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Abstract: Web TV is a great threat to Pakistani society and its norms. It is penetrating in our society very fast. No one seems to stop it. It is destroying our culture, civilization, and customs. What can we do now in this critical situation? The solution is to make realization to our new generations that actually it is the biggest enemy of our purest Islamic and Pakistani culture and we have to avoid its usage or restrict ourselves to use it only for useful purposes i.e to watch Islamic videos, informative documentaries, for educational purposes and research work. In this way, we will save our new generations for the progress and betterment of Pakistan. Otherwise, the signs of destruction are fairly visible in our society. The love and respect of parents and elders which were the basis of our society, are now difficult to be viewed seldom. The youth of Pakistan is becoming fond of music, dance, and vulgarity. And there is also prevailing violence due to it. No one wants to listen to religious peoples' advice. Now we have to explain to our new generations not to waste their time watching dramas and films. Instead of it, spend your time in purposeful activities, healthy exercises, and in attaining education to keep yourself healthy both with body and mind. This will be attained by explaining to them the disadvantages of watching Web TV.

Keywords: Web TV, Society Norms, New Generation, Drama, Bad Effects, Violence.

Introduction: We are living in a Pakistani society which has a great Islamic background. Therefore, we have to think a hundred times before propagating the western cultures in our beloved country which is established in the name of Islam. Web TV is the western weapon which is designed to spread obscenity and vulgarity in the Islamic world as well as in Pakistan. One of its examples is Netflix Amazon Prime which is prevailing in Pakistani youth most speeding. According to Marshal McLuhan who predicted that the world would be a global village which will be interconnected by a network of electronic nervous system, making it a part of our popular culture (1). It is understood from this saying that western nations are willingly enforcing their culture over the entire world and as well as on the Muslim World, therefore, the Muslims are floating down with a stream of vulgarity and obscenity towards the biggest ocean of rubbish and nonsense. No doubt, web TV has some merits but its merits are less than its demerits. It should be used for research work by watching informative documentaries. Islamic videos can also be watched on web TV but everyone knows the ratio of this is too low.

Scientifically, there are lots of demerits of watching web TV. The greatest disadvantage is the eyesight weakness. Continuous watching web TV can cause permanent damage to your eyes. Everything you buy in this world has some expiry date after usage of particular period likewise your eyes also have some expiry date so if you use them carefully you can save them for your old age period. Now we have to elaborate its alarming effects on the youth of Pakistan to save them from destruction and exploitation. Otherwise, we must have to face the consequences. We should not ignore our youth. We must have to pay attention to them because they are the future and lifeblood of Pakistan.

We should have given Islamic education to our youth so they can understand what is right and what is wrong. The web tv is like a knife; you can use it for the right purposes as well as for the wrong purposes so it depends upon you that how you use it. After reading this you will surely justify me that there are alarming effects of watching web tv and it really a great threat to our youth as well as our society. It is swallowing both our culture and civilization. We are fully dominated by its dangerous aims but we are ignorable to see its vicious face because its actual face is hidden in several veils. It is impossible to disconnect web tv's transmission because we are living in this modern where cannot stop a bad thing by force. You can only counsel to different types of people and make realize them the negativity of that thing which is the right process to propagate your views. So the purpose of this article is to make minds of youth and intellectual to keep away from web tv's bad effects.

Web TV in the light of the Holy Quran: Web TV is spreading vulgarity, immorality, slander, and indecency. And those who are indulged in spreading obscenity will be punished hard in this world and also in the hereafter as explained by the Holy Quran:

(إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يُحِبُّونَ أَنْ تَشِيعَ الْفَاحِشَةُ فِي الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَهُمْ عَذَابٌ أَلِيمٌ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتُمْ لَا تَعْلَمُونَ) (2)

"In fact those who love that vulgarity should spread among the Muslims – for them is a painful punishment in this world and in the Hereafter; and Allah knows, and you do not know."

