

## **The Slander of SNS**

### 1. Motivation behind Research Paper

These days, Social Networking Services (SNS) have made it easier to feel closer and connected. It has also made it easier for people to write negative comments about others. I chose this theme for two main reasons. First of all, I wondered why people did it when I saw the slander against medical workers and entertainers. I heard that a midwife friend of my mother felt very sad when she saw a message criticising medical workers. She said she was particularly hurt by the words of criticism directed at the child. Consequently, I wondered why people could say such things to the medical workers who are working on the front lines. The second reason is that I did not really understand why the number of cases did not decrease even though there are people who lost their lives due to slander, and I wanted to clarify this topic.

### 2. Introduction

Due to the Internet real name system in South Korea, malicious comments have been temporarily reduced. However, as time went by, malicious comments have started to increase again. The aim of this essay is to find a clear solution to this problem by analysing the opinions of two experts, "Should people make comments on SNS a real-name system?" A real-name system is one where people use their real names. I thought that this SNS should be a real-name system.

In order to answer this question, I first surveyed people close to me about the psychology and characteristics of people who slandered me, and researched the Internet. Then, I happened to come across Professor Moonjoo LYOU's paper from the University of Tokyo, "The enforcement and effect of the Internet real name system in Korea" and Professor Takushi Otani of Kibi International University "How is anonymity on the Internet justified?" After analysing the information obtained from the paper, I thought about this question. This data collected for this study will include online websites and surveys.

### 3. Results and Analysis

In South Korea, there are many concerns about offensive language expressions, slander, disclosure of false facts, and the so-called cyber violence problem on the Internet, and the outflow of malicious comments has emerged as a social problem. The damage caused by hostile comments is not only affecting celebrities and entertainers, but also the general public, and the situation is becoming more serious. In addition, there is growing concern about problems related to privacy violations, such as the disclosure of a specific person's personal information on the Internet, threatening the person's real life. A series of events that occurred on the Internet became a social problem, such as making a fuss about the world, and in South Korea, the real-name system of general bulletin boards (restricted identity verification system) was introduced. To summarise this system, it is a system that allows only those who have received the real name verification procedure to write when using a specific Internet service. In order to investigate how the Internet space in South Korea has changed since the introduction of the Internet real-name system, we analysed changes in comments written in the comment

section of news, and found that the number of malicious comments changed. After that, it became clear that malicious comments were decreasing. However, even after this system was introduced, malicious comments such as slander did not only decrease. Some Internet users, knowing about the identity verification system, are free to write malicious comments. In addition, from the perspective of freedom of expression, many people criticised the policy of regulating communication in the Internet space, and the real name system was abolished. From these things, I came to think that the law will not do anything unless the awareness and consciousness of Internet users change.

#### 4. Conclusion and Future Problems

In summary, this global research paper investigated the effects of slander on the SNS. It should be emphasised that anonymity is not a system for bad mouthing others online. In the future, I thought it might be necessary to introduce a real name system to prevent anonymous and malicious comments. In my opinion, the real name system will create a new problem such as the leakage of personal information. There is a risk of this happening, but I thought it might be a good idea to implement this system in Japan as well. I think it is very important to think carefully about whether the words we post on the Internet will hurt anyone, and that once we post something, we cannot erase it. In addition, I would like to think about what we can do every day and act to protect the lives of those who are victimised by slander.

#### 5. Reflection

As a result of this research, I have learned that there are risks to using slander on SNS platforms, and I thought that it would be necessary for people to

reexamine how to properly use the comment section when using SNS in the future. I think that it is important for me to always think about how people might feel at posts that I make lightheartedly. Before anyone shares any information on SNS, it is especially important to consider the negative impact it might have on others. Also, even in my daily life, I can hurt others with casual words, so I have become more responsible for what I say.

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