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App based solution to Internet Harassment or Cyberbullying

Abstract- The objective of the report was to offer a technology-based solution to internet harassment or cyberbullying that is a major problem for the people of the world. The proposed approach offers an app as a solution which can be used to help the victims. Data were collected from the survey about many aspects of internet harassment or cyberbullying.

Index Terms- internet harassment, cyberbullying, app-based solution.

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Background Information

Cyberbullying, also known as cyberharassment, is an electronic form of bullying or harassment. Cyberbullying occurs when a person bullies or harasses people online and in other digital environments, notably on social networking platforms. Posting rumors, threats, sexual remarks, a victim's personal information are all examples of harmful bullying. According to cyberbullying statistics, Instagram is the most commonly used medium for cyberbullying, closely followed by Facebook and Snapchat. Social media is used by 51% of the world's population and about 80% of them have experienced harassment on social media in some way [1]. Cyberbullying victims may feel low self-esteem, increased suicide thoughts, and a range of unpleasant emotions, including fear, frustration, anger, and depression [2].

B. Overview

The study assesses the importance of an app which can be used for reporting and taking action against cyberbullying.

II.METHODS

A. Description of the Solution

Challenges are faced while using social media due to harassment or bullying. By using the app complaints can be filed from anywhere with the screenshots of the bullying messages without going to the police station. By establishing a foundation of trust and understanding, issues will be reported more quickly and effectively. Young people will be assisted in dealing with bullying when it happens. Instances of harassment in a discreet manner can be recorded and captured, then using the evidence a complaint can be filed to the responsible adults. Everything that users record will be saved to the SD card of the user's device, allowing it to be presented as evidence to the appropriate authorities. Regular encouragement, conversation starters, tips, and guides to social media usage will be the app's main features. To prevent cyberbullying from happening in the first place is being the goal of the app [3].

B. Methods Used

A questionnaire-based survey on internet harassment or cyberbullying was conducted among 34 college undergrad and graduate students. Google form was used to prepare the questionnaire and as a medium to distribute it. 10 questions were created and distributed to the participants. They were given a flexible deadline for submitting. Response was taken from March 27 to April 3 of the year 2022.

C. Rationale of Selecting Participants

The students were chosen for the survey because they are up to date with the technology. This group was given priority for their availability and quick response on the internet.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Results

It could be observed from figure 1 that more than half of the people face internet harassment or cyberbullying about 1 to 5 times in their entire life.

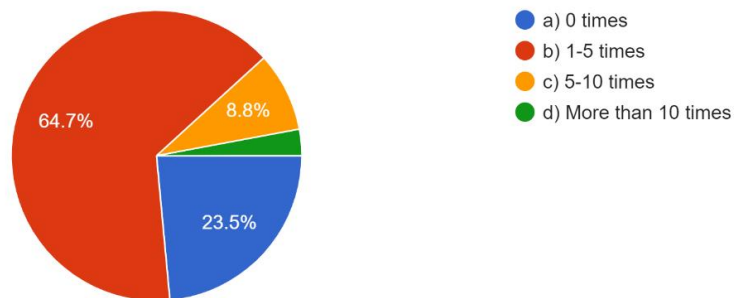


Fig 1: Number of times people face cyberbullying

Figure 2 illustrates usually students are the victims of internet harassment or cyberbullying.

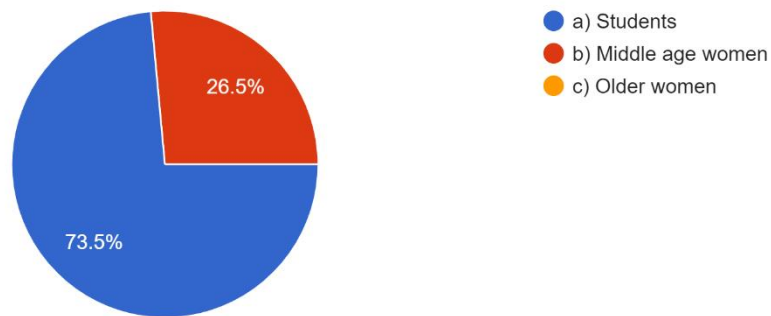


Fig 2: Victims of Cyberbullying

From the illustration of the pie chart of figure 3 all the people agreed on implementing an app-based reporting system. No one disagreed on the implementation.