If we have fear of Allah and perfect belief on the Day of Judgment then we will be far away from these indecencies otherwise there will be great regret on the day of Resurrection as stated on the holy Quran:

إِذْ تَبَرَّأَ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوا مِنَ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوا وَرَأَوْا الْعَذَابَ وَتَقَطَّعَتْ بِهِمُ الْأَسْبَابُ (3) وَقَالَ الَّذِينَ اتَّبَعُوا لَوْ أَنَّ لَنَا كَرَّةً فَنَتَبَرَّأُ مِنْهُمْ كَمَا تَبَرَّأُوا مِنَّا كَذَلِكَ يُرِيهِمُ اللَّهُ (أَعْمَالَهُمْ حَسَرَاتٍ عَلَيْهِمْ وَمَا هُمْ بِخَارِجِينَ مِنَ النَّارِ) (4)

(The day) when the leaders will be repelled with their followers – and they shall see their damnation, and all their association will be cut off. And those who were but followers will say, "If we were to go back (to earth), we would break off from them like they have broken off from us"; this is how Allah will show them their acts as hopelessness (regret) for them; and they will never come out from the fire (hell). Then in the very next of this verse, Almighty Allah explained the cause of this Waywardness is the Satan your open enemy:

(5) يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ كُلُوا مِمَّا فِي الْأَرْضِ حَلَالًا طَيِّبًا وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطَوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ

"O mankind! Eat from what is legitimate and pure in the earth, and do not follow the Footsteps of the Satan; surely he is your open enemy."

In this verse, before describing the devil as an open enemy, it is urged to all mankind that they should eat pure and lawful in the earth which means that if you will eat Unlawful and impure foods then your enemy Satan would have control over you and then he will be able to make you astray and then you will commit vulgarity and indecency. So keep away from Satan and his evil traps because he invites you only towards shameful and indecency as explained in the very next verse:

(6) إِنَّمَا يَأْمُرُكُمْ بِالسُّوءِ وَالْفَحْشَاءِ وَأَنْ تَقُولُوا عَلَى اللَّهِ مَا لَا تَعْلَمُونَ

"For he will only order you towards the wicked and the vulgar, and that you make up matters concerning Allah, what you do not know."

A detailed and comprehensive study of these Quranic verses have proved that Islam does not allow us to watch any shameful and indecent act.

Web TV in the light of Hadith: Our Holy Prophet also prohibited us from the indecency and shameful act in many of his traditions. One of the tradition is as follows:

حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدٌ، قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا بِشْرُ بْنُ مُحَمَّدٍ، قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ، قَالَ: حَدَّثَنَا إِسْمَاعِيلُ بْنُ أَبِي خَالِدٍ، عَنْ شُبَّانِ بْنِ عُوفٍ قَالَ: كَانَ يُقَالُ: مَنْ سَمِعَ بَفَاحِشَةٍ فَأَفْشَاهَا، فَهُوَ فِيهَا كَالَّذِي أَبْدَاهَا. (7)

Shubaylibn 'Awf said, "It is said, 'whoever hears something vulgar and then advance it is like the one who started it.' "

In another tradition, it is stated that:

وعن سهل بن سعد قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: "من يضمن لي ما بين لحييه، وما بين رجليه أضمن له الجنة" (8)

Sahl bin Sa'd (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "Whosoever gives me an assurance to protect what is between his jaws and what is between his legs, I shall promise him Jannah." [Al-Bukhari].

Protecting these two bodies will surely provide us the opportunity to enter into the Paradise and there isn't any hardship in acting upon this. Only we have to control ourselves and become able to get the reward. So how to act upon it? It's easy for us. Do not use abusive language and also not to speak an indecent word to anyone and do not spread immorality by your tongue so its means also not to tell anyone to watch web TV or in case you are required to tell then only tell about its informative and religious usage.

And if you are far away to watch web TV's vulgarity and indecent programs then you will safeguard what is in between your legs also because first of all, the eye gets astray then heart misleads and then finally the private parts go astray. Therefore, if we prevent our eyes to see any vulgar and indecent program then we will surely protect our private parts to mislead and for this, you ought not to require any hardship but only you should have a strong will power against the Satan' evil misguidance and in this way, you will be a successful man not only in this world but also in the hereafter. So get success and say no to web TV's immoral programs.

In another tradition, it is reported that:

وعن ابن مسعود رضي الله عنه قال: قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم: "ليس المؤمن بالطعان، ولا اللعان، ولا الفاحش، ولا البذي". (9)

Ibn Mas'ud (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "A true follower is not involved in teasing, or frequently cursing (others) or in indecency or abusing." [At-Tirmidhi].

