

What do you **want** to know?

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What do you **know?**

**How** will you find out?

**Establish what you know and what you need to do**

The internet has multiple benefits. These include connecting people and enabling faster communication of ideas. Social media is one of the ways through the internet achieves these.

Beyond easing the process of communication, social media has been instrumental to some changes in societies and states. It has been leveraged upon to deliver victories in elections, organise protests successfully.

Social media also has its demerits e.g. spread of fake news and cyberbullying etc.

There are calls for control of social media to check its negative aspects implications

How can regulators balance the protection of people’s freedom of expression with controlling what they say and how they say it?

Are there states that have successfully regulated the social media without coming across as dictatorial? How have they achieved this?

How can states police social media regulation considering that it is not a respecter of borders?

Does the state have the regulatory capacity to enforce laws against offenders?

To what extent will regulating the internet undermine its positive contributions to societies?

What are the other negative implications of controlling free speech on social media?

Study arguments/theories for and against social media regulation e.g. libertarian and autocratic views

Attend conferences on internet governance

Study regimes that have successfully regulated the internet/social media to draw lessons from what they got right and what they struggled with

Study books and articles on the architecture of the internet and how regulators can enforce rules in the cyberspace

Interview stakeholders.