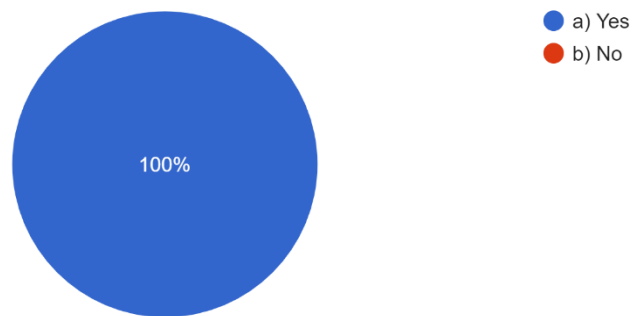


Fig 3: Implementation of app-based reporting system

B.Discussion

From the data in the result section, it can be said that the solution to the problem of internet harassment or cyberbullying is going to be minimized if an app-based reporting system is introduced. One of the major findings is how hard it is for people to report the bullying cases. Almost 60 percent find it hard to file a complaint against cyberbullying.

As most of the respondents agreed on the implementation of an app-based reporting system we can say that it is the best solution for the problem.

IV. CONCLUSION

To conclude, internet harassment or cyberbullying is a major problem in the world. Many people get stressed or find it harder to concentrate on their daily life due to this issue. Dealing with cyberbullying can be difficult, but there are preventative measures that parents, educators, and other caregivers can take.

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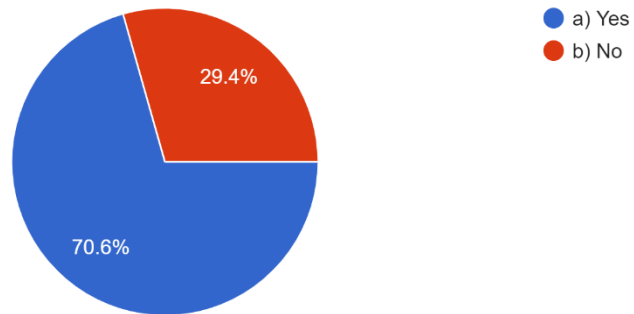
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VI. APPENDIX

34 responses

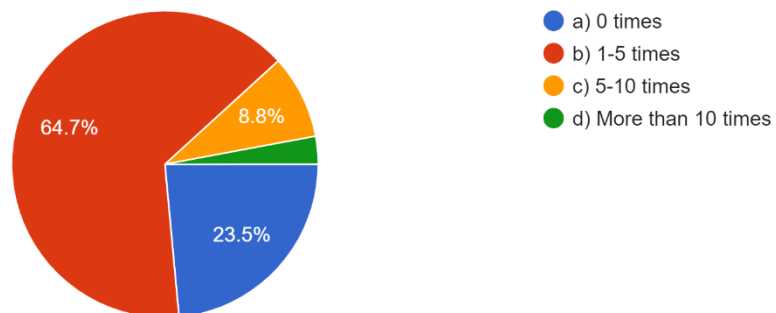
1. Did you ever face internet harassment or cyberbullying?

34 responses



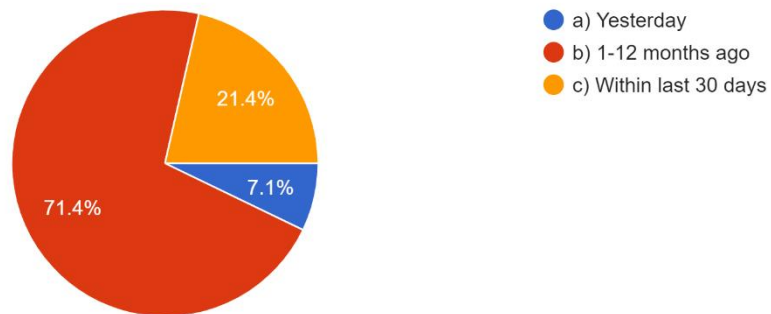
2. About how many times have you been cyberbullied in your entire life?

