

## A Proposed Vision to Confront the Negative Effects of Crime, Violence, Suicide and The Spread of Rumors in the Digital Space

رؤية مقترحة لمواجهة الآثار السلبية للجريمة والعنف والانتحار  
وانتشار الشائعات في الفضاء الرقمي

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### Abstract

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### ملخص:

حد الحلول لمعالجة العنف ضد الأطفال هو محاولة تغيير النظرة السائدة عن العنف ضد الأطفال والذي يعتبره أمراً طبيعياً، وخاصة قبول العنف الجسدي، وذلك من خلال وضع برامج تربوية للأباء والمعلمين والمربين لتوعيتهم بهذا الأمر. وتعليمهم الأسس الصحيحة للتعليم وأشكال التأديب غير الضارة. عقد دورات لتدريب وتأهيل أولياء الأمور على رعاية وتربية الأطفال دون عنف ومحاولة الحصول على معلومات حول العنف ضد الأطفال، واستخدامها لنشر الوعي وتغيير نظرة المجتمع للقضية، وحث الناس على اتخاذ الممارسات التي من شأنها الحد من العنف ومحاولة للوصول إلى صناع القرار والتأثير عليهم وتفعيل القوانين المتعلقة بالعنف والحد منه، ونقله من عالم الكتابة إلى عالم التنفيذ.

الكلمات المفتاحية: التأثير السلبي للعنف؛ التأثير السلبي للجريمة؛ انتشار الشائعات في الفضاء الإعلامي الرقمي.

There is no doubt that the Internet is one of the most prominent phenomena of outer space that has been developed and now it represents a very important and dangerous aspect in society and effective at the same time. The internet has connected the world into one chain that has facilitated the introduction and the knowledge of different civilization. Therefore the internet is one of the medium that has created culture awareness in all its dimensions whether in the educational sphere or in the general public sphere.

The number of Internet users in the world has reached 5.16 billion, according to the latest statistics of 2023, and the number of social network users is 4.76 billion. India is the country with the largest number of people not connected to the Internet, with about 743 million people, followed by China with about 415 million. North Korea is the country that uses the Internet the least in the world compared to the size of the population. The Google search engine is on the top of the most visited sites in the world. South Africa is considered the most country in terms of the average daily time spent on the Internet by individual, with about 10 hours and 64 minutes, followed by the Philippines and then Brazil. The UAE is the first country in the Arab world and the tenth internationally in terms of the average time consumed on the Internet per day, at an average of 8 hours and 36 minutes.

“Data Reputal institution” revealed that the number of Internet users in Egypt reached 80.75 million last January. The report indicated that the Internet prevalence rate exceeded 72 percent of the Egyptian population and the number of users increased by 1.6 percent. During January, compared to the same month in 2022, the number of users of social media platforms reached 46.25 million, which represents approximately 41.4 percent of the country's total population. According to the report, the number of Facebook users reached 42 million in January, which constitutes about 52 percent of adults of legal age to register an account on the social networking platform (13+), while the number of Instagram users reached 15.3 million, or 19.3 percent of adults of legal age. The number of TikTok users of legal age (18+) jumped by 17 percent, to reach 23.73 million in January, compared to 2022.

Although the Internet has many benefits, it is a double-edged sword through the wrong use of it, and this is because of human usage. Among these negatives, the Internet addiction in wasting time to

browse sites which does not benefit the person in any of the cultures, and only wastes his time. And some negative comments that are made through social networking sites are almost the cause of many people's suicide due to harsh criticism of others, and the use of the Internet to steal some sites and pages that cause harm to other people with the aim of threatening them. The Internet has produced a large number of negative phenomena, including violence, suicide, and a large number of crimes.

There is no doubt that a safe society is the demand of everyone, as safety is the source of building life in any society and its development. And a person from his birth has a good nature and he does not know what is criminality or harm but the environment in which he grows up is what may affect him, and it instills in him bad behaviors which makes him to deviate from the straight path

Perhaps one of the most important negative phenomena of the digital space is the spread of rumors. The spread of rumors has always been a gateway for the appearance of incredible persons in the media or in real life. Rumors on the principle of benefiting from crises and employing them to serve their narrow interests. They claim that they are close to the decision-makers, without the slightest knowledge of knowledge of the thing they are talking about, just as the war merchants who are working by spreading false rumors, to stir up confusion at the societal and economic level, which lead to the division of society and affect it negatively, by relying on the sentiments of certain classes of society who care about information and not its source, based on exaggerated sentiments.

### **Negatives Rumors:**

- The depletion of society at the level of thought and the depletion of backup plans at the level of the individual and society.
- Creating problems based on illusion and exaggeration which leads to a negative impact on future expectations as we must expect the best and prepare for the worst.
- Creating psychological problems by striking the target community and by trying to blackmail it either by exporting absolute comfort or absolute danger.
- Creating a rift between family members due to the multiplicity of unrealistic choices and always when there are multiple choices

unreasonable, the right choice is lost and the percentage of achieving it drops to dangerous levels which causes family break up and a loss of feelings and emotions among family members due to rumors.

