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# **PARENTS AND CHILDREN RELATIONSHIPS IN SOCIAL NETWORKING: AN ANALYSIS FROM ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The emergence of new technologies presents huge challenges to the role of parents in guiding their children. In this paper, we will discuss some issues and problems in social networking sites used by children. We found that parents worry about their children's activity on the internet. On the other hand kids do not want their freedom to be restricted by their parents. The paper also highlights the importance of parents' involvement in their kids' day to day activities as well as monitoring their children activities on the internet. We discussed several suggestions to bridge between both parties to build a healthy parent-child relationship, avoid conflict, and build trust in accordance to Islamic teachings.

**Keywords:** Cyber-Parenting, Social Network, Cyber Bullying, Islamic Perspective, Role of Parents, Digi Kids.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Have we, as parents ask, "How and why do my children spend their days in front of their computer?", "Why do they spend most of their time on Facebook?" and, "Why does my child play with his/her smart phone all the time?". The problem of solitude and loneliness has made concerned parents focus on the role of new technologies in worsening these situations. They notice that their kids nowadays, although they have a lot of friends but they do not go out often. This is because these friends are not real-world friends, but only virtual. Not only friendship is now virtual, even parent-child relationship is slowly becoming virtual. Kids now contact their parents neither by phone nor by visiting, but they only say hello on their parents' Facebook wall. Not to forget to mention, the parents 'worries and fears that children will fall into dangerous association with criminals. Mustn't we, as parents, always sit beside our kid to see their activities? Or shouldn't we ban the use of Facebook and Twitter to our underaged-kids?

The continuous progress in services provided by the so called social networking sites challenge the role of parents in educating their kids. This is because of the different environment and behavior of the people in the