Does social media cause people to lose empathy for others?

My evidence is the article *Empathy Not Quarantined: Social Support via Social Media Helps Maintain Empathy During the COVID-19 Pandemic* which is published on Social Media + Society by Qin X, Yang F, Jiang Z, Zhong B. in January 2022.

The academic articles are quite formal to be evidences and the research data should be much believable. However, it might take more time to read and analyze its statements. This article focuses on the new discovery about how social media influence crowds’ empathy under the background of COVID-19 pandemic, and this source is closely related with my essay, but on the other hand, the article is limited by COVID-19 pandemic thus some of its statements might be unilateral to be evidences.

There are numerous cites in the article, which could lead to other academic essays. I have read the related article of *Reactions to others’ misfortune on social media: Effects of homophily and publicness on* *schadenfreude, empathy, and perceived deservingness* and the key word *schadenfreude* mentioned in the article attracts me to keep on searching for its definition in other sources.