

Internet a Major Causality: A Review of Information Pollution

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ABSTRACT: *The current discourse is about information pollution, the causes and issues of information pollution, the internet as a significant causality and how it impacts the individual's decision-making ability. To order to ensure that information suppliers do not lose the readership of their material and satisfy the information needs of both online and print readers, almost all of the printed information is also replicated to digital form. Abundant literature is also produced in an electronic format only, and will share this information on hundreds of social networking sites. Without attributions to the source, almost a mess of all this knowledge has been created and disseminated. The research also addresses the causes of information abuse, the dimensions of unstructured information and plagiarism. This result also has important policy implications for policymakers in emerging markets. For example, increased investment in the ICT sector could be a feasible means of reducing the level of information pollution. Towards the end of the document, the focus on information literacy has been put on how it can prove useful in tackling the issue with certain interventions that can help regulate the actions of information users.*

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INTRODUCTION

On a daily basis, people consume knowledge acquired from a variety of sources, whether formal or informal, printed or electronic, online or offline, word of mouth or undertaking, on a variety of subjects, mostly related to education, health, business, news, culture, religion, philosophy and much more. The worrying aspect is that users of information rarely try the credibility of the information they receive, which could otherwise be more and more contaminated in many respects. In this report, though taking into account their concerns about information leakage, it was noted that more than 20% of all future jobs will be involved in the location, evaluation and verification of the authenticity of the information to be consumed, and that the same will be given for consumption. Thus emphasizing the significance and value of knowledge, he argues that information serves as the basis for our dream of understanding the world, whether through thought, decision, or through our belief system. People are very familiar with pollution associated with air, noise, soil, water, etc., which is very normal. Humans could not have understood in a timely manner the value of preserving different types of ecologies and ecosystems as such has started to suffer from these accounts. Now the irony is that the situation has reached a stage where, given all practicable efforts, humans are unable to completely reverse this effect. Knowledge pollution is therefore very much in existence for quite a long time now, but it is the users of knowledge who have not yet realized the pollution associated with it and the troubling point here again is that as long as people understand the need and value of pollution free information, things may slip out of our hands again and the situation may become inevitable again. The question arises, what is pollution-free information or, in the other direction, what does accurate or credible information mean? Availability or availability of the right kind of information means what is free from misleading or false facts and trustworthy evidence. Authentic also means that what is entrusted to the authority, having legal legitimacy, is verifiable in order to establish its authenticity. In legal terms, 'authentic' means genuine, professional and trustworthy with all the requisite formalities needed. ICT investment can produce substitution effects as it reduces demand for electricity by replacing an old energy-intensive production system with a new one. The change in the industrial structure from the iron and steel, chemical and other smokestack industries to the electronics, communications and other IT industries clearly provides the best indication of the existence of substitution effects. In the present speech, an attempt has been made to assess the different aspects and facets of 'Information Pollution' and the role of the web in promoting it, in particular the way in which social media have come into force to deliver and regulate information dissemination techniques [1]. The younger generation in the age group of 15-35 years is more vulnerable to this threat, as it is these people who most of the time stay on the internet, of course not by choice every time, but also out of necessity, despite their job requirements. The Internet has certainly helped us to break through space and time constraints, but at

the same time, the worrying part is mishandling. ICT investment can produce replacement effects as it decreases demand for electricity by replacing an old energy-intensive production system with a new one. The change in the industrial structure from the iron and steel, chemical and other smokestack industries to the electronics, communications [2] and other IT industries clearly provides the best indication of the existence of substitution effects. The number of Internet users rose from 1% in the 1990s to 50% in China and to 26% in India in 2015. Based on the above theories, this thesis is expected to contribute to related literature in the following ways: first, there is a lack of related research. There are only a few studies in the literature on economics examining the correlation between ICT and information pollution [3]. Second, to the best of our knowledge, there is only one panel study relevant to the use of the Internet information leakage nexus. In this regard, the aim is to fill the gap in literature by focusing on emerging markets [4] and using novel panel data analyses that allow both cross-sectional dependence and heterogeneity in slope parameters [5].

