# OF USING SOCIAL MEDIA FOR EDUCATION ENHANCEMENT

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**Abstract:** This paper examines the integration of social media in the field of education and its impact on improving the teaching and learning experiences. The discourse encompasses various factors that influence educators' adoption of social media, including the perceived usefulness, perceived ease of use, information quality, and system quality. The perceived usefulness emerges as a crucial determinant of users' acceptance and utilization of social media platforms for educational purposes, while the perceived ease of use facilitates user interaction. Moreover, the information quality guarantees the reliability and relevance of the content disseminated through social media, thereby enhancing users' trust and confidence. The system quality, which encompasses factors like reliability and user satisfaction, influences users' intention to employ social media for the enhancement of education. However, despite the benefits offered by social media, challenges such as cyberbullying and potential distractions necessitate proactive measures to mitigate negative consequences. Addressing issues related to internet accessibility becomes crucial for the effective utilization of social media in education. By harnessing the potential of social media while mitigating its drawbacks, educators can establish a more captivating and effective educational environment. This paper emphasizes the significance of aligning the utilization of social media with educational objectives in order to maximize its advantages.

**Keywords**: Social Media, Education, Perceived Usefulness, Perceived Ease Of Use, Information Quality, System Quality, Teaching And Learning.



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## Introduction

Our way of life has unavoidably altered as a result of the Internet, including how we communicate, communicate at work, shop, learn, and have fun. In particular, education has changed to meet the changing technological landscape, taking advantage of emerging ICTs (information and communication technologies) to improve teacher-student contact and knowledge sharing (Chugh et al., 2023) Huang et al., 2022; Sharma & Chandel, 2013). As a result, the idea of e-learning, also known as electronic-learning, arises as the fusion of technology and education, turning into a useful teaching tool in the modern era (Masadeh et al., 2023) Nalintippayawong et al., 2023). Furthermore, social media gives students a platform to communicate, exchange knowledge, and work together on educational projects (Pulak & Wieczorek-Tomaszewska, 2016). In this paper, there are several factors influencing educators' adoption of social media for education enhancement.

## **Literature Review**

This section explains three fundamental concepts: the conceptualization of social media, the conceptualization of education, and the prevailing landscape of social media utilization within the educational sphere. These elements furnish a foundational comprehension of the interaction between social media and education, emphasizing their respective functions, objectives, and the progressive transformations occurring within modern pedagogical methodologies.

## **Definition of Social Media**

Social media pertains to web-based channels of communication that afford individuals the ability to create material, cooperate, and participate in communal undertakings (Сергеева, 2023). It has evolved into a sociocultural phenomenon and has emerged as a distinct mode of widespread communication (Ajijola, 2023). A significant section of the world's population uses social media sites like Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube (Hariman, 2022). Social media confers numerous advantages. It augments educational opportunities by providing access to an extensive array of learning resources, which can significantly contribute to educational advancement (Wellyana et al., 2022). Furthermore, it cultivates social connections, allowing individuals to maintain communication with friends, family, and communities irrespective of geographical constraints. Social media additionally facilitates the accessibility of health-related information, rendering it an invaluable instrument in the dissemination of health knowledge and the promotion of public health (Wellyana et al., 2022). Notwithstanding its beneficial attributes, social media is correlated with a multitude of adverse repercussions. It has been misappropriated for detrimental objectives, including the facilitation of terrorism and other illicit endeavors. The psychological ramifications associated with social media engagement are also alarming, exhibiting associations with conditions such as depression, anxiety, and, in extreme cases, self-harm or suicidal ideation (Aulia et al., 2022). Furthermore, excessive engagement with social media platforms has been posited to exacerbate attention-related disorders, including attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). In summation, although social media presents considerable benefits, it is imperative to confront its possible negative ramifications. Overindulgence, particularly among youth, may culminate in addictive behaviors and the deterioration of social skills, underscoring the necessity for a judicious approach to its utilization.

