



Online Posts Fueling Violent Disorder: The Connection Revealed

Description

According to Ofcom, there was a link between the violence in England and Northern Ireland in the summer and posts on social media. The government asked Ofcom to look into illegal content and misinformation spread during the unrest. Ofcom found that content spread quickly online after stabbings in Southport. Most online services took quick action, but some responses were not consistent. Social media posts about the events reached many people, showing how they can influence opinions during a crisis. Tech platforms like X and Telegram removed harmful content and accounts related to the riots. Ofcom urges social platforms to take responsibility for the impact of their content. New laws will hold big tech firms accountable for protecting users from harmful content. The unrest in August led to many arrests and prosecutions, some for online offenses. Both the government and tech companies have a role in preventing such events in the future.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Misinformation** /ˌmɪsɪnˈfɔ:rmeɪʃən/ (noun): False or inaccurate information spread regardless of intent.
2. **Unrest** /ʌn'rest/ (noun): A state of dissatisfaction, disturbance, and agitation.
3. **Accountable** /ə'kaʊntəbl/ (adjective): Required to justify actions or decisions; responsible.
4. **Prosecutions** /prɒsɪ'kju:ʃənz/ (noun): The legal proceedings against someone in respect to a criminal charge.
5. **Influence** /ɪnfluəns/ (verb): The capacity to have an effect on the character development or behavior of someone or something.
6. **Harmful** /'ha:rmfəl/ (adjective): Causing or likely to cause harm.

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What was the link between the violence in England and Northern Ireland in the summer?

- Option: Posts on social media
- Option: Political conflicts
- Option: Economic disparities
- Option: Religious differences

2. What action did the government ask Ofcom to take during the unrest?

- Option: Increase security forces
- Option: Look into illegal content and misinformation spread
- Option: Implement curfews
- Option: Block internet access

3. Which tech platforms removed harmful content and accounts related to the riots?

- Option: Facebook and Instagram
- Option: Twitter and LinkedIn
- Option: X and Telegram
- Option: Snapchat and TikTok

4. Who will be held accountable for protecting users from harmful content according to new laws?

- Option: Small businesses
- Option: Individual users
- Option: Big tech firms
- Option: Non-profit organizations

5. What led to many arrests and prosecutions in August?

- Option: Social media posts
- Option: Stabbings in Southport
- Option: Online offenses
- Option: Government negligence

6. Who has a role in preventing such events in the future according to the content?

- Option: Only the government
- Option: Only tech companies
- Option: Both the government and tech companies
- Option: International organizations

True-False

7. Content spreading rapidly online after stabbings in Southport was consistent across all online services.

8. Tech platforms like X and Telegram failed to remove harmful content related to the riots.

9. Ofcom found that social media posts have no influence on people's opinions during a crisis.

10. The new laws will not hold big tech firms accountable for protecting users from harmful content.
11. There were no arrests or prosecutions related to online offenses during the August unrest.
12. According to Ofcom, only the government has a role in preventing future events.

Gap-Fill

13. Ofcom found that content spread quickly online after stabbings in Southport in the summer of _____.
14. New laws will hold big tech firms accountable for protecting users from harmful content starting in the year _____.
15. The unrest in August led to many arrests and prosecutions, some for _____ offenses.
16. Tech platforms like X and Telegram removed harmful content and accounts related to the _____.
17. Ofcom urges social platforms to take responsibility for the impact of their _____.
18. Social media posts about the events reached many people, showing how they can influence opinions during a _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Posts on social media 2. Look into illegal content and misinformation spread 3. X and Telegram 4. Big tech firms 5. Online offenses 6. Both the government and tech companies

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

Gap-Fill: 13. August 14. 2022 15. online 16. riots 17. content 18. crisis

Vocabulary quizzes

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

1. What is defined as false or inaccurate information?

- Option: Unrest
- Option: Influence
- Option: Misinformation
- Option: Intoxicating

2. What refers to the act of conducting criminal proceedings against someone?

- Option: Advantages
- Option: Fined
- Option: Prosecutions
- Option: Tumor

3. Which term relates to progressive damage or degradation of the nervous system?

- Option: Translucent
- Option: Vascular
- Option: Fermented
- Option: Neurodegenerative

4. What does the term "wrongdoing" refer to?

- Option: Industry
- Option: Competition
- Option: Wrongdoing
- Option: Advantage

5. What is the ability to withstand or endure something?

- Option: Survive
- Option: Tolerance
- Option: Intoxicating
- Option: Accusing

6. Which term means to express disapproval of someone or something?

- Option: Advantages
- Option: Criticize
- Option: Harmful
- Option: Taxation

7. What term relates to blood vessels or a system of vessels?

- Option: Fined
- Option: Legal
- Option: Vascular

Option: Microstructure

8. What term refers to the exclusive possession or control of the supply of a product or service?

Option: Worries

Option: Competition

Option: Monopoly

Option: Operating

9. What term describes a process involving the chemical breakdown of a substance by bacteria yeasts or other microorganisms?

Option: Ethanol

Option: Survive

Option: Fermented

Option: Advantages

10. What refers to something typically money awarded to someone in recognition of loss suffering or injury?

Option: Competition

Option: Compensation

Option: Advantage

Option: Taxation

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

11. _____ refers to a state of dissatisfaction disturbance and agitation in a community.

12. If an action complies with the law it is considered _____.

13. Having superior resources or position puts one at an _____ over competitors.

14. The system of imposing taxes is known as _____.

15. When someone blames or charges another person with a fault or crime they are

_____ that person.

16. _____ effects can cause damage or negative consequences to individuals or society.

17. A monetary penalty imposed for breaking the law is known as a _____.

18. An abnormal mass of tissue can be classified as a _____.

19. A type of alcohol found in alcoholic beverages is _____.

20. The arrangement of small units such as cells or grains within a material defines its _____.

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

21. Rivalry between individuals or groups for a common objective or prize defines the term "competition."

22. The alcoholic beverage was so strong and that it immediately affected anyone who consumed it.

23. Power to affect others or events; the ability to have an impact is known as .

24. The explorers had to battle harsh conditions in order to in the wilderness.

25. Having multiple resources and capabilities is one of the of being well-prepared.

26. Persistent concerns or anxieties about potential problems are known as .

27. The company is currently in a highly competitive market striving to increase its market share.

28. The sector of the economy concerned with the production of goods and services is referred to as the .

29. The frosted glass was allowing some light to pass through but obscuring the view.

30. The mushroom's body emerged from the ground signaling its reproductive phase.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Misinformation 2. Prosecutions 3. Neurodegenerative 4. Wrongdoing 5. Tolerance 6. Criticize 7. Vascular 8. Monopoly 9. Fermented 10. Compensation

Gap-Fill: 11. Unrest 12. Legal 13. Advantage 14. Taxation 15. Accusing 16. Harmful 17. Fine 18. Tumor 19. Ethanol 20. Microstructure

Matching sentence: 1. competition 2. intoxicating 3. influence 4. survive 5. advantages 6. worries 7. operating 8. industry 9. translucent 10. fruiting

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