

# SOCIAL MEDIA AND CRIME MANAGEMENT AMIDST COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN LAGOS NIGERIA

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# INTRODUCTION

- ▣ Social media have been an incontrovertible primary source of getting critical information during and after crime
- ▣ Social media have been a vital tool in contributing to surveillance of the society

- ▣ The use of social media platforms in the battle against crime and the pursuit of investigations are becoming more common and widespread around the world
- ▣ During the pandemic, the residents of Lagos had to deal with criminal activities fashioned by mankind

# Statement of problem

- ▣ It is the responsibility of the media is to provide the right information at the right time
- ▣ Section 22 of the 1999 Nigeria Constitution has placed the burden on the Press
- ▣ The extent to which the press has uphold this responsibility as the watchdog of the society remains unclear
- ▣ Because the residents of Lagos, Nigeria in one way or the other still fall prey of criminal happenings in the environment

# Objectives of the study

- ▣ To determine the extent to which social media relayed crime information amidst Covid-19 pandemic in Lagos Nigeria.
- ▣ To ascertain the frequency of crime information relayed in social media amidst Covid-19 in Lagos Nigeria .
- ▣ To determine the level of residents compliance to social media crime information in Lagos amidst Covid-19.
- ▣ To ascertain if the residents compliance to the crime information helped to prevent crime situations in Lagos amidst Covid-19

# Literature Review

Conceptual and empirical literatures were reviewed.

**Social Responsibility Theory**

**and New Media theory were also reviewed to give the study a theoretical footing.**

The social responsibility theory allows for a free press without censorship and the press performs its function with a sense of responsibility to the masses.

New media theory advocates for user-to-user interaction as well as user-to-content interaction

# METHODOLOGY

- ▣ Research design: Explanatory Mixed Method
- ▣ Population: 8,208(NBS , 2020)
- ▣ Sample size :381
- ▣ Sampling Technique : Purposive and continence
- ▣ Measuring Instrument: Questionnaire and in-depth interview guide
- ▣ Data Analysis: SPSS and Explanation building Model

# Findings

- ▣ 57.3% respondents attested that they received frequent crime information on social media during the Covid 19 pandemic. This implies that social media relayed crime information to a great extent
- ▣ 45% of the residents attested that social media crime information influenced their decision in seeking safety to a great extent during the pandemic
- ▣ The study also found out that there was high frequency of relayed crime information received by respondents through social media during pandemic
- ▣ 72% respondents attested that following social media crime information did not help them avert impending danger



# Conclusion and Recommendations

- ❑ The mainstream media should promote media convergence since majority of Lagos residents depend on social media for their day to day surveillance information.
- ❑ Citizen Journalism training should be part of basic education curriculum to train the citizens on best practices in news reporting.
- ❑ Government should as a matter of urgency come up with policies to manage fake news in the social media

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