- In an indirect way, rumor works to prejudice national security, as a result of fabricated rumors, whether negative or positive as well as to create a state of chaos and confusion in society.

- Rumor works to raise the level of doubt about the extent of credibility and reliability of the competent authorities and decision-makers because rumors always work to spread panic and terror in the hearts of citizens.

- Rumors work to divert attention on how to solve the main problems in any country. Rumors exhaust the society, the state and its residents. Spreading rumors is a dangerous weapon that destroy the nation and divides its people, and lead to mistrust among them. False news circulate without scrutiny or refutation and they stir up strife. Therefore, a strategy must be implemented to counter these rumors.

**A set of solutions can be put forward to limit the impact of false news, curb rumors and contain their risks to the maximum possible degree, but they require deliberate will and a sustained action:**

= Treating the Egyptian information situation and transforming it into a more efficient and transparent information situation through the issuance of the right to information circulation law, which is stipulated in the constitution in Article 68, and it is not one of the laws of deterrence and restriction, but it is one of the laws of availability.

= When accurate information is available based on a constitutional and legal right, the tendency to fabrication and forgery will decrease, and correct news will refute its false counterpart and remove it from the field of influence. Serious training programs will be provided for those working in the profession of journalism and media. Thanks to these programs, journalists' skills will be upgraded in dealing with incoming statements from social media.

= The necessity of issuing professional guides to organize dealing with the data available in the social media and to clarify the methods of extracting facts from them if they exist, and the efforts of media education and educating the public on methods of receiving news material, and separating the wheat from the fat in it, and although it is

an arduous and long-term plan, it is much better more restrictions and more penalties.

= Providing correct information in complete transparency and at the appropriate time which prevents the emergence of rumors or at least eliminates them in their infancy.

= Executing some widely spread rumors "not all rumors" because one of the goals of the rumor war is draining energy in responding to rumors and being preoccupied with them "and providing correct information that refutes these rumors and ends them completely.

= Interest in developing awareness among new media users and the need to verify the source of any news or information before dealing with it as fact.

### **Crime violence suicide are among the negative Phenomena caused by the digital space:**

Crime is any act that contradicts the prevailing rules, customs, and social customs in society. It is an act that is inconsistent with normal human instincts, and it is an attempt to satisfy abnormal instincts that may result in some people, and they are all acts that are outside the law and on which they agreed upon for punishment.

### **Some reasons for crimes:**

= There are many reasons, that cause crimes such as poverty, ignorance, and unemployment. When these are combined together for the individual or when one of them exists, the devil whispers to him to do what is wrong to do in order to get rid of them or to search for comfort.

Among the reasons are also the love of authority and abnormal self-realization, as some think that by committing crimes, he is strong and can frighten those around him. Hatred and rancor can cause a person to crime to take revenge on someone for a specific reason. The love of curiosity, adventure, and experience of abnormal things can be also considered reasons for crimes.

## **Some solutions can be put forward to limit the impact of crime (whether violence or suicide).**

### **There are a number of solutions to prevent and block crime:**

≡ **Family:** It is considered the first human cell, and it is the one in which the individual is brought up and from which he acquires its customs, traditions and culture. The healthy family will raise strong and equal generations away from crimes. The broken family is the one that will raise perverted generation who will commit crimes. Therefore the community, and in particular the social services offices will support it, protect it, guide it, and treat its problems in order to preserve its entity and to keep the specter of crime away from society.

≡ **School:** It has a major role after the family in preventing crime because the individual spends a long time as it is the one that educates, teaches, and builds his social personality, and teaches him about correct behavior that conforms to the laws and treats his behavior if he deviates. And the school can limit and prevent opportunities for crime to occur in society if it plays its natural role.

≡ **Security services:** Perhaps one of the most important duties of the security services is to prevent and detect crime, arrest the perpetrators, implement the punishment issued against them, and maintain public security and morals. Therefore, the most important job and duties of the police are to achieve security and stability for members of society.

≡ **Media:** The media plays a very major role by imposing an appropriate level of control over the media and publishing, in order not to coordinate behind extremist ideas, and to follow the approach of moderation based on moderation and the effective use of all publishing tools and media which are a necessary condition for the success of the strategy of confrontation in all its dimensions and religious aspects, political, economic, social, educational, judicial and security.

