Social Networks And Social Influences In Adolescence

Social Networking Sites and Their Influence on the Self Esteem of Adolescents in Embu County, Kenya

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Abstract

As technology improves and advances, social networking sites have an even bigger impact on society and human relationships, both positive and negative. Social networking sites have influence on teenagers in the way they develop socially. The way teenagers are connected to these global SNSs is both a frightening prospect for parents and educators and an intriguing area for social science research. Further there is no comprehensive knowledge of the activities adolescents do on these sites as well as how they impact their social life. This study therefore sought to specifically investigate the influence of social networking sites on the self-esteem of adolescents in secondary schools in Embu County Kenya. The researcher adopted a descriptive survey design. The target population of the respondents for this research was secondary school students and teachers in Embu County. Random sampling technique was used to select five boarding schools for the study sample. From each school, fifteen students and three teachers was selected for each unit of analysis to make a total sample of one fifty students and 15 teachers selected from the target population. The data collection instruments designed for the researches were questionnaires, Rosenberg self-esteem scale, and interview schedules. The questionnaires and Rosenberg self-esteem scale was designed for the students while interview guides were for teachers. Data collected was analyzed using statistical package for social sciences (SPSS). The study concluded that almost all the students use social network sites, therefore that social networking is very common among students who are in secondary schools. Facebook topped the list of the most common social site used by secondary schools students. The study further concludes that various students have different motivation for visiting the social networking sites. The study further concluded that social networking influence the self-esteem and psychological wellbeing of secondary school student. The study recommends that secondary schools students should be given guidance and counseling on how to positively utilize the social networking sites to their advantage and not to have a negative impact on their self-esteem.

Keywords: Social Networking Sites, Self-esteem, Psychological well-being.

Introduction

The increased use of Social Networking sites has become an international phenomenon in the past several years. What started out as a hobby for some computer literate people has become a social norm and way of life for people from all over the world (Boyd, 2007). Further Boyd points out that teenagers and young adults have especially embraced these sites as a way to connect with their peers, share information, reinvent their personalities, and showcase their social lives.

Cotterell, J. (). Social networks and social influences in adolescence. London: Routledge. pp., $ William E. Roweton. Chandron.Social Networks and Social Influences in Adolescence (Adolescence and Society) [John Cotterell] on rioneammanniti.com *FREE* shipping on qualifying offers.Available in the National Library of Australia collection. Author: Cotterell, John, ; Format: Book; p.: ill. ; 23 cm."Social Networks and Social Influences" is divided into 3 parts. Part 1 examines the nature of peer groups in different settings including classroom groups or.Young people are concerned with making and keeping friends, and they invest a great deal of energy in group social life to do so. This book charts the.Peer influence occurs when people change their behavior to be compatible with their friends. Peer influences are complex because they occur in a potentially wide variety of friendship and social network contexts, in which certain peers may be more influential than others.This thoroughly revised new edition looks at the nature of social networks, their changing configurations, and the forces of influence they unleash in shaping the .social networks and social influences in adolescence adolescence and society john cotterell on amazoncom free shipping on qualifying offers adolescence is a .Citation: Lakon CM, Hipp JR () On Social and Cognitive Influences: Relating Adolescent Networks, Generalized Expectancies, and.The influence of social media on adolescents and teenagers is of particular While social networking undoubtedly plays a vital role in.We first develop theoretical predictions for how health may influence the structure of Add Health, adolescence, self-rated health, social networks, structure.social networks and social influences in adolescence adolescence and society john cotterell on amazoncom free shipping on qualifying offers buy social.Social media use is nearly universal among US-based teens. How do daily interactions with social apps influence adolescents' affective well-being? Survey .Health and the structure of adolescent social networks. first develop theoretical predictions for how health may influence the structure of adolescent networks.Most parents recognize that the influence of peers on their children's behavior is an undeniable fact. But, just how far do these influences reach.Specifically, social networks impact health status, health behaviors, and health decision-making. Research specific to social network influences on adolescent.Adolescents' social networks and their peers' behaviors influence their use and abuse of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. So do parents and their.During the transformative period of adolescence, social influence plays a Findings suggest common neural networks involved in social influence from both .This aim of this article is to demonstrate the importance of social networks in the obese adolescent's environment. This study emerged in response to the paucity.44) in online social networks like ATL constrain the deeper ideologies and sociotechnical histories that influence young people's interactions.The development of youth culture and the parallel separation of adolescents from adults becomes intelligible when analyzed in terms of rapid social change, affl.network analysis of adolescent smokingadd_ Adolescent smoking, gender differences, peer influence, peer selection, SIENA, social networks.The social networks, family

involvement, and pro- and antisocial behavior of as positive models, norm reinforcers, and sources of information for adolescent boys . the influences of the social network, schooling and clubs and organizations.Involvement of leaders with capacity to influence might be an efficient Keywords: social networks; tobacco use; adolescents; centrality; friendship; peer .