34 responses



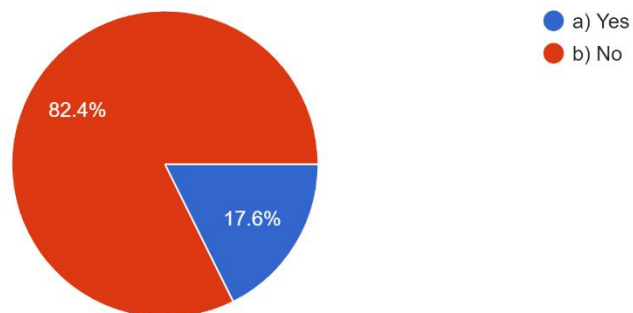
3. When was the last time you were bullied?

28 responses



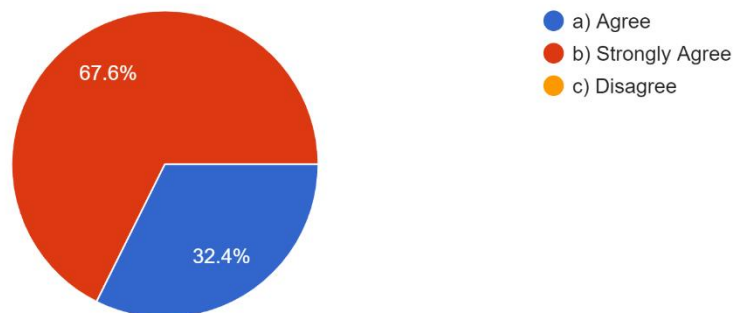
4. Did you stop using social media in fear of cyberbullying?

34 responses



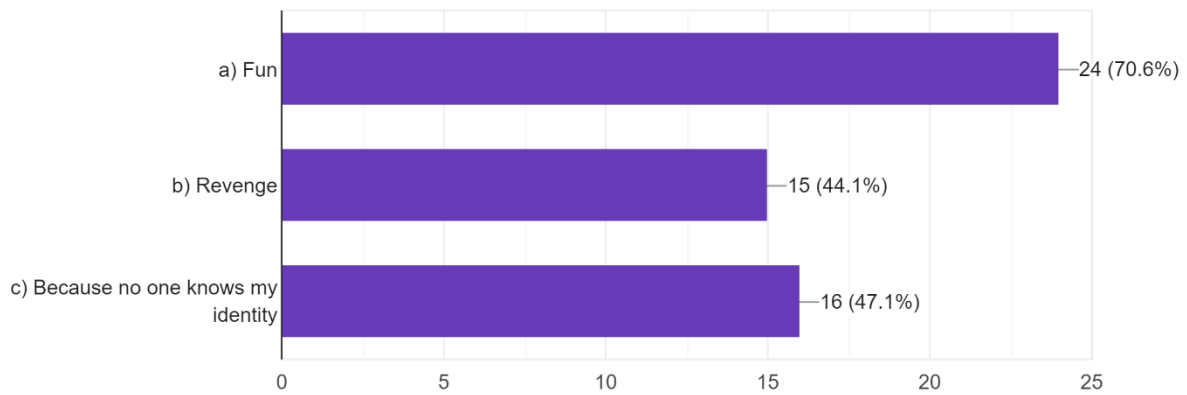
5. Please evaluate the following-"Cyberbullying is on a rise."

