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3. Which of the following statements about digital authoritarian practices involving internet shutdowns and throttling are accurate?

- I. Internet shutdowns can be legally justified under national security concerns but often lack transparent judicial oversight.
- II. Throttling internet speeds selectively targets specific social media platforms to suppress dissent without affecting other online activities.
- III. Deploying internet shutdowns and throttling measures typically enhances governmental transparency and accountability.
- IV. Repeated use of shutdowns and throttling can serve as a tool for consolidating authoritarian control over digital spaces.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) I and IV only
- (2) II and III only
- (3) II, III, and IV only
- (4) I, II, and IV only

Answer Key: 4

Solution:

? Statement I(Correct): Governments often justify shutdowns citing security, but these actions frequently bypass judicial review, raising concerns about legality and transparency.

? Statement II(Incorrect): Throttling can be targeted, but often it is broad or indiscriminate, affecting multiple platforms or services, not necessarily selectively.

? Statement III(Incorrect): Shutdowns and throttling tend to diminish governmental transparency, as they obscure the flow of information and suppress dissent, rather than promote accountability.

? Statement IV(Correct): Persistent use of such measures can entrench authoritarian dominance by restricting free flow of information and monitoring dissent.

Hence, Option (4) is the right answer.

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4. Which of the following statements regarding platform/gig workers? collective action and algorithmic bargaining are correct?

- I. Gig workers often lack traditional employment protections, making collective bargaining processes more complex and reliant on digital platforms.
- II. Algorithmic bargaining refers to the negotiation over platform algorithms that determine workers? pay, visibility, and task allocation.
- III. Digital collective actions by gig workers are limited to offline protests due to technological constraints.
- IV. The transparency of platform algorithms can empower gig workers to negotiate better terms through collective action.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

- (1) I and II only
- (2) II and IV only
- (3) I, II, and IV only
- (4) All of the above

Answer Key: 4

Solution:

? Statement I(Correct): Gig workers are typically classified as independent contractors, lacking protections, which complicates collective bargaining and often involves digital platforms for organization.

? Statement II(Correct): Algorithmic bargaining involves negotiations over platform-controlled algorithms affecting pay, workload, and visibility, which directly impact workers? conditions.

? Statement III(Incorrect): Digital tools facilitate online collective actions, protests, and campaigns, and are not limited solely to offline methods.

? Statement IV(Correct): Increased algorithmic transparency can enable workers to understand and challenge unfair practices, strengthening collective bargaining.

Hence, Option (4) is the right answer.

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5. Which of the following statements about platform governance and content moderation as a political process are correct?

I. Content moderation policies are often influenced by political ideologies, corporate interests, and legal frameworks, reflecting power struggles.

II. Automated content filtering systems can sometimes reduce biases and inconsistencies present in human moderation.

III. Platform governance decisions are purely technical and rarely involve political considerations or external pressures.

IV. The politicization of content moderation can lead to accusations of censorship, bias, and suppression of dissent, impacting democratic discourse.

Choose the correct answer from the options given below:

(1) I, and IV only

(2) II and III only

(3) I, II, and IV only

(4) All of the above

Answer Key: 4

Solution:

? Statement I(Correct): Content moderation involves complex power dynamics, with influences from political, corporate, and legal factors shaping policies.

? Statement II(Correct): Automated moderation tools can help reduce human bias, but they are also susceptible to algorithmic biases; nonetheless, they can improve consistency.

? Statement III(Incorrect): Platform governance is inherently political, influenced by external pressures, societal norms, and legal mandates, not purely technical.

? Statement IV(Correct): Content moderation's politicization can generate debates about censorship, free speech, and bias, affecting democratic processes.

Hence, Option (4) is the right answer.