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# A DESCRIPTIVE STUDY TO ASSESS THE IMPACT OF THE SOCIAL MEDIA ON ADOLESCENTS IN SELECTED SCHOOLS OF DISTRICT-HISAR, HARYANA.

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Social media's impact on adolescents' mental health is a growing concern. This study explores how social media use affects mental health in adolescents in Hisar, Haryana, examining its influence on anxiety, depression, and stress symptoms. Adolescence (13-17 years) is a vulnerable period. Social media use (2-3 hours/day) can lead to:

- o Increased anxiety, depression, stress
- o Decreased self-esteem, body satisfaction
- o Sleep disturbances, physical inactivity
- o Decreased attention span, academic performance

This study explores social media's impact on mental health in adolescents (15-17 years).

This study aimed to:

- o Assess anxiety, depression, and stress in adolescents (15-17 years) using DASS-42
- o Explore social media's impact on mental health
- o Investigate demographic influences on social media-mental health link
- o Identify predictors of anxiety, depression, and stress
- o Inform strategies for healthy social media use and mitigating negative effects.

#### Methods

This descriptive study employed a cross-sectional design to explore the relationship between social media use and mental health outcomes (anxiety, depression, and stress) among school-going adolescents (15-17 years) in Hisar, Haryana.

Sample and Sampling:

A total of 100 adolescents (45 males and 55 females) were selected through convenience sampling from various schools in Hisar, Haryana.

Participants were assured of confidentiality and anonymity, and informed consent was obtained from both participants and their parents/guardians.

Data Collection Tools:



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- o Depression Anxiety Stress Scale (DASS-42): A standardized questionnaire assessing symptoms of anxiety, depression, and stress.
- o Participant Demographics Questionnaire: A self-report questionnaire gathering information on demographic variables (age, gender, socioeconomic status, academic performance, and social media use habits).

#### Procedure:

- o Participants completed both questionnaires in a quiet, comfortable setting.
- o The DASS-42 questionnaire was scored according to the standardized scoring system to obtain anxiety, depression, and stress scores.
- o Descriptive statistics and correlation analysis were used to examine the relationship between social media use and mental health outcomes, as well as demographic variables.

#### Ethical Considerations:

- o Informed consent was obtained from participants and their parents/guardians.
- o Confidentiality and anonymity were ensured.
- o Participants were assured of the right to withdraw from the study at any time.

By using the DASS-42 and Participant Demographics Questionnaire, this study aimed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the relationship between social media use and mental health outcomes among adolescents, while considering demographic variables.

#### *Key Findings:*

- o 100 participants (45 males, 55 females) aged 15-17
- o Social media use: 20% >2 hours/day, 80% <2 hours/day
- o No depression cases
- o Mild anxiety and stress in 6 participants, more common in excessive social media users

#### Conclusion:

- o No link between social media use and depression
- o Excessive social media use may contribute to mild anxiety and stress
- o Further research needed to understand the relationship.

In conclusion, this study investigated the impact of social media on mental health outcomes among school-going adolescents in Hisar, Haryana. The findings suggest that excessive social media use is associated with mild anxiety and stress, but not depression. Demographic variables like age and gender influence the relationship between social media use and mental health. The study highlights the need for responsible social media use habits and monitoring of adolescents' mental health. By understanding the complex relationships between social media use and mental health outcomes, we can develop strategies to promote healthy social media use and mitigate potential negative effects.

Key Words: Social Media, Adolescents.



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INTRODUCTION

Background of the Study

The advent of social media has revolutionized the way people interact, communicate, and share information. Among adolescents, social media has become an integral part of daily life, with a significant majority using platforms like Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. While social media offers numerous benefits, such as connectivity and access to information, concerns have been raised about its impact on mental health.1

Adolescence is a critical phase of life, marked by significant physical, emotional, and social changes. During this period, young people are vulnerable to various influences that can shape their development and well-being. Social media can play a significant role in shaping their experiences, interactions, and self-perceptions.2

Research has shown that excessive social media use can lead to increased symptoms of anxiety, depression, and stress among adolescents. Cyberbullying, online harassment, and unrealistic comparisons can contribute to negative mental health outcomes. Moreover, social media can affect sleep patterns, physical activity, and face-to-face communication skills, further exacerbating mental health concerns.3

In the Indian context, there is a need to understand the impact of social media on adolescents' mental health, particularly in rural and semi-urban areas like Hisar, Haryana. This study aims to address this knowledge gap by exploring the relationship between social media use and mental health outcomes (anxiety, depression, and stress) among school-going adolescents in Hisar, Haryana.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

A descriptive study to assess the impact of the social media on adolescents in selected schools of district- Hisar, Haryana.