# **Definition of Education**

Education is a notion that encompasses organized instruction and the attainment of information, abilities, and principles (Kostrikova, 2018). Education is a transformative undertaking that entails the dissemination of information and the cultivation of aptitudes, while concurrently molding dispositions and conduct, with the ultimate objective of enhancing the well-being of individuals and society as an integrated entity (Jackson, 2019). In traditional Confucian culture,



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education plays a significant role in moral development and has a profound influence on society (Han, 2019). Both Aristotle as well as Confucius place considerable emphasis on the significance of virtue within the realm of education, as it engenders personal growth and exceptional achievement, thus bestowing advantages upon both the individual and the community at large (Eliopoulos, 2014). The caliber of education is contingent upon the degree of organization within the educational procedure and the attainment of education of high quality. Education ought not to be perceived as indoctrination or a mechanism to enforce societal standards, but instead as a catalyst for fostering analytical thinking, individual growth, and the quest for veracity.

## The Scenario Social Media in Education

The incorporation of social media within educational settings has become a prevalent practice, with various platforms being employed to enhance online education by offering channels for interaction, collaboration, and the dissemination of knowledge (Sanwal et al., 2023; Ekenna & Ezema, 2021; Shihomeka & Amadhila, 2020). Students typically embrace the integration of social media into the educational landscape, perceiving it as a mechanism to foster engagement, motivation, and academic success (Williams, 2022). Nonetheless, there exist challenges associated with its implementation in the classroom environment. These challenges encompass potential distractions and the necessity to modify conventional pedagogical approaches to effectively incorporate these platforms (Tuhuteru et al., 2023; Lampropoulos et al., 2021). Despite these challenges, social media continues to be a pivotal educational instrument with the capacity to revolutionize teaching and learning paradigms. It provides novel opportunities for research and collaborative efforts, enabling students to connect with peers, explore career pathways, and even generate financial resources (Fatawu et al., 2023). Additionally, social media promotes discourse and the exchange of ideas, thereby enriching the educational experience and enhancing students' appreciation of the learning process (Ognibene, Donabauer, et al., 2023). However, the utilization of social media within educational contexts engenders various hurdles. These hurdles include concerns such as cyberbullying, time mismanagement, and the potential for distraction (Ognibene, Wilkens, et al., 2023). Moreover, social media platforms are governed by algorithms that may impose constraints, leading to phenomena such as filter bubbles and echo chambers, which can limit exposure to diverse viewpoints (Swai & Ahmed, n.d.). In consideration of these obstacles, a dynamic "Virtual Companion for Social Media" could assume a crucial role in educating users regarding responsible engagement with social media platforms. Such tools possess the potential to assist students in navigating social media in a manner that amplifies their educational experience while alleviating associated risks.

## Methodology

This research utilizes a qualitative research methodology, incorporating content analysis and thematic analysis to investigate the factors that affect the utilization of social media for educational enhancement. Such a method facilitates a profound comprehension of the phenomenon grounded in pre-existing literature and documented empirical findings. Content analysis was performed on secondary data obtained from scholarly articles and reports accessed via Google Scholar. Terminologies such as "social media in education", "perceived usefulness", and "educational technology" were instrumental in guiding the data selection process. The content analysis required a rigorous strategy for coding and categorizing the data to uncover patterns and prominent concepts, with an emphasis on aspects such as perceived usefulness, ease of use, information quality, and system quality. This phase was conducted in accordance with the protocols established by Elo and Kyngäs (2008). Thematic analysis was applied to enhance the understanding of the results derived from the content analysis. The six-step framework articulated by Braun and Clarke (2006) was utilized to discern and organize recurring themes across the dataset. This procedure encompassed

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familiarization with the data, formulation of initial codes, identification of themes, and the subsequent refinement and definition of these themes to ensure alignment with the research objectives. By synthesizing content and thematic analysis, this methodology guarantees a comprehensive exploration of the determinants influencing the adoption of social media for educational endeavors, while obviating the necessity for direct engagement with participants.