According to this hadith, a true Muslim is not involved in indecency, therefore, if we want to become a true Muslim then we have to leave all types of deeds which lead us towards indecency. And for the fulfillment of this purpose, first of all, we have to leave watching web TV's indecent programs because it leads us to commit indecent and shameful act. Now there are some demerits of watching web TV which is described as follows:

Web TV's Toxicity to Our Health: Web TV is great harm to our health, especially to our eyes. It is recommended by doctors not to watch tv more than 4 hours daily, because it will suffer us with the problem of eyesight, heart Diseases, give us obesity, Spinal cord disorder, mental diseases, etc. According to Baker IDI Using survey data of over 8900 adults, Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute researchers found that every extra hour per day spent watching television led to a 12% higher risk of death linked to inflammation, including diabetes, respiratory, cognitive, and kidney diseases (10). The Quran says: "Everything fine that happens to you (O Man) is from God, everything awful that happens to you is from your actions". (11)

Time Wastage: Watching web tv is also a wastage of time as we can't do lots of our important work when we spend our valuable time just watching web TV. Instead of it, we should do those types of jobs which will give us benefit such as gardening, reading books, searching new information about Knowledge on the internet etc. The time is money which cannot be getting back when wasted. Count the time you spend watching web TV per week, then you will know that you are spending approximately more than 30 hours per week watching web TV. So these 30 hours are wasted by you which would be used in some productive work if not wasted. The hours spend in watching WebTV is just like sleeping because in sleeping you are not doing any work likewise in watching web TV, you are not doing any work. There are 168 hours in a week and if a person sleeps 8 hours a day, he sleeps 56 hours a week and he spends 30 hours a week in watching webTV then the remaining hours are 82. Further, he spends 8 hours doing a job and one hour in traveling towards and from his office that means 54 hours if he works 6 days per week, now the remaining 28 hours are left per week which means 4 hours a day which would be spent in offering five-time prayer, eating, playing, and in exercise. So it is proved that the extra time, which Allah gave you for doing some valuable work for yourself or for the others, is wasted by you in watching web tv. The holy Quran also describes the value of time in this verse:

"By Time, Indeed Mankind in loss". (12)

Creating Social Distances: Watching web tv is creating social distances among our loved ones. You become displeased to receive a phone call from your relative when you are watching a web TV. So when you pick the call in a sad mood your reply will be

disheartening to him or her and in this way our relative would go away from you without realizing that your bad behavior was the reason for watching web TV. The Quran orders to join the relationship in this verse:

And those who join that which Allah has commanded to be joined and fear their Lord and are afraid of the evil of [their] account," (13)

Creating Negative Thinking: Watching Web TV is creating negative thinking in the youth of Pakistan because in dramas and films, there are lots of scenes which are far away from reality, therefore, they would live in a life of unreality and fantasy which would be a great fraud to themselves. These unrealistic expectations deteriorate a person's character and appearance. And in this way people become disillusioned. The holy Quran says,

"When you got it with your tongues and said with your mouths that of which you did not know and thought it was negligible while it was, in the sight of Allah, immense."(14)

Destroying Our Beliefs: Web TV is destroying our beliefs because mostly the programs contain non-Islamic cultural representations. The new generations already haven't any knowledge about their religion and they can easily be diverted towards non-Islam customs and traditions. The holy Quran says,

"Allah is the protector of the believers, He brings them out of gloom into the light. As for the faithless, their sponsors are the Mutineers, who drive them out of light into the gloom. They shall be the inhabitants of the Fire, and they shall remain in it forever."(15)

Selling their Products by Advertising: Web TV is designed to advertise the products to its viewers, therefore, it is not for us but actually, it is a worker of an advertising company and we are becoming the slave of a worker. So the point is to be noted that not to become the slave of a worker instead become the slave of the Lord, Almighty Allah who is the creator of all the worlds. A good slave of Allah is he who always obeys His orders and it is prohibited to watch vulgarity by Him.

