

The Association Between Delinquency Expressed Through Media and Minors Committing Crimes

Research Question

- Is there an association between delinquency expressed through social media and minors engaging in criminal activities?



Introduction & Literature Review

- Social media is strictly considered internet based, such as online media platforms.

- 56% of Americans own smartphones (Cell Phone Addiction, 2017) with this number rising each year.



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- Teenagers spend an estimated seven hours daily of screen time not including time for school or homework (Media Use By Teens and Tweens, 2019).
- Intense focus on social media and online realities may promote unhealthy habits such as reduced human contact, dependence on electronic search engines, and an unhealthy attachment to technology (Akram and Kumar, 2017).
- Research in 1967 concluded the mean number of crimes and violence preferences increased as the hours of viewing television also increased (Lovibond, 1967).
- Furthermore, another study concluded that gamers engaging in violent video games had lower activity in brain areas associated with emotional responses (Plante and Anderson, 2017). This research suggests that exposure to violent media may affect the emotional response of an individual.
- Longitudinal study
 - Suggested that childhood consumption of violent television predicted records of violence through self-reports, peer-reports, and archived records (Huesman, Moise-Titus, Podolski and Eron, 2003). In the past and in our current society, the media has affected violent tendencies. Though today access to online social media platforms substitute for traditional forms of mass media.

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Methods

- Design:
 - Meta-analytical approach.
 - Research will draw information from past studies. Past research studies will be relevant to either media, minors and or crime. After analyzing a multitude of relevant study's conclusions will be drawn in order to suggest an answer to the proposed research question.
- Procedure:
 - Begin with a basic background search, such as the Google search engine.
 - Narrow down academic results using Google Scholar and CSU Stanislaus online databases.
 - Refine search terms to include violence, media, and minors.
 - Apply Boolean operators and limiter techniques.



Expected Results



- I expect to determine a positive association between delinquency expressed in social media and minors engaging in criminal activities.

Significance

- The focus of this study is to have results reach policy makers and the wider US society and contribute to the formation of updated laws and regulations related to minors and social media.

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