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Ellison, N. B. (2007). Social network sites: Definition, history, and scholarship. *Journal of Computer‐Mediated Communication*, *13*(1), 210-230.

In this piece of work, the author discusses social networks, their history and the recent developments that have taken place in the industry. Most importantly, the author has indicated the evolution that has happened with regards to the use of social media over the years. When social media was introduced in the world, the use was limited since a person would have to be in possession of a computer, an android phone and the internet. Due to the expansion in internet coverage and possession of mobile phones, there has been an increase in the use of the social media platforms. With regards to this inquiry, the paper is critical since it provides the historical context and developments from which the role of social media in the society would be analyzed. To have an effective understanding of the benefits of social media to the youths, it would be necessary to examine the historical background.

Narula, S., & Jindal, N. (2015). Social media, Indian youth, and cyber terrorism awareness: A Comparative analysis. *Journal of Mass Communication & Journalism*, *5*(2), 246.

The most critical element that this paper discusses, which is relevant in the present study, is the utilization of social media in criminal activities such as cyber terrorism. The paper holds that social media has been used immensely to lure youths into criminal activities in India. In the recent years, the paper says that the criminal justice system in India has resorted to close monitoring of the social media so as to prevent the youths may be prevented from engaging in such acts of lawlessness. The importance of this work to the current study is that it presents some of the arguments that have been presented against the use of social media among the youths. It provides a comprehensive analysis of the ways in which the social media is slowly hurting the communities.

Ryan, T., Chester, A., Reece, J., & Xenos, S. (2014). The uses and abuses of Facebook: A review of Facebook addiction.

The paper focuses on facebook, one the biggest social media platforms in the world. From the beginning, the paper indicates that facebook brought revolutions to the social media industry. Firstly, it allowed for people from all parts of the world to share information and interact. However, with time, in spite of the advantages that it brought, some people started misusing Facebook. In the long run, while Facebook has been an important source of interaction among people, misuse has made it dangerous, especially among the youths. With regards to the current study, the paper is useful in indicating that social media is not bad as may be purported by some commentators. The problem arises when some people abuse the social media platforms.

Wang, C., Lee, M. K., & Hua, Z. (2015). A theory of social media dependence: Evidence from microblog users. *Decision Support Systems*, *69*, 40-49.

While looking at social media, it is important to analyze some of the theories of social media. In this work, the writers discuss some of the theories that are usually applied in the discussion of social media in the society. In this work, one of the issues that the authors discuss is the issue of addiction. It has been demonstrated that social media is addictive and may be harmful to physical as well as mental health if not properly addressed. The work discusses some of the theoretical frameworks that would be useful in discussing the issues in the current study. The theoretical framework is useful in understanding the various dimensions of social media and the way in which they impact the society.

Xenos, M., Vromen, A., & Loader, B. D. (2014). The great equalizer? Patterns of social media use and youth political engagement in three advanced democracies. *Information, Communication & Society*, *17*(2), 151-167.

Social media is taking a new pattern. In this work, the authors indicate that social media plays a critical role in the determination of the various ways in which youths behave in the communities. From the recent studies, the paper says that due to this influence of the social media, the youths have become actively involved in political engagements in their countries. Instructively, previously, youths were not fond of political activities and would always shy away from political functions and activities. However, with the introduction of social media, there has been mobilization which has been influential in helping the individuals to develop an interest in political activities. The importance of this work in the current study is that it provides some of the positive contributions of social media to the lives of the youths. It is used to buttress the idea that social media is not bad and it is possible to use it to make a positive change to the lives of the youths.