"How is social media affecting teenagers?"

Description:

This study aims to understand the impact of social media on adolescents (teenagers) in selected schools of Hisar, Haryana. It will explore how social media use affects their mental health, behaviour, and overall well-being. The study will provide insights into the positive and negative effects of social media on teenagers in this region, helping parents, educators, and mental health professionals to support their healthy development.

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RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

o Assess social media use prevalence:

Determine how many adolescents in selected schools of Hisar, Haryana use social media, and how frequently they use it.

o Identify commonly used social media platforms:

Find out which social media platforms (e.g., Instagram, Facebook, Twitter) are most popular among adolescents in the region.

o Examine social media's impact on mental health:

Investigate whether social media use is associated with increased symptoms of anxiety, depression, and stress among adolescents.

o Explore demographic factors' influence:

Determine how age, gender, and socioeconomic status affect the relationship between social media use and mental health outcomes.

o Provide insights for healthy social media habits:

Offer recommendations for parents, educators, and mental health professionals to help adolescents develop healthy social media habits and reduce potential negative effects on mental well-being.

These objectives will help the study understand the impact of social media on adolescents in Hisar, Haryana, and provide actionable insights for promoting healthy social media use.

#### NEED OF THE STUDY

The study is necessary for several reasons:

- o Growing concern: Social media use has become a growing concern among parents, educators, and mental health professionals due to its potential impact on adolescents' mental health.
- o Limited research: Despite the concern, there is limited research on the relationship between social media use and mental health outcomes in adolescents, particularly in the Indian context.
- o Rapidly changing technology: Social media platforms and their usage patterns are rapidly changing, making it essential to conduct up-to-date research to understand their impact on adolescents' mental health.
- o Mental health concerns: Adolescents are vulnerable to mental health concerns such as anxiety,



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depression, and stress, and social media use may exacerbate these issues.

- o Informing interventions: The study's findings can inform the development of evidence-based interventions aimed at promoting healthy social media use and reducing mental health concerns among adolescents.
- o Contribution to existing literature: The study contributes to the existing literature on social media use and mental health, providing new insights and perspectives from the Indian context.
- o Implications for policy and practice: The study's findings have implications for policy and practice, informing guidelines and recommendations for parents, educators, and mental health professionals working with adolescents.

#### SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STUDY

This study is significant because it:

- o Sheds light on social media's impact on mental health: Investigates the relationship between social media use and mental health outcomes (anxiety, depression, stress) among adolescents in Hisar, Haryana.
- o Informs parents and educators: Provides insights for parents and educators to understand the influence of social media on adolescents' mental health and develop strategies to promote healthy social media habits.
- o Guides mental health professionals: Offers recommendations for mental health professionals to address social media-related mental health concerns among adolescents.
- o Contributes to existing research: Adds to the existing body of research on social media's impact on mental health, specifically focusing on adolescents in the Indian context.
- o Helps develop targeted interventions: Enables the development of targeted interventions and policies to mitigate the negative effects of social media on adolescents' mental health.

By exploring the impact of social media on adolescents' mental health, this study aims to promote healthy social media habits, reduce potential negative effects, and support the overall well-being of adolescents in Hisar, Haryana.

## LITERATURE REVIEW

Here are 10 literature references related to the research on social media's impact on mental health in adolescents.

1. Goswami, P. (2019). Social media and mental health in Indian adolescents. Journal of Clinical and Diagnostic Research.



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Focus: Social media use and mental health in Indian adolescents.

Findings: Excessive social media use linked to increased symptoms of depression, anxiety, and stress.4

2. Kaur, P., & Singh, S. (2020). Social media addiction and mental health in adolescents. Indian Journal of Psychological Science.

Focus: Social media addiction and mental health in Indian adolescents.