## **Factors Influencing of Using Social Media for Education Enhancement**

## **Perceived Usefulness**

The influence of social media usage is significantly affected by the perceived usefulness (Bashir et al., 2022). When a user feels that a certain technology or system will improve their performance and productivity, that belief is known as perceived usefulness. It has a major influence on how well users accept and use technology. The idea that utilising social media platforms can be advantageous and valuable for particular objectives or goals is known as perceived usefulness. People who hold this belief believe that social media can offer helpful information, improve communication, improve learning, encourage collaboration, and advance knowledge development (Di Stefano et al., 2023). Previous studies have showed a result is positive and significant that students consider perceived usefulness on social media platforms and expect to use them and intend to enhance their educational performance through online learning (Al-Rahmi et al., 2021).

## **Perceived Ease of Use**

In the context of social media, perceived ease of use relates to how simple users believe social media sites to be to use. It gauges how easy and intuitive the platform is to use according to the user. knowledge user behavior and attitudes toward social media requires a knowledge of the notion of perceived ease of use. It has been researched in a number of situations, including Instagram purchasing online (Ali, 2021). According to a different study, Facebook's perceived use for health education on premenstrual syndrome (PMS) was correlated with its perceived ease of use (Handayani et al., 2022). Social media for education increases student engagement and learning by giving access to a worldwide network of students as well as a wealth of knowledge and resources (Güney, 2023). All things considered, social media provides instantaneous, instantaneous, and interactive means of communication, cooperation, interaction, and creative expression (Najib, 2020). Social media offers numerous benefits in terms of enhancing education. It presents a wide range of approaches for instructing and acquiring knowledge, granting students the opportunity to participate based on their individual interests (Huston, 2022; Najib, 2020). Social media sites like Facebook, YouTube, Zoom, WhatsApp, Moodle, and Skype are frequently employed in the field of education to offer students distance learning, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. The aforementioned platforms present the opportunity to access information at any given moment and location, thus facilitating adaptable learning (A. Sharma et al., 2022). They also facilitate communication between students, classmates, and instructors, fostering collaboration and interaction. Social media tools also make conferences and assignments easier to present, which improves handson learning. Nonetheless, it's critical to solve internet and infrastructure issues that can prevent social media from being used effectively in education.

## **Information Quality**

The term information quality is generally involving contents quality of the information system. According to Martin & Bolliger, (2018) the term "information quality" describes how well the content of an information system is understood, including its objectivity, sufficiency, relevance,



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and intelligibility. The information quality is a crucial factor that determines the success of an information system model performs. It is also known as the information's usefulness for users Wang & Strong, (1996). According to Jiang et al., (2021), information quality refers to users' individual judgement as to whether or not the information's characteristics suit their particular requirements and intended usage is what constitutes information quality. Moreover, studies on online reviews has been defined information quality as the information characteristics that determine the reviews' content quality. Park et al., (2007). Dunbar et al., (2018) the quality of the material and information published on social networking platforms depends on the reliability of the platforms' sources. Although consumers are more interested in visual material than text details, the context of social media content influences how successful it is for encouraging user interaction Shahbaznezhad et al., (2021). Previous study by Al-Rahmi et al., (2021) indicate that the behavioural intention to use social media platforms and the quality of the information are related. The study also stated, students consider the credibility of the content found on social media platforms, intend to use them, and believe that online learning will enhance their academic achievement Al-Rahmi et al., (2021). Studies made by Jiang et al., (2021) show the higher-quality information decreases the consumer's perception diagnosis process and increases information trust, which enables the information to be used more effectively and it indicates that information quality is crucial for the process of information adoption in the context of third-party social commerce platforms. Jiang et al., (2021) also mentioned that it similarly to the way customers use social media to check the actual quality and degree of service or the goods they want, review data on the site becomes a useful tool. Better quality information, more positive effect on consumers' trust.

# **System Quality**

System quality is recognized as a determinant that exerts an influence on the utilization of social media (Al-Rahmi et al., 2021). The concept of system quality pertains to the characteristic of products and services that establishes the capacity for systems to endure (León-Ramentol et al., 2018). It has also been shown to affect users' intention to use and satisfaction towards social media search systems (Cinelli et al., 2022). This can be achieved by attained through the execution of action measures including the establishment of management dedication, establishment of a team dedicated to enhancing quality, active involvement in communication and socialization, and the delineation of quality education (Shukla, 2023). Furthermore, the effective management and motivation of human resources are imperative in order to attain desirable results in the realm of higher education (Novák, 2023). Moreover, it has been observed that the quality of the system plays a crucial role in shaping users' inclination to employ and contentment with social media search systems. The quality of the system also influences the nature of the relationship and subsequently has a substantial effect on users' persistent intention to continue using these systems. These findings indicate that the presence of a system of high quality holds paramount importance in ensuring users' satisfaction, willingness to use, and ongoing utilization of social media platforms. Implementing an IT-based management information system can aid in improving the quality of educational services by providing speedier and more effective services. Quality assurance processes, including the use of electronic systems, can enhance user confidence, honesty, and work processes in educational institutions.

#### **Discussion**

The academic dialogue provides a comprehensive exploration of the integration of social media into the field of education, with a particular focus on the diverse factors that influence educators' adoption of social media for the purpose of enhancing education. The importance of perceived



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usefulness, perceived ease of use, information quality, and system quality in influencing users' acceptance and utilization of social media platforms for educational purposes is highlighted. In addition, the paper addresses both the advantages and challenges pertaining to the use of social media in education. A prominent point of discussion revolves around the transformative impact of social media on the realm of education. Social media platforms present unparalleled opportunities for collaboration, communication, and knowledge sharing, thereby enriching the teaching and learning experience. However, the paper also recognizes the hurdles posed by the utilization of social media, including cyberbullying, time wastage, and potential distractions, necessitating careful consideration and management. Additionally, the academic dialogue emphasizes the importance of ensuring the quality of information disseminated through social media platforms. The availability of high-quality content is imperative for establishing trust and credibility among users, thus enhancing their inclination to engage with social media for educational purposes. Likewise, the quality of the system, including factors such as reliability and user satisfaction, plays a crucial role in shaping how users perceive and experience social media platforms. In summary, the discussion highlights the necessity of adopting a balanced approach to the utilization of social media in education, one that leverages its advantages while addressing its challenges. Educators and educational institutions should adopt proactive strategies to promote responsible and effective utilization of social media platforms, including the implementation of policies and guidelines, provision of training and support for users, and leveraging technology to enhance information quality and system reliability. It is recommended that educational institutions invest in technological infrastructure to support the integration of social media into education. This encompasses ensuring dependable internet connectivity, granting access to suitable hardware and software tools, and implementing measures to safeguard user privacy and data security.

## **Conclusion**

To conclude, the incorporation of social media into education has become an essential requirement in today's digital era. This study has elucidated various factors that influence the adoption of social media by educators to enhance education. These factors include the perception of usefulness, ease of use, information quality, and system quality. The acceptance and utilization of social media platforms for educational purposes by users are largely determined by the perceived usefulness. When users perceive social media as disadvantageous and worthless for achieving specific objectives or goals, they are less inclined to engage with these platforms to hinder their educational performance. Moreover, the perception of ease of use is imperative in enabling users' engagement with social media sites. A user-friendly interface and intuitive design significantly contribute to the adoption and continuous use of social media for educational endeavors. Thirdly, information quality is of paramount importance in ensuring that the content disseminated through social media platforms is accurate, relevant, and reliable. High-quality information enhances users' trust and confidence in utilizing social media for educational purposes. Lastly, system quality, encompassing factors such as reliability, functionality, and user satisfaction, influences users' intention to utilize social media platforms for education enhancement. A well-designed and effectively managed system enhances users' overall experience and encourages continued utilization. Despite the numerous benefits offered by social media in education, challenges such as cyberbullying, time wastage, and potential distractions require proactive measures to mitigate negative consequences. Moreover, addressing concerns related to internet accessibility and infrastructure is essential to guaranteeing the efficient utilization of social media for educational purposes, especially in resource-limited settings. In conclusion, although social media presents

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significant opportunities for transforming education through collaboration, communication, and knowledge sharing, it is vital to address associated challenges and ensure that its utilization aligns with educational objectives. By exploiting the potential of social media while mitigating its drawbacks, educators can harness its power to enhance teaching and learning experiences. thereby fostering a more engaging and effective educational environment for students.

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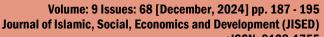
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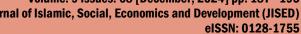
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