate.