

Review of: "Exploring the link between Smartphone Use, Violence, and Social Sharing in 50 case studies"

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The dissemination of any kind of violent actions on web channels undoubtedly has very widespread repercussions on a social level, and is configured as a high-risk practice that deserves scientific studies and reflections in order to understand its dynamics and foresee forms of intervention at an individual level but also political and social.

The aim of the research was to describe a pilot study to develop a methodology capable of answering a specific but very important research question: how to connect the perpetration of violent actions and their diffusion on the web via social media. The authors themselves admit that the objective has not been achieved because there are no elements to build a causal connection, or at least a thrust one, between the violent phenomena and their diffusion via social networks. This leaves waiting in the discussion and conclusions for a design of a different and more effective methodology to achieve this goal.

There is no questioning the high importance of the topic covered, however if you don't use the research exactly as you should with a pilot study, you can generate incorrect expectations that the paper cannot present.

Therefore it is advisable to set up the paper in a more clear way aimed at the real objective for which the research was done or to change the methodology and insert further elements to answer the initial research question which is to find the link between the publication on social and the perpetration of violent actions. It is also suggested to improve the reference to other studies by extending the range to anthropological, demographic and social sciences.