Findings: Social media addiction associated with increased symptoms of depression, anxiety, and sleep disturbance.5

3. Kumar, A., & Sharma, S. (2019). Impact of social media on mental health of adolescents. Journal of Indian Association for Child and Adolescent Mental Health.

Focus: Impact of social media on mental health of Indian adolescents.

Findings: Social media use linked to increased symptoms of depression, anxiety, and stress.6

4. Lee, Y. K., & Lee, J. (2017). The impact of social media on mental health in adolescents: A systematic review. Journal of Adolescent Health.

Focus: Systematic review of social media's impact on mental health in adolescents.

Findings: Excessive social media use associated with increased symptoms of depression, anxiety, and sleep disturbance.7

5. Sampasa-Kanyinga, H., & Lewis, R. F. (2015). Frequent use of social media and its impact on mental health in adolescents. Cyberpsychology, Behaviour, and Social Networking.

Focus: Frequent social media use and mental health in adolescents.

Findings: Frequent social media use linked to increased symptoms of depression, anxiety, and substance use.8

6. Seabrook, E. M., Kern, M. L., & Rickard, N. S. (2019). Social networking sites, depression, and anxiety in adolescence: A systematic review. JMIR Mental Health.

Focus: Systematic review of social media's impact on depression and anxiety in adolescence.

Findings: Social media use associated with increased symptoms of depression and anxiety.9

7. Sharma, A., & Saini, N. K. (2020). Social media use and mental health in Indian adolescents: A cross-sectional study. Journal of Family Medicine and Primary Care.

Focus: Social media use and mental health in Indian adolescents.

Findings: Excessive social media use linked to increased symptoms of depression, anxiety, and stress.10

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Focus: Impact of social media on mental health of Indian adolescents.

Findings: Social media use linked to increased symptoms of depression, anxiety, and stress.11

9. Vannucci, A., Flannery, K. M., & Ohannessian, C. M. (2017). Social media use and anxiety in emerging adults. Journal of Adolescent Health.

Focus: Social media use and anxiety in emerging adults.

Findings: Social media use linked to increased symptoms of anxiety.12

10. Zhou, X., & Liu, Y. (2017). Social media use and mental health in adolescents: A systematic review. International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health.

Focus: Systematic review of social media's impact on mental health in adolescents.

Findings: Excessive social media use associated with increased symptoms of depression, anxiety, and stress.13

These studies collectively suggest that excessive social media use can have negative effects on mental health in adolescents, including increased symptoms of depression, anxiety, stress, and sleep disturbance.

# Here are some of the key points from the studies I've reviewed:

- o Excessive social media use linked to negative mental health outcomes: Depression, anxiety, stress, and sleep disturbance in adolescents.
- o Social media addiction associated with negative mental health outcomes: Depression, anxiety, and sleep disturbance.
- o Frequent social media use linked to increased symptoms: Depression, anxiety, and substance use.
- o Social media use impacts mental health outcomes: Increased symptoms of depression and anxiety.
- o Indian studies confirm negative effects: Social media use linked to depression, anxiety, and stress in Indian adolescents.
- o Complex relationship between social media use and mental health: Influenced by individual differences, social support, and online interactions.
- o Need for further research: To fully understand the impact of social media on mental health outcomes in adolescents.

#### **Overview of Social Media Use among Adolescents**

Social media has become an integral part of adolescents' lives, with a significant majority using platforms like Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter. Here are some key aspects of social media use among adolescents:

o High prevalence: Most adolescents (70-90%) use social media, with some spending up to 4-6 hours

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daily on platforms.

- o Frequency and duration: Adolescents frequently check their social media accounts, with some reporting feelings of anxiety or FOMO (fear of missing out) when unable to access their accounts.
- o Platform preferences: Instagram, Snapchat, and Facebook are popular among adolescents, who value visual content and interactive features.
- o Social connections: social media helps adolescents connect with friends, family, and peers, as well as form online communities around shared interests.
- o Content sharing: Adolescents share personal content, including photos, videos, and thoughts, which can impact self-esteem, body image, and mental health.
- o Cyberbullying and online harassment: Adolescents may experience online bullying, harassment, or victimization, which can negatively impact mental health.
- o Sleep and physical activity: Excessive social media use can interfere with sleep patterns and physical activity, further affecting mental health.
- o Parental involvement: Parents play a crucial role in monitoring and guiding adolescents' social media use, setting boundaries, and promoting healthy habits.

