

Government Overreach

It seems like corporations like Facebook have a responsibility to some extent for protecting content for users. Whenever someone makes an account on the website, Facebook owns that user's information as part of their database. In this way, Facebook can do anything with it and should be able to work to regulate the terrorist content that might come up on their site.

Pointing out what cyberbullying is and to what extent is a somewhat difficult task. Many people can identify as being bullied but picking out what words people associated with it. There are many tools that users can use on Facebook and Youtube to prevent actions of cyber bullying. These include but are not limited to blocking people, filtering out words that are considered blasphemous. Not only does a user have the ability to post whatever content they want, they can also choose how much free speech someone has on making comments about it.

It could be said that someone can just prevent cyber bullying and limit the amount that users can do with it. When people talk about cyberbully, the idea of criminalizing children comes up. Even at a young age, kids have the ability to commit acts of cyberbullying even though usually they do not get away with it the easiest. As one book says "Few young people seem to appreciate their potential for attracting criminal liability, as shown by Grade 8 children in the US who were found guilty of threatening classmates online and sentencing community service"(77). Not many young people are familiar with cyber laws which means someone else can interfere with controlling how much bullying activity happens in the internet with that demographic.

When cyber bullying is taken a few steps higher, this results in cyber-terrorism. It is not uncommon to find terroristic events through the web. In fact, one article writes “Over the last decade, the internet has become the mainstage for terrorist incitements. The World Wide Web has revolutionized communications”. Corporations like Youtube and Facebook in some ways have responsibilities against users to utilize their websites for terroristic activity. It seems like social media has a neutral attitude towards free speech which makes terroristic activity start off as somewhat cyber bullying. As it becomes easier to communicate a terroristic act, Facebook should find the balance of monitoring what kind of speech goes on.

The counter argument is that Facebook is a business and business is associated with innovation. To keep up with the innovation, corporations like Facebook encourage as much free speech as possible. Things like monitoring or screening user’s content is known for being too intrusive. It is the same for Youtube. Since billions of videos are uploaded to Youtube everyday, monitoring each video would make Youtube not an open forum website which is what it was originally meant to be.

At this point, Youtube should consider adding what they are known for. In 2004, being an open forum site seemed like a good idea since there were not too many videos uploaded at once. Today, there is an unwatchable amount of videos to choose from to watch. Over 4 billion videos are viewed a day. Many of those videos are negative content which means there should be an algorithm that makes some videos on Youtube get deleted if they do not reach a certain goal.

Many speeches and talks can be found on Youtube. Since social media has the ability to stir up action, it is important to look at what kinds of speeches those are. In some way, terrorism

by definition is politically motivated to disrupt computers and cause widespread fear. Youtube is one creating the ideas through political motivation. If enough people hear the message in a fear-evoking content, they will act on it. As Youtube gains more users and becomes more serious, it is important to not only monitor the content but also delete some things in the process.

There are some ways that users have responsibilities in social media platforms. Facebook is a business which listens to users and the more they voice their opinion, the more of an influence they can be. Users can complement the Corporate responsibility of Facebook and since it is a growing community it can create change.

In summary, there needs to be balance between how much responsibilities social media have on cyber-bullying and cyber-terrorism. It is important for young people to get familiar with cyber laws to prevent actions of major cyber-bullying to happen. It seems to be more well known that more people want more responsibility in the company. Having free-speech and maintaining the innovation in the business. Users also have a social responsibility with major corporations to voice their opinions on social media.

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