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I would like to extend my gratitude for your visit to FBM Insights Volume 8, a publication brought forth by the esteemed Faculty of Business and Management, UiTM Kedah Branch. This bulletin endeavours to present a concise and beneficial collection of important insights and research findings derived from the domain of social sciences.

FBM Insights aims to simplify complex social science concepts into easily digestible bullet points, making valuable knowledge more accessible to a wider audience. In this bulletin, each article provides a glimpse into the diverse and dynamic world of social sciences, including psychology, sociology, economics, finance, and other pertinent fields. Through concise and informative summaries, the intention is to promote a deeper understanding of human behaviour, societal trends and the multifarious factors that shape our world.

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I sincerely hope that this bulletin will spark readers' curiosity and inspire them to delve deeper into the myriad facets of human society and behaviour. Irrespective of whether you are a student, educator, or policymaker, I firmly believe that this publication will serve as an invaluable resource in your quest for knowledge.

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IMPACT OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

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INTRODUCTION

In today's world, social media is becoming the most crucial communication method that is used through online networks. It is a broad category of web-based applications and services that are intended to foster the growth of local communities via communication and knowledge exchange (Arnold & Paulus, 2010; Junco et al., 2011). It refers to methods of communication where individuals produce, share, and/or exchange knowledge and concepts in their networks. Almost every industry, including education, is now impacted by social media. Since it is now approved by higher education institutions, it has become a platform for students to interact with their lecturers, fellow students, and other higher authorities. Some studies and research were conducted to investigate the impact of social media usage on Malaysian students.

POSITIVE VS NEGATIVE IMPACT

The use of social media is important for university students because they have easy access to a platform on social media where they can study and learn things. By using it, students can enhance their learning experience from various platforms. The benefit of social media apps is that they encourage cooperation among students. Since they provide instructors and students with a place where they can share ideas, social media may be utilized as an effective educational tool that can enhance the learning process (Purwanto, et al., 2023). The usage has a positive impact on the health of the students such as boosting their confidence (Tobi et al., 2013). Furthermore, using Facebook can also help increase happiness and reduce depression if the envy feeling that developed can be controlled (Tandoc et al., 2015).

On the other hand, social media could have an addictive impact that could result in bad health, a lack of focus in class, poor time management, and ultimately poor academic achievement (Nurudeen et al., 2023). University and college students frequently become addicted to social media, which is harmful to their mental health (Berryman et al, 2018; Cain, 2018, Kircaburun et al., 2020). People who fully utilize the usage of social networks may get depressed (Błachnio et al., 2015). Too much excitement from social media might prevent students from completing their assignments and it may be challenging for students to balance their online activities with their academic preparation (Hurt et al., 2012; Patera et al., 2008).

CONCLUSION

Thus, even though social media is becoming the most crucial communication method that is used, however, it is important to investigate the impact of its usage on university students in Malaysia. By enabling individuals to achieve academic success and continue their studies at home, social networking has undoubtedly tremendously benefited students' lives. Several ways using social media for education might help students in their learning. On the other side, social media also has a negative impact on the students which can be harmful to the mental health of the students if they are not handled with precautions. It depends on the students to deal with social media because both have positive and negative impacts.

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