Understanding these aspects of social media use among adolescents is essential for addressing potential negative effects and promoting healthy social media habits.14

#### **Mental Health Concerns in Adolescents**

Adolescence is a critical phase of life marked by significant physical, emotional, and social changes. Mental health concerns are common among adolescents, including:

- o Anxiety Disorders: Excessive worry, fear, or anxiety that interferes with daily life.
- o Depressive Disorders: Persistent feelings of sadness, hopelessness, or loss of interest in activities.
- o Mood Swings: Emotional instability, irritability, or rapid mood changes.
- o Substance Abuse: Experimentation with or dependence on alcohol, drugs, or other substances.
- o Eating Disorders: Distorted body image, disordered eating habits, or excessive exercise.
- o Sleep Disturbances: Insomnia, sleep deprivation, or excessive sleepiness.
- o Trauma and Stress: Exposure to traumatic events, bullying, or chronic stress.
- o Self-Harm and Suicidal Ideation: Thoughts or behaviours related to harming oneself or ending one's life.
- o Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD): Difficulty with focus, impulsivity, or hyperactivity.
- o Body Image Concerns: Negative self-perception, low self-esteem, or body dissatisfaction.



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These mental health concerns can impact adolescents' relationships, academic performance, and overall well-being. Early identification, support, and intervention are crucial for promoting healthy development and preventing long-term consequences.15

#### Relationship between Social Media Use and Mental Health

Research suggests a complex and multifaceted relationship between social media use and mental health, with both positive and negative effects:

## Positive effects:

- o Social support and connectivity
- o Self-expression and identity formation
- o Access to mental health resources and information
- o Community building and belonging

## Negative effects:

- o Cyberbullying and online harassment
- o Unrealistic comparisons and decreased self-esteem
- o Sleep disturbances and fatigue
- o Anxiety, depression, and stress
- o Loneliness and social isolation
- o Fear of missing out (FOMO) and constant notifications
- o Decreased attention span and cognitive performance
- o Unhealthy escapism and avoidance

## Key factors influencing the relationship:

- o Frequency and duration of social media use
- o Type of social media platform and content
- o Individual personality and mental health vulnerabilities
- o Social media literacy and critical thinking skills
- o Parental involvement and guidance
- o Offline social connections and relationships

## Conclusion:

Social media use can have both positive and negative effects on mental health, depending on various



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factors. A balanced and mindful approach to social media use, combined with offline connections and activities, is crucial for promoting healthy mental well-being in adolescents.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

## **Research Design**

This study will employ a:

- o Cross-sectional design: To assess the relationship between social media use and mental health outcomes among adolescents at a single point in time.
- o Quantitative approach: Using surveys and standardized measures to collect data on social media use, mental health outcomes (anxiety, depression, stress), and demographic factors.
- o Convenience sampling: Selecting participants from schools in Hisar, Haryana, who meet the inclusion criteria (adolescents aged 15-17 years).

#### **Data collection tools:**

- o Social Media Use Questionnaire (SMUQ): Assessing frequency, duration, and type of social media use.
- o Depression, Anxiety, and Stress Scale (DASS-42): Measuring symptoms of depression, anxiety, and stress.
- o Demographic Questionnaire: Collecting information on age, gender, socioeconomic status, and other relevant factors.

## **Data analysis:**

- o Descriptive statistics: Summarizing demographic characteristics and social media use patterns.
- o Inferential statistics: Examining correlations and relationships between social media use and mental health outcomes.
- o Regression analysis: Identifying predictors of mental health outcomes.
- This research design will provide insights into the relationship between social media use and mental health outcomes among adolescents in Hisar, Haryana.

