

Social media

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Essay outline- ENG 1101A Proposed Social media use and the moderator effects of age I. Introduction: Hook: Age defines people's rationale and response to their environment and as an indicator of learning level, could define effects of social media across age groups.

Thesis statement: Social media use is significant contemporary issue with age as a moderator factor

II. Topic sentence 1: Social media use is significant

Support #1: Children and adolescents, as vulnerable populations, have access to social media

Support #2: Children face bullying and adolescents are exposed to peer influence from social media usage

III. Topic sentence 2: Social media use has implications

Support #1: Social media use influence body dissatisfaction and eating disorders

Support #2: Social media use influence teamwork among peers for knowledge development

IV. Topic sentence 3: Age moderates effects of social media use

Support #1: Younger people are likely to engage the internet more than are the elders, for knowledge development

Support #2: Moderator effect is not consistent

V. Conclusion

Restatement of main points: Social media is significant to the society.

Children and adolescents have exclusive access to it and it has diverse effects such as lowering self-esteem, influencing eating disorders, and

influencing knowledge creation. Age moderates effects of social media but

the moderator effect is not consistent.

Restatement of thesis: Age moderates effects of social media use that are significant in the society

Personal reaction and prediction: Social media use is popular among children and adolescents, it has positive and negative effects, and its use should be regulated to ensure optimal benefits.

Social media use and the moderator effects of age

Psychological and emotional development occurs with age and this defines disparity in vulnerability to environmental factors. Age defines people's rationale and response to environment depends on age that as an indicator of learning level, could define effects of social media across age groups.

Significance of social media, its implications, and moderator role of age on implications of social media are discussed.

Social media use is significant in the contemporary society because of the number of young people who use it and effects on the users. Children of as young as eight years use social media. Despite 13 years old limit for Facebook accounts, millions of children who are below this age use the media. Rate of the media usage is also high and many children have been harassed in the media (Georgia College, N. d.).

Social media affects its users. A study on young women identified body dissatisfaction and eating disorders as some of the effects of social media (Perloff, 2014). Positive effects such as collaboration among students for knowledge development also exist (Tarantino, McDonough, & Hua, 2013). The social effects of social media however depend on users' age. Younger people are likely to engage with the media for longer times and realize

greater collaboration for knowledge development (Dominguez, Greene, Lawson, & Moreno, 2014; Holt, Shehata, Stomback, & Ljumberg, 2013). The moderator effects are however not consistent across applications (Eriksson, Luoma, & Krook, 2012).

The study sought to discuss moderator effects of age on social media use, which is significant in the society. Children and adolescents have exclusive access to it and it have diverse effects such as lowering self esteem, influencing eating disorders, and influencing knowledge creation. Age moderates effects of social media but the moderator effect is not consistent. Social media use is popular among children and adolescents, it has positive and negative effects, and its use should be regulated to ensure optimal benefits.

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