
Investigating the Relationship between the Use of Mobile Social Networks and Adherence to the Religious Beliefs of Students Aged 12 to 18 Years in Kashmar

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Abstract

Religion as a dynamic phenomenon is the most important pillar of identity in the transitional society of Iran and plays a decisive role in shaping the identity and religious beliefs of individuals. Mobile social networks have transformed social values and brought about changes in the ways in which the beliefs of individuals and groups are formed. The purpose of this study was to investigate the relationship between the use of mobile social networks and adherence to the religious beliefs of students aged 12 to 18 years in Kashmar. The statistical population of this study included all students aged 12 to 18 years old who was the user of mobile social networks of Kashmar in 2018-2017. The sample size was selected according to the Cochran formula. 250 individuals (121 boys and 129 girls) were selected through voluntary and voluntary sampling. A research tool was a researcher-made mobile phone social network and Gharak and Stark Religion Questionnaire. The results were analyzed by SPSS22- software and inferential statistics of correlation coefficient. The results showed that there is a significant relationship between the duration of membership, the amount of use and the amount

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of participation, the realization of the content of mobile social networks and the degree of adherence to the religious beliefs of students. That is, the duration of membership, the amount of use, the amount of participation, and the realization of the content of the social network of mobile phones increases, the level of adherence to the religious beliefs of students decreases. Mobile social networks affect adherence to the religious beliefs of students aged 12 to 18 years. Therefore, increasing media literacy of students and families in dealing with content and content of social networks is necessary.

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