MANIFESTATIONS OF INFORMATION POLLUTION

Data pollution (also referred to as "data pollution") is the interference of data sources with obsolete, outdated, unsolicited, obstructive and low-value information. The spread of useless and undesirable information may have a detrimental effect on human activities. It is known to be one of the adverse effects of the information revolution. While information pollution can be viewed in many ways, its manifestations can be narrowly divided into those that cause disruption and those that affect the quality of the information. Typical examples of destructive information contaminants include unsolicited electronic communications (spam) and instant messages, especially when used in the workplace. Mobile phones (the ring tones and the actual conversation) can be very disruptive in certain settings. Disrupting information pollution is not always based on technology. Unwanted advertising in any format is a common example. Superfluous messages, such as needless labels on a diagram, often represent an unnecessary distraction. Instead, the supply of information may be compromised if the consistency of the information is reduced. This may be due to the fact that the information itself is inaccurate or out of date, but it also occurs when the information is wrongly portrayed. For example, when messages are fragmented or vague or appear in cluttered, wordy or poorly organized documents that make it difficult for the reader to understand their meaning. This type of information contamination can be discussed in the sense of the quality of information. Another example is the work of the government. Laws and regulations in many agencies are undergoing rapid change and revision. Government workers' manuals and other sources used to interpret these laws are often out of date, which may cause the public to be misinformed, and businesses to be out of compliance with regulatory legislation.

INFORMATION AS A RESOURCE

The value of knowledge as one of the greatest tools in human life can be calculated by various factors. Whether it is the transformation of human life from wanderers to settlers, from hunters and food gatherers to food farmers, and to cover these phases of life, it is the knowledge that has come to the rescue of the early man. By collecting and turning information into knowledge. Humans have developed a love for the accumulation of knowledge on various aspects of life, and the continuous and relentless dissemination of the same to future generations has led us to be known as today's men of science and technology, which often known as an information society. Information has simplified the course of life to the limits; as a result, the age-old idea of the division of the world on the basis of property has been replaced by the division of the world on the basis of the accumulation and manipulation of information. Polarization of the world on the basis of 'Data Rich' and 'Information Poor' countries has itself become a key factor that has led countries to identify themselves as developed and developing countries. Accumulation of information is not an end in itself; what is more important is to make the most of this information in order to enhance the health and well-being of society. There is a need to put more importance on the creation, handling, organization, distribution, use and utilization of quality information, provided that no force on earth can deprive a country of economic wealth, thus unfolding the economic attributes of information.

CAUSES AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION POLLUTION

It may not be inappropriate to say that there are as many sources of information leakage as there are sources of information output. Either way, intentionally or unintentionally, overtly or covertly, there is always some kind of distortion of facts or manipulation of knowledge, but it is mostly unnoticed. Some of the main sources of information include waste.

Information Technology:

Information technology, if, on the one hand, the production, handling and dissemination of information has revolutionized; at the same time, it is seen as one of the worst polluters of information. Yes, the Internet is a blessing in its own way, and one can imagine how life's remedy will suffer in its absence, especially in today's world, where most of the daily tasks, previously used to be done manually by running from pillar to post, are now being handled by technology in automated form by sitting in one location. In reality, information technology is complemented by its numerous subsystems, including information pollution.

World Wide Web (WWW):

The web has become one of the biggest sources of information, amassing data stored with hundreds and thousands of servers across the globe. A good proportion of the information stored on these servers is well organized, but the majority of the information is cluttered and unstructured. In his study on the evaluation of web resources, Richmond (1998) suggested that 10 Cs should be followed while continuing with the search for information on the Internet. These include content, credibility, critical thinking, copyright, quotation, continuity, censorship, connectivity, comparability and context. While deliberating on the reliability of web resources by assessing them for accuracy, authority, currency, coverage and objectivity, the view is that the information retrieved from the web [6] should be assessed on the basis of author's competence & trustworthiness, document validity and open & covert affiliation with the institution. The most difficult thing with the network is;

- Source of unstructured information
- Supplier of unsolicited information
- Unregulated information production and dissemination
- Absence of mechanism to check superfluous & distorted information

Social Media:

Social media is the latest Internet offering that has brought a revolution in the lives of the common masses in its own way, and even one should not hesitate to admit that social media has given rise to a new dawn of freedom of expression. Social media has empowered the popular masses by becoming their mouthpiece in which people express their opinions and views on a range of issues openly, frankly and fearlessly. In this study on the authenticity of information in cyberspace, they expressed their concern about freedom of expression. The authors take the view that freedom of expression should be defended as long as the content does not incite violence, is degrading, affects public opinion and promotes communal hatred. Social media [7], if, on the one hand, it has introduced us to the world of real freedom of expression, on the other hand, it has also brought us closer to the dangers of absolute freedom of expression. I am reminded of Elbert Hubbard, who said, 'Responsibility is the price of freedom,' and rightly so, that excessive freedom entails risks of its own kind.

