



The Moral Decadence Behind TikTok: Instant Dopamine and Its Social Consequences

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Abstract

This journal aims to examine the moral decay associated with the use of TikTok, a popular social media platform. It explores how TikTok's instant dopamine mechanism impacts individuals and society as a whole. Drawing upon various sources and references, this journal sheds light on the dark side of TikTok culture and its influence on moral values, ethics, and social behavior.

Keywords: TikTok, social media, moral decay, dopamine, instant gratification

Introduction:

TikTok has rapidly emerged as one of the most popular social media platforms globally, primarily attracting younger generations. Fueled by short-form videos, TikTok relies on an instant dopamine mechanism that keeps users engaged and yearning for more. While TikTok provides entertainment and a sense of community, this journal aims to explore the darker implications of its addictive nature. By examining how this platform affects moral values and societal behavior, we can better comprehend the long-term consequences of TikTok usage.

Methodology:

This journal employs a qualitative research approach, utilizing data from previous studies, surveys, and interviews to formulate an in-depth analysis on the decadence of moral values associated with TikTok usage. It utilizes a thematic analysis method to identify recurring patterns and themes in the collected data.

Results and Discussion:

- **Instant Dopamine:** TikTok's algorithm is designed to capture users' attention quickly, leading to excessive usage and addiction. This instant gratification mechanism reinforces impulsive behaviors and reduces patience, negatively affecting moral judgment and decision-making processes.
- **Degradation of Values:** TikTok often promotes content that lacks moral depth, glorifies shallowness, and prioritizes popularity over ethical considerations. Users may engage in immoral or unethical behaviors for the sake of gaining more likes, views, and followers.
- **Normalization of Toxicity:** TikTok's anonymity and the inability to filter content expose users to toxic behaviors such as cyberbullying, body shaming, and objectification. These negative influences gradually erode



moral values and contribute to a toxic online environment.

- Diminished Empathy: Continuous exposure to TikTok's lighthearted content, coupled with the constant pressure to create viral videos, can desensitize individuals to real-life issues. This leads to diminished empathy, inhibiting the development of compassionate and moral behavior.

Conclusion:

The findings of this journal highlight the serious consequences of TikTok's instant dopamine mechanism on moral values and social behavior. It is crucial to recognize the impact of addictive social media platforms and implement strategies to promote healthy usage habits and counteract the decay of moral values. Acknowledging the moral decadence associated with TikTok opens opportunities for further research and the development of ethical guidelines that can mitigate the negative effects of social media platforms on individuals and society as a whole.

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