

THE ROLE AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION IN AN INFORMATION SOCIETY

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Annotatsiya: Mazkur maqolada axborot jamiyatida axborot erkinligi va uning ijtimoiy hayotdagi oʻrni yoritilgan. Unda fuqarolarning axborotdan foydalanish, uni tarqatish va himoya qilish huquqlari hamda axborot xavfsizligi bilan bogʻliq masalalar tahlil qilinadi. Soʻz erkinligi va mas'uliyat oʻrtasidagi muvozanat muhim tamoyil sifatida koʻrsatib oʻtiladi.

Tayanch soʻzlar: axborot jamiyati, axborot erkinligi, axborot xavfsizligi, shaxsiy ma'lumotlar, soʻz erkinligi.

Annotation: This article discusses the role and freedom of information in the modern information society. It examines the rights of citizens to access, share, and protect information, along with the challenges of information security and privacy. The balance between freedom of speech and responsibility is emphasized as a key element of a democratic society.

Keywords: information society, freedom of information, data security, privacy, digital ethics.

Аннотация: В статье рассматривается роль и свобода информации в современном информационном обществе. Анализируются права граждан на доступ к информации, её распространение и защиту, а также проблемы информационной безопасности и конфиденциальности. Подчёркивается необходимость баланса между свободой слова и ответственностью.

Ключевые слова: информационное общество, свобода информации, безопасность данных, конфиденциальность, цифровая этика.

The 21st century is known as the era of information and communication technologies. In this context, access to reliable information and freedom of expression have become essential to human development and democratic governance. The right to seek, receive, and share information promotes transparency and social awareness.

The Importance of Information Freedom

Information freedom ensures transparency and public participation. It allows citizens to control government accountability and be part of social change. According to UNESCO and the UN, access to information is a fundamental human right.

Risks and Challenges

Information freedom also brings serious challenges:

Cybersecurity threats such as hacking, misinformation, and data leaks.

Privacy violations caused by uncontrolled data collection.

Misinformation and manipulation that can distort public opinion.

Balancing Freedom and Responsibility

True freedom of information requires ethical awareness. Citizens should respect others' rights while expressing opinions. Governments, educators, and media institutions must encourage media literacy and responsible online behavior.

Conclusion

Information freedom is the cornerstone of an open and democratic society. Responsible and ethical use of information ensures security, trust, and development. The harmony between access, security, and responsibility forms the basis of a sustainable information society.

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