



Use of Social Networks by Undergraduate Students

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Abstract

The purpose of this study is to investigate the aims of the utilization the social networks of the undergraduate students and what sort of educational activities they realized in these networks. The research was carried out five undergraduate students who were attended at various departments of Ankara University, Faculty of Educational Sciences. And, the research was conducted with a qualitative pattern. Data was collected by focus group interviews which took two hours with the participation of researches and participants and analyzed with content analyze. The results indicated that the most useful social network according to the students is Facebook. And students stated that they use the social networks for fun, sharing, social responsibility and educational purposes as well as communications. The most sharing informations type personal condition. Beside various information types like videos, photos, songs and poems are shared. Participants usually think that the social networks are confident as they can make their security settings they wanted. However, they didn't give out any information except the date of birth and the name of the school. Another important result of the research is the social networks improve of socialization possibilities of the users. But this situation depending on the usage types and aims.