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Why Is Anonymity on the Internet Important?

The internet through social media has been used as an avenue to express personal opinions on sensitive public issues. The uncensored nature of the internet has prompted many people to withhold the disclosure of their identity in an attempt to protect their reputation and privacy (Christopherson). In recent events, the issue of disclosing an online user's identity for the sake of proving the credibility of a statement posted on the internet has become a hot topic. However, some believe that prompting users to use their real names in their posts is a form of censorship that aims to deter people from disclosing sensitive information, such as corruption and human rights violations. The discussion on the importance of anonymity on the internet rests on the conflict of which must be prioritized: determining credibility or protecting one's privacy?

Anonymity on the Internet: Credibility and Privacy

Many people believe that individuals who make bold statements on the internet are empowered to do so because they have less accountability. Organizations that had been accused online of committing violations in business practices and work ethics accuse whistleblowers of hiding behind fake accounts because they do not want to take ownership of their made-up allegations (Young et al.). Whistleblowers argued that they have to keep their identity undisclosed because they fear possible retaliation that threatens their safety and security. Anonymity on the internet is, therefore, important because it serves to protect the user's safety and security. Credibility should only be a second priority because this can be

established during the investigation process. The important point here is that anonymity enables whistleblowers to disclose any form of abuse and violation without fear.

Anonymity on the internet is important because it gives the public the opportunity to participate actively and openly in social issues. They are free from being publicly ridiculed should they fail to side with the majority and offending other people for having a contradicting viewpoint.

Conclusion

Anonymity on the internet must be protected because it allows people to freely express their opinions on relevant issues affecting society. At the same time, the anonymity of online users serves as protection for their privacy, safety, and security.

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