

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

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Very interesting article with a lot of in-deep research!

My observations for improving the research presentation are:

- The state-of-the-art should be extended in a separate chapter.
- In the Methods chapter: please, delete: "where the first column indicates (to be replaced by "shows") the place and date of the event, the second column summarizes the reported episode of violence, and the third column represents a classification of the motivation behind smartphone use and video use". and the sentence should be as: "These cases were tabulated as shown in Table 1". May be Table 1 should be placed as an Annex of the article.
- The methodological approach is very simply ... I expect a more in deep analysis of the use of Smartphone using a created taxonomy and then a case-effect analysis. The qualitative analysis could introduce errors due to the subjective opinion of researchers. May be a semantic analysis of the articles/cases description could be an interesting approach on analyzing in deep the motivation. It could be interesting to analyze the different communication channels used for social sharing.
- in the Results and Analysis chapter is mention that "through a qualitative analysis of the reported cases, three main motivations were identified" but there is no demonstration of a logical approach in analyzing the case studies and finding these 3 motivation factors. May be a forth column in Table 1 with this aspect could show the logical approach of the analysis.
- This study could be considered as the beginning of an extended empirical research. Thus, I suggest to formulate at least some hypothesis of the future work.
- Conclusions must underlined the originality and added value of the research by reporting your findings with similar ones in the literature. Also, implication of the findings should be included in this part of the paper with different categories of measures to reduce the phenomenon.
- Overall, the article is more informative one (on the topic choose by the authors) and less an article that presents a detailed, in-depth research on the phenomenon. The authors limit themselves to ascertaining and qualitatively analyzing the phenomenon, but do not present ways to combat it.