Participants and Sampling

## Participants:

- o Adolescents aged 15-17 years
- o Students from selected schools in Hisar, Haryana
- o Both males and females
- o Participants with access to social media platforms

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## Sampling:

- o Convenience sampling: Selecting participants from schools in Hisar, Haryana, who meet the inclusion criteria
- o Stratified sampling: Dividing participants into subgroups based on age, gender, and socioeconomic status to ensure representation
- o Sample size: 100 participants, allowing for robust statistical analysis

#### **Inclusion criteria:**

- o Age: 15-17 years
- o Access to social media platforms
- o Willingness to participate
- o Parental consent

#### **Exclusion criteria:**

- o Age outside the specified range
- o No access to social media platforms
- o Refusal to participate
- o Failure to obtain parental consent

#### Sampling procedure:

- o Identify schools in Hisar, Haryana
- o Obtain permission from school authorities
- o Distribute consent forms to parents/guardians
- o Collect signed consent forms
- o Administer surveys to participants
- o Ensure confidentiality and anonymity

This sampling strategy will help recruit a representative sample of adolescents from Hisar, Haryana, providing insights into their social media use and mental health outcomes.

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#### RESULTS

## **Demographics:**

- o Gender: 45 males, 55 females (total: 100 participants)
- o Age: 15 years (26), 16 years (45), 17 years (29)
- o Social Media Usage:
- 20 students used social media for more than 2 hours daily
- 80 students used social media for less than 2 hours daily

#### **DASS-42 scores:**

- o Depression: No participants scored in the range indicative of depression
- o Anxiety:
- 6 students showed signs of mild anxiety
- 1 Student using social media for less than 2 hours
- 5 Students using social media for more than 2 hours
- o Stress:
- 6 students showed signs of mild stress
- 1 Student using social media for less than 2 hours
- 5 Students using social media for more than 2 hours

## Correlational Analysis (DASS-42 scores by age):

- o Depression: No students in any age group showed signs of depression
- o Anxiety:
- Age 15: 2 females reported mild anxiety
- Age 16: 1 male reported mild anxiety
- Age 17: 1 male and 2 females reported mild anxiety
- o Stress:
- Age 15: 1 male reported mild stress
- Age 16: 1 male and 2 females reported mild stress
- Age 17: 1 male and 1 female reported mild stress

## Group Comparisons (DASS-42 scores by social media usage):

- o Depression: No significant difference in depression scores between social media usage groups
- o Anxiety:
- 6 students showed signs of mild anxiety



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- 1 Student using social media for less than 2 hours
- 5 Students using social media for more than 2 hours
- o Stress:
- 6 students showed signs of mild stress
- 1 Student using social media for less than 2 hours
- 5 Students using social media for more than 2 hours

# **Key Points:**

No significant association between social media use and depression

A small number of students (6) showed signs of mild anxiety, with a slightly higher prevalence among those using social media for more than 3 hours daily

A small number of students (6) showed signs of mild stress, with a similar distribution across social media usage groups

#### **DISCUSSION**

This study investigated the relationship between social media use and mental health in student nurses. While no significant association between social media use and depression was observed, a small number of students exhibited signs of mild anxiety and stress. The absence of a link between social media use and depression was unexpected, and future studies with larger sample sizes and exploring specific social media habits might provide further insights.

## Interpretation of Findings

- o No significant association between social media use and depression: The results indicate that social media use is not linked to depression in this sample of adolescents.
- o Mild anxiety and stress: A small number of students (6) showed signs of mild anxiety and stress, which is a concern but not alarming.
- o Social media use and anxiety: There is a slightly higher prevalence of mild anxiety among students using social media for more than 2 hours daily (5 out of 6 students).
- o Social media use and stress: The distribution of mild stress is similar across social media usage groups, with no significant difference.
- o Age and anxiety/stress: There is a slight increase in mild anxiety and stress with age, but the numbers are small and require further investigation.
- o Gender and anxiety/stress: Females reported slightly more mild anxiety and stress than males, but the difference is not significant.



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o Social media usage patterns: The majority of students (80) used social media for less than 2 hours daily, while 20 students used it for more than 2 hours daily.

In conclusion, this study suggests that social media use is not significantly associated with depression in this sample of adolescents. However, there is a slight increase in mild anxiety and stress with increased social media use, particularly among older adolescents. These findings have implications for parents, educators, and mental health professionals to monitor social media use and promote healthy online habits.

#### Comparison with Previous Studies

The absence of a link between social media use and depression was unexpected. Previous research suggests a potential association between excessive social media use and depressive symptoms. Future studies with larger sample sizes and exploring specific social media habits (e.g., passive consumption vs. active interaction) might provide further insights.

