

Consideration of the Internet and Extremism

How dose the internet change our thoughts, arguments and society?

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ABSTRACTS

A rise of extreme nationalism like excluding foreign people, which had rarely appeared after World War II in Japan, became prominent around 2002. The situation has called forth many studies and arguments. Almost all of those studies and articles focused on activities, characteristics, background or motives of people who have participated extreme activities such as demonstrating for excluding foreign people. In contrast, this paper provides new perspective to understand This situation. It is that features of the internet change our thoughts and arguments thus lead people to extremism. First feature is a active and easy choice to see web pages and articles because there are countless number of web pages with a free entry capable the internet architecture. Secondly, people feels a joy of discovering when they find new satisfactory perspectives from those huge number of web pages. Third, those joy and discover feelings are reinforced by videos which have strong influential power. Finally, those convinces are enhanced further as people are forced to write short sentences repeatedly to win argument in the internet. More studies are needed to prevent from getting extreme belief in the internet.