

Does social media impact our moral attitude? Elaborate.

Approach

1. Define moral attitude.
2. Discuss how social media affects moral attitude in both positive and negative ways.
3. Conclude appropriately.

Solution

Moral Attitudes are attitudes of individuals towards moral issues. They are based on moral convictions about what is right and what is wrong.

In the present times, the usage of social media has increased multi-fold which has impacted our moral attitude in both positive and negative ways.

Negative effect of social media on our moral attitude

1. There is unhindered access to vulgar jokes, messages, videos etc. on social media. This compromises the attitude of respect towards women and leads to objectification of women.
2. Exposure to content online such as profile of stars, friends and acquaintances leads to comparison and self-pity. Such people show indifferent attitude towards problems of other.
3. The anonymity on social media dilutes the attitude of responsibility towards others people. This reflected in the rise of bullying, trolling, and personal attacks on individuals.
4. People act differently online, compared to how they would in real life. This shows the loss of attitude of truthfulness in one's dealings.

Positive effect of social media on our moral attitude:

1. Thinkers, motivators and influencers through the use of social media spread the message of love and kindness which is necessary for having an attitude of reverence towards fellow beings.
2. The rise of alternate news media has kept intact people's attitude of faithfulness towards democracy, when most of the mainstream media become the mouthpiece of Government in power.

3. Access to varied view points from across the globe helps in formation of a moral attitudes which in line with human rights towards multiple issues.
E.g. - issues like surrogacy, abortion, homo-sexuality, capital punishment etc.

Conclusion

Thus, it is clear that online environment provides a moral terrain that requires ethical navigation. Ethics can be used to address the challenges posed by social media and redirect its usage for greater good.