



# Online Posts Fuel Violent Disorder: A Definitive Connection

## Description

Ofcom found a clear link between the violence in England and Northern Ireland and social media posts. They said that after a stabbing in Southport, illegal content spread quickly online, leading to unrest. Most online services acted fast, but some were not consistent. Posts from popular accounts reached millions of users, showing how divisive messages can spread during a crisis. Experts say social media platforms have a big responsibility.

Ofcom faced criticism for not stopping false and upsetting content during the unrest. They asked tech companies to take action, but new rules giving Ofcom more power were not in place yet. The Online Safety Act will make big tech firms responsible for fighting misinformation. Ofcom expects companies to protect users from illegal content, take it down quickly, and have ways for users to report harmful content.

The unrest in August 2024 was the worst in the UK in 10 years. Many people were arrested and some faced charges for online crimes. Tech companies were closely watched, but many stayed quiet. Elon Musk, a tech leader, caused controversy by suggesting civil war was coming. Political leaders say social media companies need to do more to stop harmful content.

## Vocabulary List:

1. **Misinformation** /ˌmɪs.ɪn.fɔː'meɪ.ʃən/ (noun): False or misleading information especially that which is spread deliberately.
2. **Unrest** /ʌn'rest/ (noun): A state of dissatisfaction or agitation leading to disorder.
3. **Responsibility** /rɪˌspɒn.sɪ'bɪl.ɪ.ti/ (noun): The state or fact of having a duty to deal with something or being accountable for something.
4. **Divisive** /dɪ'vaɪsɪv/ (adjective): Tending to cause disagreement or hostility between people.
5. **Controversy** /'kɒn.trə.vɜː.si/ (noun): A prolonged public disagreement or heated discussion.
6. **Legislation** /ˌlɛdʒ.ɪs'leɪ.ʃən/ (noun): Laws considered collectively.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What did Ofcom find a clear link between?



- Option: Violence in Sweden and Denmark
- Option: Violence in England and Northern Ireland
- Option: Violence in France and Germany
- Option: Violence in Italy and Spain

2. What spread quickly online after a stabbing in Southport?

- Option: Misinformation
- Option: Legal content
- Option: Illegal content
- Option: Educational content

3. What responsibility do experts say social media platforms have?

- Option: No responsibility
- Option: Small responsibility
- Option: Huge responsibility
- Option: Limited responsibility

4. When did the unrest in August 2024 occur?

- Option: 5 years ago
- Option: 10 years ago
- Option: 2 years ago
- Option: 1 year ago

5. Who suggested civil war was coming and caused controversy?

- Option: Bill Gates
- Option: Elon Musk
- Option: Mark Zuckerberg
- Option: Jeff Bezos

6. What legislation is expected to make big tech firms responsible for fighting misinformation?

- Option: Internet Privacy Act
- Option: Online Safety Act
- Option: Social Media Accountability Law
- Option: Cybersecurity Protection Act

### **True-False**

7. Ofcom was consistent in stopping false and upsetting content during the unrest.



8. The Online Safety Act has already given Ofcom more power.
9. Many tech companies were vocal during the unrest.
10. Political leaders believe social media companies are doing enough to stop harmful content.
11. Ofcom expects companies to take down illegal content quickly.
12. Experts say divisive messages cannot spread during a crisis.

### Gap-Fill

13. Ofcom faced criticism for not stopping false and upsetting content during the \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The Online Safety Act will make big tech firms responsible for fighting \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Many people were arrested and some faced charges for online \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Elon Musk caused controversy by suggesting \_\_\_\_\_ was coming.
17. The unrest in August 2024 was the worst in the UK in \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Experts say social media platforms have a \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Violence in England and Northern Ireland 2. Illegal content 3. Huge responsibility 4. 2 years ago 5. Elon Musk 6. Online Safety Act

**True-False:** 7. False 8. False 9. False 10. False 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. unrest 14. misinformation 15. crimes 16. civil war 17. 10 years 18. big

### Vocabulary quizzes

#### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which term refers to false or inaccurate information that is spread unintentionally?  
Option: Misinformation



- Option: Legislation
- Option: Controversy
- Option: Capacities

2. Which term best describes something that causes disagreement or disunity?

- Option: Fines
- Option: Divisive
- Option: Discount
- Option: Premium

3. What term refers to the process of returning to a normal state of health mind or strength?

- Option: Activities
- Option: Treatment
- Option: Recovery
- Option: Technologies

4. Which term means the state of peacefulness or tranquility?

- Option: Dispute
- Option: Calm
- Option: Anxiety
- Option: Serotonin

5. What term describes a powerful effect that something especially something new has on a situation or person?

- Option: Exciting
- Option: Impact
- Option: Regulations
- Option: Anxiety

6. Which term refers to the act or process of sending something from one person place or thing to another?

- Option: Frequencies
- Option: Simultaneously
- Option: Transmission
- Option: Researchers

7. Which term refers to the application of scientific knowledge for practical purposes especially in industry?

- Option: Bundled
- Option: Exclusive
- Option: Premium
- Option: Technologies

8. Who are the people who conduct detailed investigations to discover facts or test hypotheses?

- Option: Capacities



- Option: Researchers
- Option: Exciting
- Option: Misinformation

9. What term describes the management and care of a patient to combat a disease or disorder?

- Option: Fines
- Option: Treatment
- Option: Discount
- Option: Collection

10. Which term refers to the abilities or power of a person or thing?

- Option: Simultaneously
- Option: Capacities
- Option: Isolation
- Option: Exciting

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. \_\_\_\_\_ can often be managed through relaxation techniques and mindfulness practices.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ is a neurotransmitter that is associated with feelings of well-being and happiness.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ plays a crucial role in shaping the rules and regulations governing a society.
14. The prospect of exploring new opportunities can be both challenging and \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Businesses must adhere to strict \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure fair competition in the market.
16. Some people use music as a \_\_\_\_\_ to help them focus while studying or working.
17. Different radio stations operate at varying \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid interference.
18. Stamp enthusiasts often engage in the \_\_\_\_\_ of rare and unique stamps.
19. The software package was \_\_\_\_\_ with various tools and applications for convenience.



20. Customers were willing to pay a \_\_\_\_\_ for the exclusive and high-quality products.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Political can lead to social instability and protests.
22. The film sparked heated due to its sensitive subject matter.
23. Persistent feelings of worry and fear are common symptoms of generalized .
24. is a potent pain-relieving medication commonly used in healthcare settings.
25. The orchestra played in perfect harmony each musician contributing their part .
26. The members of the club enjoy access to private events and facilities.
27. Customers can avail of a 10% off their purchase with a special coupon.
28. The spread of can have serious repercussions on public understanding.
29. Embarking on a new adventure can be both nerve-wracking and at the same time.
30. Being a pet owner comes with the of providing care and attention to your animal.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Misinformation 2. Divisive 3. Recovery 4. Calm 5. Impact 6. Transmission 7. Technologies 8. Researchers 9. Treatment 10. Capacities

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Anxiety 12. Serotonin 13. Legislation 14. Exciting 15. Regulations 16. Distraction 17. Frequencies 18. Collection 19. Bundled 20. Premium

**Matching sentence:** 1. Unrest 2. Controversy 3. Anxiety 4. Morphine 5. Simultaneously 6. Exclusive 7. Discount 8. Misinformation 9. Exciting 10. Responsibility

## CATEGORY

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