Losing One's Self Control: A person is watching Web TV and in the meantime, he is exhausted to watch further but the show he is watching is so interesting that he cannot turn off the TV although he intends. What happens in this situation? The person loses his self-control and comes under the control of satanic power which will destroy him not only in this world but also in the hereafter. And due to this, violence is prevailing in our society. Therefore be away from this web TV's vulgarity and spend your time in some meaningful activities. Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) said, "The study is not the one who control the people by his firmness, but the powerful is the one who overcomes himself while in anger."(16)

Web TV creating Laziness: By watching web tv continuously sitting in a place makes a person lazy and idle. And this laziness makes him inactive in other valuable activities also. Due to which a person is unsuccessful in every step of life and in this way his life becomes a burden not only on society but also over him. This man becomes the only rubbish in society. So keep yourself away from the instrument which is purposed to make you rubbish and become a successful and important personality in society. The Quran says,

“And when they stand up for As-Salat (the prayer), they rise up lazily and showing off to (other) men, and they do not remember Allah but little.(17)

Physical Fitness Deteriorated: By sitting in front web TV continuously, a person’s fitness system is destroyed and in this way, he becomes less healthy than a person who is not sitting to watch web TV instead he is active in doing other valuable activities such as gardening, jogging, walking, etc. Therefore, come out of the disillusion of web TV and come into the real-life which is very beautiful and wonderful.

Bad Effects on The Minds of Children: Children do what they see. If they see their parents are watching indecent and unrealistic programs on web TV, they suppose that this is reality and in this way their character will destroy. If a child sees his father is laughing on a joke which contains falsehood on web TV, he will be taught to tell lies to people unnoticeable. And these children will be the youth of Pakistan in future.

Mental And Health Destruction Coated with Relaxation Fraud: People think that there is relaxation in watching web TV but actually it is not. On the other hand, its effects on the mental and body health system, therefore, we can say that it is actually mental and health destruction which is coated with relaxation fraud. Actual relaxation lies in reading informative books, walking in a garden, playing cricket and so on. Nowadays people are more tensed than people a hundred years ago because at that time there was no TV or web TV. Every other person is affected by blood pressure or psychiatric problem which is one of the gifts of web tv.

One Time Chance Might be Lost: Life is given us only for one time and its every moment and every second is precious. If these precious and valuable pearls lost, they would not be recovered again. So be attentive to capture these moments which are gifted to you by your Lord, Allah Almighty because the time which is wasted will not come back. Remember the chance is for only one time. Avail this chance in some productive work and for your future’s success not only in this world but in the hereafter. The holy Quran says,

“[He] who created death and life to examine you [as to] which of you is best in acts - and He is the superior in Power, the compassionate –“(18)

Loss of Money: To register a web TV company, you have to pay money on a monthly or yearly basis. Now you are aiming for a cause which brings nothing except wastage of time and money. So why should you have not to encourage to spend this money in some other fruitful work which gives you something for you and the next generations. Like you would spend your money on buying books for yourself and your family purposes and when you and your family would read these informative books you all would get so much of knowledge which cannot be express in words. So stand up and get rid of web TV and go-ahead to get knowledge which is a real power given by Allah Almighty to us but we are away from it and ignorant. The Holy Quran says,

“Surely wasteful are brothers of the devils; and Satan is to his Lord (himself) unthankful.”(19)

All the above points disclosed clearly that there are a lot of demerits of web TV. It is destroying our new generations. Now we have no option other than to stop watching it otherwise, our culture will vanish and there will not be any sign of our civilizations.

Result of Survey Form: A survey form was created (appendix A) on Web TV and circulated among the youngsters of Pakistan and after their submission 63 forms were received back. Then I analyzed the result and created a Pie Chart Graph of it which is as under:

Violence	19.05%
Vulgarity	15.13%
Wastage of Time	13.76%
Wastage of Money	10.76%
Creates Negative Thinking	12.82%
Destroying Health	18.22%
Disturb Studies	10.26%
Total Percentage	100%

Result Of Questionnaires In Percentage: The above graph shows the result of the survey form clearly that 19% of youth think that web tv creates violence, 18% feels that it destroys health, 15% gave their verdict that it promotes vulgarity, 14% are in favor of wastage of time due to it, 11% are inclined toward wastage of money due to it and 10% think that it disturbs studies. So the overall result is showing the dangerous alarming effects of the web tv on the youth of Pakistan. According to this pie chart, we concluded that the highest percentage is of vulgarity which is 19% so it is clear that the majority think that web tv is promoting vulgarity and indecencies. But the lowest percentage is with study disturbance which is 10% because Pakistani youth think that they could manage their study but if this survey form might be distributed among their parents then the result would be different.