The Internet is a fertile field for electronic violence in its various forms, because it is close to everyone. And electronic violence includes all violent behaviors that are committed through electronic means such as blogs, web pages, mobile phones, e-mail, and text messages in order to harm or threaten victims. And electronic violence appears via the Internet through short messages and multimedia messages, e-mail, blogs, forums, on websites, and social networks, and includes the use of mobile phones, computers, etc.. Various media can be classified into

moral electronic violence: which is the type that causes moral losses such as lack of a sense of reassurance, injury to dignity, and all psychological damage that may occur to a victim who has been subjected to electronic violence, **such as:**

**a. Harassment:** It is a type of indirect violent behavior, defined as a dispute between two or more people that includes the exchange of impolite text messages between these individuals, and these messages may develop into insults and intimidation, and from there to actual threats of violence. It is a momentary event, which may happen secretly via e-mail or in instant messages

**b. Electronic exposure:** This occurs when an individual or a group of individuals deliberately publishes some posts that contain personal or sexual images, or embarrassing information about a person on the internet, with the aim of causing embarrassment and emotional pain to him.

**c. Spam messages:** It is sending hundreds of messages to a person's e-mail with the aim of harming him, disrupting his network, or preventing him from receiving any other messages, in addition to the possibility of interrupting his service. Market owners may send large amounts of unwanted e-mail to internet users, which may cause harassment.

**d. Electronic harassment:** It is sending repeated offensive messages to others, which is more like harassment, but it does not involve the use of threats to cause great fear in the victim, and the victim can only try to stop these messages and threats, and the harassment may be directed randomly and towards a specific person, that is, it may be intentional or unintended.

**e. Impersonation or disguise:** in which a person steals passwords, or pretends to be another person by creating electronic accounts with fictitious names, then sends materials that harm that person's reputation to all individuals and makes him look bad in their eyes, or takes advantage of that person's identity, or to hide his true identity To facilitate the commission of offensive behavior and actions, it is often impossible to determine the identity of the person who posted such harmful information on the Internet.

**f. Physical electronic violence:** It is any form of electronic violence that causes any material losses to the victim:

- a. **Cyberterrorism:** It occurs through the use of the international information network to recruit new members, and the development of information that aims to stir up national hatred and intolerance based on racism, and most of the extremist and terrorist sites are supported from outside the target countries, Terrorists can broadcast and promote their operations, and even carry them out using computers
- b. **Internet gambling practice:** It includes encouraging and facilitating the establishment, ownership and management of a gambling project on the internet. Gambling sites have increased dramatically on the Internet, as there are millions of sites.
- c. **Drug trade:** Some of the widespread and famous websites specialize in promoting drugs and motivating young people to learn how to grow and manufacture drugs of all kinds, and this does not need bad companions, but teenagers can seclude themselves in the computer room.
- d. **Phishing:** Is the use of fraudulent emails masquerading as a legitimate, trustworthy source to obtain personal details of others, usually by asking for email passwords and inviting the recipient to reply to the email or click on a web link, etc.
- e. **Suicide:** Recently, suicide cases have increased, and this news has spread on social networks, to the extent that we have begun to witness live broadcasts of some of these cases, which indicates the danger of digital space in promoting this phenomenon because of its seriousness that threatens community security.

### **Policies and Strategies to Combat Violence and Suicide:**

= Invite the family with all its members to have mercy among themselves, and urge them to strengthen their interdependence according to what religion encourages, as the teachings of the religion stipulate people to cooperate among themselves to be a single structure while they do not know each other, so how about the cooperation and interdependence of brothers!

= Building care and rehabilitation homes for those who have suffered from domestic violence, and trying to compensate the victims for what they experienced and what they missed in their family environment, and reforming them to become good citizens. Enacting deterrent laws for those who practice domestic violence, and stressing

that. Giving lessons and seminars and holding conferences to emphasize and remind the values and morals of religion, and the methods it encouraged in dealing with others

= Take guardianship from the father and mother who do not perform their duties appropriately for the children, and give it to the competent and the first among the child's relatives, and treat the family members with mental illnesses and present them to the specialists.

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= Among the solutions to violence against women, the treatment of the problem of violence against women lies within two main parts:

The first part: It is related to education and upbringing, which is the responsibility of the family in teaching the child the values and principles in which women are respected and appreciated, and kept away from violence and beating, and prevented from being practiced on them; so as not to affect them in the future.

The second part: After the problem has occurred and aggravated, measures and solutions must be taken, including: tightening the application of laws related to penalizing those who practice violence against women, preserving women and keeping them from being subjected to violence by society and relatives, and offering psychological treatment to victims of violence who have been subjected to advanced stages of violence. To prevent aggravation of the condition. And seeking to educate the community through the media about the value and importance of women in society, and that it is not permissible for unfair acts of violence to be inflicted on them as a human being who has the same rights as men, and has the same duties

as he has, and to clarify the view of religions for women, their respect and appreciation for them. Raising awareness among women to understand their rights, and striving to spread the culture of education so that they become educated and have financial and intellectual independence. Imposing laws urging the education of women, and punishing those who deprive them of it.

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