

1. "social networking sites have increasingly become a tool for various activities, including those that pose threats to national security. Discuss how social networking sites can be utilized for terrorist activities, including recruitment, radicalization, and propaganda. Analyse the challenges posed by such cases, and propose measures that can be implemented to mitigate the risks associated with the exploitation of these platforms by terrorist organisations. (250 words)

→ Social Networking sites are a double edged sword, through their features like communication, anonymity, flexibility in usage makes people become their advantages but they also infuse disadvantages like recruitments by terrorist groups, radicalising the youth, using these platforms for illegal activities makes social networking site posing threat to National Security.

Social Networking sites can be utilised for Terrorist activities, for:-

- Recruitment :-
  - \* platforms facilitate for recruitment by allowing terrorist to identify, contact & manipulate vulnerable individuals.
  - \* terrorist exploit algorithms to reach targetable specific demographics, particularly marginalised or disillusioned.
  - \* The messages that promote, identity, purpose, belonging become targetable words to infiltrate terrorist activities.
  - \* Ex: mujahdeen terror group recruitment process.

*It can be better explained by terrorist organisations exploit vulnerability through personal outreach*

*leave some space*

## ②. Radicalization :-

- \* Exposing the potential recruits to violent ideologies
- \* ~~normal~~ They normalise the extremist ideologies through videos where opposition voice are muted
- \* Instilling terrorists leaders as "Martyrs"
- \* youth exclusively targeted, dropped in the name of militancy.
- \* Ex: AET, JEM, Kashmir issue

*Case specific  
Example  
to another  
your argument*

## ③. Propaganda :-

- \* Terrorists glorify violent activities and incite the followers to commit illegal activities and terrorism.
- \* High quality videos, memes and infographics served as propaganda tools to build support for their cause.
- \* Political communication on these platforms made them coordinate and plan attack accordingly, under the radar.
- \* Ex: N-East insurgent activities

*You can talk about specific platform, like YouTube, Twitter and examples where they have been used.*

## Challenges posed by such cases :-

### Free speech :-

- \* Companies face the issue of balancing free speech with preventing terrorism related content
- \* Many platforms are active which are radical in nature; thoughts influencing the youths.
- \* Ex: AET vs terrorism.

*Other points  
important  
like lack of  
transparency  
over data*

- \* Sheer volume of users makes it difficult to keep the track of a particular terrorists.
- \* The terrorist bans the platform and use to other platforms, deactivate accounts, create new profiles quickly.
- \* Ex: Around 80% of people use one or other social networking sites

③ Algorithms :-

\* potential designing of Algorithms making  
the difficult to track even harder  
\* Encrypted communications make vulnerable  
to decode by intelligence agencies

Mitigation of these risks

① Collaboration :-

\* Government should collaborate with  
tech companies to work together  
\* this leads to the effectiveness and  
proachive stage of social networking sites without  
any illegal activities

*Add more  
concepts solutions  
like role of  
intelligence  
community  
international law etc*

② Law Enforcement Agency :-

\* Intelligence agencies like RAW, NSA,  
need to improve their tools for monitoring  
encrypted communications  
\* Repeated reviewing and corrective  
actions can tackle the root cause of terrorism  
and future terrorist activities

③ Digital Literacy :-

\* public education on online radicalization  
individuals to judge the difference  
of messages and extremist messages  
\* thinking while sharing contents  
so that data isn't used for wrongful means.

*Keep an eye on how things  
your answers  
Example to make it better  
to make structure  
to make presenting your  
while more  
you sentiments  
will help in  
Ideas clearly*

significant threat, proachive measures by you,  
platforms and regulations can ensure safer and  
secure online environment signing Algorithms to  
detect and block extremist content frequent monitoring  
of sites can solve the issues of terrorist activities