



# The Online Post-Violence Connection: Unveiling the Link

## Description

Two youths stand in front of a burning vehicle in Sunderland

There were riots across England in the summer, including in Sunderland

Ofcom has found a direct link between the violent protests in England and Northern Ireland during the summer and the influence of social media and messaging apps.

In a recent report, Ofcom revealed that illegal content and misinformation spread rapidly online following a stabbing incident in Southport, leading to widespread unrest.

Despite some platforms acting swiftly, Ofcom criticized the inconsistent response from certain companies in addressing harmful content.

Enhanced powers under the Online Safety Act will give Ofcom greater authority to hold tech firms accountable for tackling disinformation and protecting users from harmful content.

The unrest in August 2024 resulted in numerous arrests and legal actions, highlighting the importance of regulating online platforms in times of crisis.

Political figures and tech leaders clashed over the responsibility of social media platforms in such situations, with calls for increased action to prevent the spread of divisive narratives online.

## Vocabulary List:

1. **Unrest** /ʌn'rest/ (noun): A state of dissatisfaction or agitation often leading to protests or riots.
2. **Misinformation** /ˌmɪsɪn'fɔːrmeɪʃən/ (noun): False or misleading information spread regardless of intent.
3. **Accountable** /ə'kaʊntəbl/ (adjective): Obligated to explain justify or report on something; responsible.
4. **Regulating** /'regjʊleɪtɪŋ/ (verb): Controlling or managing according to rules or laws.
5. **Platforms** /'plætfɔːrmz/ (noun): Digital services or applications that facilitate communication or content sharing.
6. **Authority** /ə'θɔːrɪti/ (noun): The power or right to give orders make decisions and enforce obedience.

## Vocabulary quizzes

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



1. What is the term for the release of gases into the atmosphere?  
Option: A) Greenhouse  
Option: B) Sustainable  
Option: C) Emissions  
Option: D) Anesthesia
2. What describes the state of requiring immediate action or attention?  
Option: A) Regulation  
Option: B) Authority  
Option: C) Urgency  
Option: D) Recovery
3. What term refers to the act of conforming to a rule command or request?  
Option: A) Turnaround  
Option: B) Compliance  
Option: C) Integration  
Option: D) Demand
4. What describes the state of being responsible for something or someone?  
Option: A) Misinformation  
Option: B) Accountable  
Option: C) Infrastructure  
Option: D) Concerns
5. What are the consequences or fines for not adhering to laws or regulations?  
Option: A) Regulating  
Option: B) Imposed  
Option: C) Penalties  
Option: D) Facility
6. What term refers to the general weather conditions of a region over a long period?  
Option: A) Regulation  
Option: B) Climate  
Option: C) Compliance  
Option: D) Turnaround
7. What is the process of controlling or maintaining the proper functioning of something?  
Option: A) Facility  
Option: B) Regulating  
Option: C) Infractions  
Option: D) Turnaround
8. What refers to the basic physical and organizational structures and facilities needed for the operation of



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a society or enterprise?

- Option: A) Turnaround
- Option: B) Recovery
- Option: C) Infrastructure
- Option: D) Authority

9. What term describes a process of completely changing a situation so that it improves?

- Option: A) Demand
- Option: B) Compliance
- Option: C) Turnaround
- Option: D) Enhance

10. Which neurotransmitter is often associated with regulating mood and behavior?

- Option: A) Anxiety
- Option: B) Serotonin
- Option: C) Recovery
- Option: D) Demand

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

11. The \_\_\_\_\_ for eco-friendly products is increasing due to growing environmental awareness.

12. Penalties may be \_\_\_\_\_ on companies that do not comply with emission regulations.

13. To stay competitive businesses need to constantly \_\_\_\_\_ their products and services.

14. Government \_\_\_\_\_ are necessary to ensure fair competition in markets.

15. The new manufacturing \_\_\_\_\_ is equipped with the latest technology.

16. Many people experience feelings of \_\_\_\_\_ when faced with uncertain situations.

17. It is important to fact-check information to prevent the spread of \_\_\_\_\_.

18. Political \_\_\_\_\_ can have significant economic implications for a country.

19. Environmental \_\_\_\_\_ are driving the push for more sustainable practices.



20. Investments in \_\_\_\_\_ development are crucial for economic growth.

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

21. Creating a environment involves using resources wisely to meet current needs without compromising the future.
22. Digital offer convenient ways to connect users and providers of goods and services.
23. The local government has the to enforce zoning regulations in the city.
24. After the accident the survivor felt confused and .
25. Listening to soothing music can have a effect on one's nerves.
26. The patient is showing signs of steady after the surgery.
27. Effective of the financial industry is crucial to maintaining stability in the economy.
28. Setting clear helps organizations focus their efforts toward achieving specific goals.
29. The of various departments within the company improved overall efficiency.
30. Repeated traffic may result in a suspension of the driver's license.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. C) Emissions 2. C) Urgency 3. B) Compliance 4. B) Accountable 5. C) Penalties 6. B) Climate 7. B) Regulating 8. C) Infrastructure 9. C) Turnaround 10. B) Serotonin

**Gap-Fill:** 11. demand 12. imposed 13. enhance 14. regulations 15. facility 16. anxiety 17. misinformation 18. unrest 19. concerns 20. infrastructure

**Matching sentence:** 1. Sustainable 2. Platforms 3. Authority 4. Disoriented 5. Calming 6. Recovery 7. Regulation 8. Targets 9. Integration 10. Infractions

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