

## PROJECT: THE DANGERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA THE RANKING OF THE TOP 5 PLATFORMS FOR SAFETY AND CYBERBULLYING PROTOCOL

Social media has become integral to our daily lives, allowing us to connect with friends and family, share our thoughts and experiences, and even conduct business.

However, social media has come with the rise of cyberbullying, harassment, and other forms of online abuse. Choosing social media platforms that prioritise user safety and have protocols to prevent and address cyberbullying is important.

Here are the top five social media platforms ranked for safety and cyberbullying prevention, from best to worst.

#### **1. INSTAGRAM:**

- Instagram is widely recognised as the safest social media platform.
- It has a robust set of safety tools and protocols, including reporting and blocking abusive content and users, filtering out offensive comments, and limiting unwanted interactions.
- Instagram also has a team of moderators who review flagged content and can remove it if it violates community guidelines.
- Furthermore, the platform has implemented features like the "Support Requests" tool, which allows users to get help from Instagram if they are experiencing harassment or bullying.

## 2. FACEBOOK:

- Facebook has been around for over a decade and has faced criticism in the past for its handling of online abuse.
- However, in recent years, the platform has implemented several safety protocols, including reporting abusive content, blocking users, and using tools to limit unwanted interactions.
- Facebook also has a team of moderators who review flagged content and remove it if it violates community guidelines.
- Additionally, Facebook has implemented several features to prevent cyberbullying, such as the ability to turn off comments on posts and use privacy settings to limit who can see and interact with your content.

### 3. TWITTER:

- Twitter has faced criticism in the past for its handling of online abuse and harassment.
- However, in recent years, the platform has made progress in implementing safety protocols, such as the ability to report abusive content and block users.
- Twitter also has a team of moderators who review flagged content and remove it if it violates community guidelines.
- The platform has also implemented features like the "Mute" tool, which allows users to mute specific words, phrases, or accounts to limit unwanted interactions.

### 4. SNAPCHAT:

- Snapchat has been criticized in the past for its lack of safety protocols and tools to combat cyberbullying.
- However, in recent years, the platform has made some progress in implementing safety features, such as reporting abusive content and blocking users.
- Snapchat also has a team of moderators who review flagged content and remove it if it violates community guidelines.
- However, the platform still lacks many safety tools and protocols other social media platforms have implemented.

## **5. TIKTOK:**

- TikTok is currently recognised as the least safe social media platform for cyberbullying prevention.
- While it has implemented several safety tools, such as the ability to filter comments and turn off direct messages from strangers, the platform still lacks some safety protocols other platforms have in place.
- TikTok has also faced criticism for its content moderation and user safety handling.
- TikTok needs to be more proactive towards cyberbullying prevention instead of just reacting to reports of abusive behaviour.
- It is worth noting that while TikTok is recognized as one of the safer social media platforms, TikTok South Africa currently only has a marketing presence in South Africa.
- The company can do more to prevent cyberbullying on the platform and be more proactive towards it instead of just reacting to reports of abusive behaviour.
- Social media platforms need to take a proactive approach to cyberbullying prevention.
- TikTok South Africa can take the lead in creating a safer online environment for users in the country by implementing more safety protocols and tools to prevent and address cyberbullying.

Management teams of responsible social media platforms are aware of the existing problems – this does not relieve users of their responsibility to be cautious and enlightened as criminals are resourceful and constantly looking for a gap to infiltrate systems.

One must be aware of your own vulnerabilities and educate yourself and your children in handling unacceptable situations that may arise as a direct result of social media.

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