

## The internet has triggered a social revolution

The internet is a worldwide system consisting of multiple computer networks linking together with standard protocol thus enabling it to serve a big number of users. The internet has diluted the boundaries that we adhere in our lives. The internet has led to social revolution in that it has changed the way ordinary people think and live forever. It has enabled people socialize, shop, research, pay their utility bills, gain academic qualifications, access direction, and process travelling documents. It enabled the sexual minorities, and politically oppressed to socialize and share views. The social revolution resulting from the internet usage empowers people because it reinforces family relations, gives a voice to the minority, enhances sharing of medical information, and improves information flow.

The development of internet and related technologies has indeed empowered people in the society who have continued to harness its social potential. As mentioned by Henderson (2009, 426), the internet has given rise to a culture where users look for information about their families thus reinforcing their family relations. Sexual minorities have used the internet to take charge of their activities and practices in anonymity (Synge, 2000, 85). To some, internet especially internet portals has made it easy to share medical knowledge on diseases bringing together online helpers, advocacy groups and health consumers (Henderson, 2009, 430).

As posited by Synge (2000, 65), the use of BCK Online portal has also improved access to information that is reliable and relevant thus empowering people. Additionally, it is believed that the internet has provided patients with up to date facts on disease treatment thus enhancing care and decision making process (Henderson, 2009, 407). Communities are trying to embrace the impact of internet as a socializing tool in several ways ranging from educational purposes to communication. Use of internet as a socializing tool is evident in schools whereby students are finding it easy to communicate with their instructors using email or socializing sites such as net group.

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