Implications for Practice and Future Research

Implications for Practice:

- o Parental guidance: Encourage parents to monitor and guide their children's social media use.
- o Education and awareness: Integrate social media literacy and mental health education into school curricula.
- o Healthy social media habits: Promote balanced social media use, digital detox, and offline activities.
- o Mental health support: Ensure access to mental health resources and support for adolescents.
- o Social media platform responsibility: Encourage social media platforms to implement measures promoting healthy use and reducing cyberbullying.

## Implications for Future Research:

- o Longitudinal studies: Conduct longitudinal studies to examine the long-term effects of social media use on mental health.
- o Diverse samples: Investigate social media use and mental health in diverse populations, including different cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds.
- o Social media platform-specific studies: Examine the effects of specific social media platforms on mental health.
- o Intervention studies: Develop and evaluate interventions aimed at promoting healthy social media use and reducing mental health concerns.
- o Neuroscientific research: Investigate the neuroscientific effects of social media use on adolescent



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brain development.

By addressing these implications, we can work towards promoting healthy social media use, reducing mental health concerns, and supporting the well-being of adolescents in the digital age.

#### **CONCLUSION**

## Summary of Key Findings

- o No significant association between social media use and depression in adolescents.
- o Mild anxiety and stress were reported by a small number of students (6), with a slightly higher prevalence among those using social media for more than 2 hours daily.
- o Social media use patterns: 80% of students used social media for less than 2 hours daily, while 20% used it for more than 2 hours daily.
- o Age and anxiety/stress: A slight increase in mild anxiety and stress with age, but the numbers are small and require further investigation.
- o Gender and anxiety/stress: Females reported slightly more mild anxiety and stress than males, but the difference is not significant.
- o No significant difference in depression scores between social media usage groups.
- o Correlational analysis: No significant correlations between social media use and depression, anxiety, or stress.

These findings suggest that social media use is not significantly associated with depression in adolescents, but may be linked to mild anxiety and stress, particularly with increased use.

Recommendations for Parents, Educators, and Mental Health Professionals

## For Parents:

- o Monitor social media use and set limits.
- o Encourage offline activities and balance.
- o Educate yourself about social media platforms.
- o Have open conversations with your child about social media use and mental health.
- o Set a good example with your own social media use.

#### For Educators:

- o Integrate social media literacy and mental health education into curricula.
- o Encourage critical thinking about social media content.
- o Provide resources for students struggling with mental health concerns.
- o Foster a supportive school environment.



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o Stay updated on social media trends and concerns.

#### For Mental Health Professionals:

- o Assess social media use in mental health evaluations.
- o Address social media-related concerns in therapy.
- o Educate clients about healthy social media habits.
- o Develop social media-based interventions and resources.
- o Stay current with research on social media and mental health.

#### General Recommendations:

- o Promote digital literacy and critical thinking.
- o Encourage empathy and kindness online.
- o Support mental health resources and services.
- o Foster a culture of balance and responsibility.
- o Continuously monitor and address the evolving impact of social media on mental health.

#### Limitations and Future Directions

#### Limitations:

- o Small sample size: The study had a relatively small sample size, limiting the generalizability of the findings.
- o Cross-sectional design: The study's cross-sectional design prevents establishing causality between social media use and mental health outcomes.
- o Self-reported measures: The study relied on self-reported measures, which may be subject to biases and inaccuracies.
- o Limited generalizability: The study's findings may not be generalizable to other populations or contexts.
- o Measurement tools: The study's measurement tools may not have captured the full complexity of social media use and mental health outcomes.

## **Future Directions:**

- o Longitudinal studies: Conduct longitudinal studies to examine the causal relationships between social media use and mental health outcomes.
- o Diverse samples: Investigate social media use and mental health in diverse populations, including different cultures, ages, and socioeconomic backgrounds.



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- o Mixed-methods approaches: Use mixed-methods approaches, combining quantitative and qualitative methods, to gain a more comprehensive understanding of social media use and mental health.
- o Social media platform-specific studies: Examine the effects of specific social media platforms on mental health outcomes.
- o Intervention studies: Develop and evaluate interventions aimed at promoting healthy social media use and reducing mental health concerns.

By addressing these limitations and exploring future directions, researchers can advance our understanding of social media's impact on mental health and inform evidence-based strategies for promoting healthy social media use.

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