Discussion: Now it is cleared that web tv is leading the youth of Pakistan towards their destruction. We must encourage youth to quit watching web tv to save their future life. For this purpose, we all have to participate in this task to get rid of web tv from Pakistani Society. This is the work of all teachers, professors, scholars, doctors, engineers, businessman to eradicate web tv's influence from Pakistani society by their kind suggestions to the youth because if we want to survive as a successful nation, we should have to guide the youth of Pakistan towards their triumph future. By doing this we will be able to make Pakistan an invincible fort.

Conclusion: Finally, it is proved that web TV is the biggest curse over us and if we want to get Allah's pleasure both in this world and in the hereafter, we have to say goodbye to web TV's indecent transmissions and come to the fold of Islam completely as Allah Almighty orders us about the complete entry to the fold of Islam which is described in the following verse:

(20) يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا ادْخُلُوا فِي السِّلْمِ كَافَّةً وَلَا تَتَّبِعُوا خُطُوَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ إِنَّهُ لَكُمْ عَدُوٌّ مُبِينٌ

“O People who believe! Get in Islam in full – and do not follow the footsteps of the Satan; surely he is your open enemy.”

This beautiful verse of the Holy Quran orders us to enter into the fold of Islam completely. So we must adopt Islamic ways of life to the success not only in this world but also in the hereafter. Now I end up my article on this Quranic verse which orders us to enter completely in the fold of Islam, therefore, it is our responsibility to leave all deeds which are taking us away from the fold of Islam and the web TVs indecent programs and films are taking us away from Islamic fort so we have to quit watching it. May Allah Almighty help us in this regard. Allah Almighty never destroys the good deed which a Muslim does in his life so we have to try ourselves to do the righteous deed in our life to gain reward hereafter in the form of Paradise and to live forever there without any tension and sorrow. A happy life is waiting there for all Muslims who does a good deed in this immortal life. But on the other hand, if we will not act according to the guidance of the Holy Quran and Sunnah and if Allah almighty displeases with our vicious deeds, the hellfire is waiting there for us. May Allah Almighty help us to act according to His will and help us to enter into the Paradise with His blessing and keep us away from the Hellfire and His wrath.

Finally, it is decided by reading this article that in future we will act according to the will of Allah Almighty and web tv is taking us away from the path of Allah so we must quit watching its indecent programs and the time saved from this would be spent in some good activities which would be beneficial for us and also for our country's bright future.

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Appendix (A): The survey Form is as under: Survey on The Alarming Effects of Web TV on the Youth of Pakistan in the Light of the Quran and Sunnah

Name: _____ Age: _____

Gender: _____ Occupation: _____

1. When do you watch Web-TV?
i) Morning ii) Evening iii) Night
2. Name any three serials/programs which according to you are responsible for promoting act of violence in society?
i) _____ ii) _____ iii) _____
3. Web-tv projects violence?
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
4. The rate of murders and kidnapping has increased due to web TV:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
5. Web-tv shows have influenced the youngsters participation in crimes?
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
6. Web-tv is important for a better society:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
7. The web-tv makes an impact over your behavior:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
8. Web-tv is spreading vulgarity in the society:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
9. News channels are also propagating vulgarity through web-tv:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
10. The time spend on the web-tv is a wastage of time:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
11. The web-tv makes an impact over your routine work:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
12. People likes to watch the advertisement during the program on the web-tv:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
13. Web-tv is only designed for selling the goods by advertisements:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
14. People buy things by watching advertisements on web-tv:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree

15. There lies any reality in reality shows:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
16. Web-tv is some bit valuable for getting knowledge:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
17. Web-tv creates negative thinking in the minds of the youth of Pakistan:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
18. Web-tv attacks on our religious beliefs also:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
19. Most of the people watch religious programs on web-tv:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
20. Web-tv is creating laziness among us:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
21. Web-tv deteriorates the physical health of our youngsters:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
22. Web-tv is the cause of the loss of money:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
23. Web-tv is the biggest curse over us:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
24. Web-tv is a cause of social distances among our love ones:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
25. Web-tv is hurdle towards the studies of the students:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree
26. Web-tv is destroying the future of the students:
1) Strongly disagree 2) Disagree 3) Neutral 4) Agree 5) Strongly agree

The Link of Survey Form of Questionnaires which was circulated among 63 people is as under:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/16hBu4FMSvw7NbbO7mpYmjWumdCn_o_xqI73vBAU0aBQ/edit?usp=drive_web