Spam:

Electronic communications in the form of e-mails has not only solved space and time obstacles, but has also enabled people to seek a timely solution to the problems that have otherwise been lacking from conventional methods of information exchange. Over a period of time, this type of exchange of information [8] does not fascinate Internet users to the same degree as it used to have been for a decade or so. Spam is the name given to those electronic messages that one receives from individuals not known to the receiver, as these messages are mostly of a promotional type. Depleting the usefulness of emails, where, with each passing day, it is becoming less useful for personal as well as professional reasons. Some of the reasons cited include the distribution of a lot of unwanted stuff that hardly helps readers, time-consuming behavior and excess of junk mail, which consumers view more as a personal assault. Instant Messaging (IM) is what the writers see as a replacement for emails, and that's where we're as of the date. Most of the time people respond more quickly to any IM, be it on social networking sites or other IM chats.

Cultural Factors:

A variety of cultural factors have contributed to the growth of transparency pollution: information has historically been seen as a good thing. Publishing and marketing industries have been used to print too many copies of books, magazines and brochures, irrespective of customer demand, only if they were needed. Since new technologies have made it easier for information to touch the farthest reaches of the world, it has been seen a democratization of information sharing. This is seen as a sign of progress and individual empowerment, as well as a positive step to bridge the gap between poor information and rich information. However, it also has the effect of increasing the volume of information in circulation and making it more difficult to separate valuables from waste. It is a kind of pollution that makes sense to be constantly attacked by marketing and advertising, and information pollution from a cultural context is known as cultural pollution.

THE ROLE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Information pollution may occur without technology, as has already been stated, but the technological advances of the 20th century and, in particular, the Internet have played a key role in growing information pollution. Blogs, social networks, personal websites and mobile technology all lead to a rise in noise levels. Some technologies are seen as particularly intrusive (or polluting), e.g. instant messaging. Sometimes the level of pollution generated depends on the environment in which the device is used. For example, e-mail is likely to cause more information leakage when used in a corporate environment than in a private environment. Mobile phones are likely to be especially disruptive when used in confined spaces such as a train carriage.

EFFECTS

The effect of information pollution can be seen at a number of levels, from the person to society in general. The effect on a commercial enterprise is likely to be particularly damaging.

Effects on the Individual:

At the personal level, information leakage can affect the ability of individuals to analyze alternatives and find appropriate solutions. In the most extreme case, it can lead to an accumulation of information, which can lead to anxiety, decision paralysis and stress. There also appear to be some negative effects on the learning process.

Effects on Society:

Apart from its effect on the person, some authors argue that contamination of information and overloading of information can lead to a loss of perspective and moral values. This argument has been used to justify the insensitive conduct of modern society against subjects such as scientific discoveries, health warnings or politics. Because of the low quality and the vast amount of information received, people are becoming less open to news and more pessimistic about new messages.

Impact on Business:

Decision-making is a key part of the business world. Information pollution can cause employees to become overwhelmed with information and stress and therefore make slower or inadequate decisions. Increased processing time easily translates into loss of productivity and revenue. Failed decision-making will also increase the risk of critical errors occurring. Work interruptions caused by e-mail and instant messaging can also add significantly to loss of time and efficiency.

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

A variety of approaches have been proposed to the issue of information pollution. They vary from those based on personal and organizational management techniques to those based on technology. Technology-based solutions include the use of decision support systems and internet control panels that allow information to be prioritized. It was also proposed that systems that cause regular interruptions should be replaced with less "polluting" alternatives. At the organizational level, some of the solutions proposed include the implementation of e-mail policies and the creation of an information integrity assurance policy, in line with current quality assurance frameworks. Time management and stress management strategies may be implemented at a personal or organizational level. This would involve setting priorities and

minimizing opportunities for interruption. As a person, writing clearly and concisely would also help to minimize the impact [9] of information leakage on others. At a society level, in connection with the development of the information society, appeared information pollution, evolving information ecology associated with information hygiene.

CONCLUSIONS

Every single action of each individual is required to generate one or the other kind of information, and the unparalleled production and dissemination of information is considered to be an information explosion for a long time, and rightly so, because the people used to find it difficult to digest all the relevant information generated by the individual concerned. People also faced an explosion of information by duplicating information, reproducing the same information in different formats, multiplying information and other similar activities that were otherwise undesirable. Citizens have yet to overcome the problems posed by the deluge of knowledge created by conventional means of publication. Print etc., and the advent of IT and ICT applications connected to the internet, added to the woes of the people. The danger of information pollution is spreading through society, people are suffering day by day from information pollution, but they have not become more aware of the prevalence of information pollution and the need and value of accessing information that is free from contamination. The distortion of the truth in the production of new knowledge is so minimal that it barely has a profound impact on the practices of daily living, but when these minute distortions assume a greater role and meaning, it becomes a cause of concern for us.

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