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DEVELOPMENT AND STANDARDIZATION OF ATTITUDE TOWARDS USING SOCIAL MEDIA SCALE (ATUSMS)

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ABSTRACT

ocial media is the collective of online communications channels dedicated to community – based input, interaction on content sharing and collaboration. Websites and applications dedicated to forums, micro blogging, social networking, social bookmarking, social curation, and wikis., the idea that social media are defined by their ability to bring people together has been as too broad a definition, as this would suggest that the telegraph and telephone were also social medianot the technologies . Social media facilitate the development of online social networks. The study of the attitude towards social media scale is a significant one and for which the investigator has decided to develop and construct a scale to measure it.

KEYWORDS: college students, social media, technology, education.



INTRODUCTION:

As there is no suitable tool available to Study the college students' Attitude towards using social media scale, the investigator have decided toConstruct and standardize a scale to measure the college student'sattitude. Social media are computermediated technologies that allow the creating and sharing of information, ideas, career interest and other forms of expression via virtual communicated and networks. He varied of sand – alone and built in social media services current available. Social media are interactive internet based applications. User generated content, such as text posts or comments, digitalphotos or videos, and data generated through all online interactions, are the lifeblood of social media. Social media facilitate the development of online social networks b connecting users profile with those of other individuals and groups. social media use webbased technologies to create highly interactive platforms through which individuals, communities and organizations can share, co- create, discuss and modify user generated content or premade content posed online. The introduced substantial and pervasive changes of communication between business, organizations, communities and individuals. This Likert type scale is a fivepoint scale of "strongly Agree", "Agree", "Undecided","disagree" and "Strongly disagree". In this scaleconsists of 60 items have been collected from the various sources like Experts in technology, students, Books, Journals, Internet and so on.

PILOT STUDY

This scale has 60 items has been administered to the sample of 100 college students studying in different Colleges and different colleges of Chennai District, Tamil Nadu, India, in order to carry outthe pilot study. Then their responses have been scored carefully and their marks secured by all the samples have been arranged in the descending order from the highest scorer to thelowest scorer. Then they were subjected to item analysis.

Item Analysis

The next step in the standardization of on Attitude towards social medial scale after pilot

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study is to find out the t-value of each item, which forms the basis for item selection in order to build upthe final scale. The Likert type scale calls for a graded response to each item on a five-pointscale ranging from "Strongly Agree", to "Strongly disagree". The individual score for all the 100 students and students were ranked from the highest to the lowest score. Then 25% of the subjects with thehighest total scores and 25% of the subjects with the lowest total scores were sorted out forthe purpose of item selection. The high and low groups, were selected, formed the criteriongroups and each group was made up of 25 students (Edward. L. Allen, 1957) different responses of "strongly Agree", "Agree", "Undecided", "disagree" and "Strongly disagree" in the work Attitude towards using social media scale. Then each item was taken individually and the number of students who responded "strongly Agree", " Agree", "Undecided", "disagree" and "Strongly disagree" was found out both the high and low groups separately. Thus for all the 60 items, the number of students coming under each category was found out separately for both the high and low groups and the t-values for all the 60 items have been calculated with the formula suggested by Allen Edwards (1957) [1]. As many as 60 items having the t value greater than or equal to 1.75 (Edward. L. Allen, 1957) have been chosen in order to form the final scale (vide: Table-I). Then this final scale has been administered to 100students working in different colleges and Chennai District, Tamil Nadu, India, in order to establish the scoring procedure, validity and reliability of this scale.

Item Number	't' Value	Item selected
1	2.62	S
2	0.92	NS
3	2.66	S
4	2.42	S
5	1.98	S
6	2.46	S
7	2.65	S
8	2.58	S
9	1.14	NS
10	2.46	S
11	2.65	S
12	3.12	S
13	2.42	S
14	3.27	S
15	1.08	NS
16	2.25	S
17	3.24	S
18	2.24	S
19	1.15	NS
20	2.62	S
21	2.26	S
22	1.28	NS
23	2.96	S
24	2.08	S
25	2.26	S
26	2.62	S
27	1.02	NS
28	2.94	S
29	2.86	S
30	2.68	S
31	1.99	S
32	1.34	NS
33	1.45	NS
34	0.92	NS
35	2.26	S

TABLE – I ITEM SELECTED FOR ATUSMS

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24	2.1.6	~	
36	3.16	S	
37	3.84	S	
38	2.82	S	
39	1.46	NS	
40	2.68	S	
41	2.27	S	
42	2.08	S	
43	2.82	S	
44	0.92	NS	
45	2.28	S	
46	3.64	S	
47	3.42	S	
48	2.27	S	
49	2.48	S	
50	3.36	S	
51	2.62	S	
52	1.26	NS	
53	1.42	NS	
54	0.74	NS	
55	1.02	NS	
56	2.38	S	
57	1.98	S	
58	2.84	S	
59	2.82	S	
60	2.94	S	
S–Selecte	S-Selected NS-Not selected		

SCORING PROCEDURE

Attitude towards using Social Media scale has 45 items, out of which 31 items are positively worded and the remaining 14 items are negatively worded. An individual score is the sum of the scores of all the 45 items. The scores range from 45 to 225. Higher score indicates the high work ethics and the details of scoring are given in the following table. The scoring to the response given by the respondents should be like the following.

Table II			
Response	positive	negative	
Strongly Agree	5	1	
Agree	4	2	
Undecided	3	3	
disagree	2	4	
Strongly sisagree	1	5	

Reliability

Reliability refers to the consistency with which a test measures, whatever it measures. The concept of reliability suggests both stability and consistency of measurement. The investigator calculated the reliability analysis and it was given in the following table.

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METHOD OF RELIABILITY	RELIABILITY CO-	
ANALYSIS	EFFICIENTS	
Correlation between forms	0.836	
Equal-length Spearman-Brown	0.851	
Guttman Split-half	0.832	
Unequal-length Spearman-Brown	0.841	

 Table III

 Table Showing the reliability method and co-efficient Values

Validity

Validity reveals the merits of our measurement. This Attitude towards using social media scale was given to the experts (20 members) in order to find out its content validity. The experts agreed that the items in the scale provided adequate coverage of the concept. This Attitude towards social media scale also has construct validity.

Percentile Norm

The following table represents the percentile norm for this Attitude towards using social media scale.

Percentile	Score Range	Norm
BelowP25(Q1)	Below 90	Low level
P25 ToP75(Q1toQ3)	Between 90 and 170	Average level
Above P75(Q3)	Above 170	High level

CONCLUSION

The investigator believe that this scale would be acontribution to the field of Attitude towards social media in Technology and those who want to measure the value pattern anywhere in this country will find this scale very useful.

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