34 responses



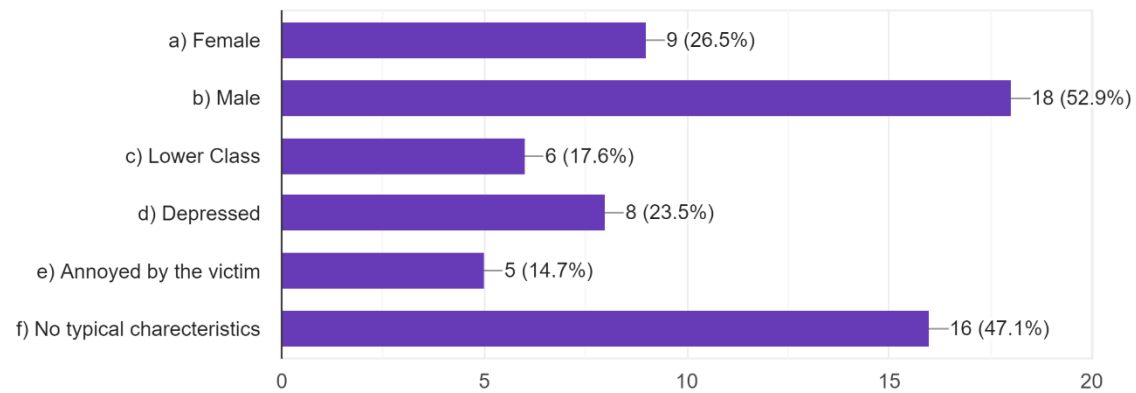
6. What are the most common reasons for cyberbullying?

34 responses



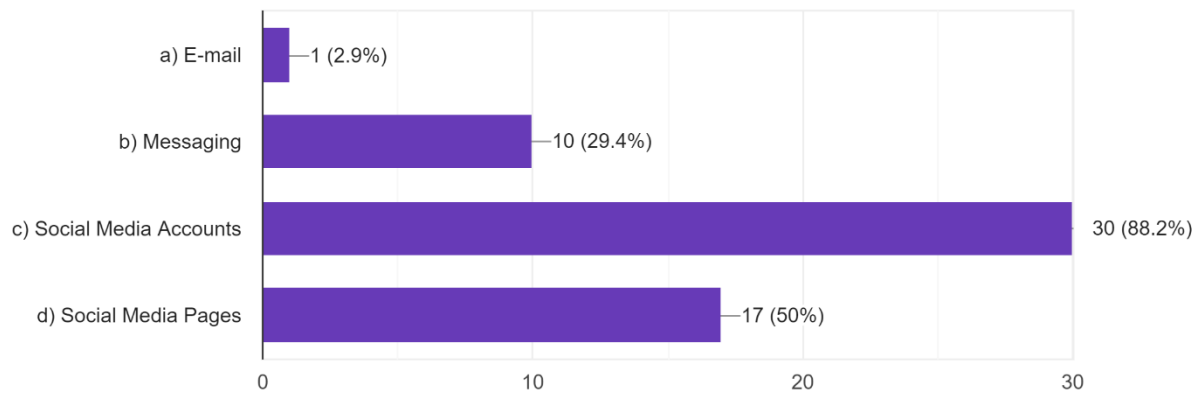
7. Cyberbullies usually are-

34 responses



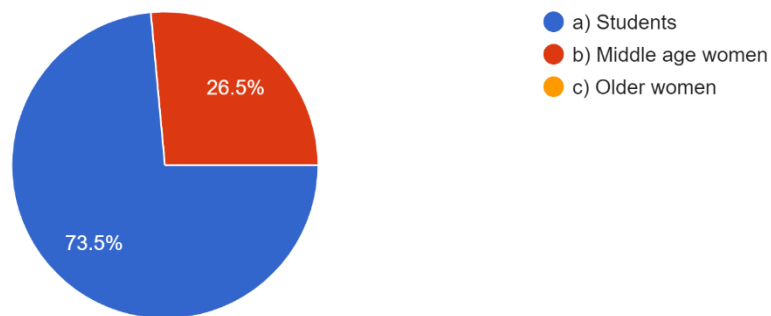
8. Cyberbullying occurs most often via-

34 responses



9. Usually who are the victims of cyberbullying or internet harassment?

34 responses



10. When girls experience cyberbullying, do they find it harder to concentrate on their daily life?

34 responses

