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THREATS IN DIGITAL SPACE AND INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT

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Annotation. The article analyzes the main types of threats in the digital space and information environment, as well as their impact on society and the lives of young people. While the internet and digital technologies increase efficiency in all areas of human activity, they also generate new risks and threats. The article discusses information security, cybersecurity, psychological and moral threats, as well as necessary measures to mitigate them. It emphasizes the role of legislation, educational approaches, and technical means in preventing such threats.
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INTRODUCTION.

Currently, digital technologies are penetrating all aspects of our lives. With their help, people gain quick and easy access to information, and communication is reaching a new stage. At the same time, new risks and threats emerging in the digital space are creating serious problems for society and individual life. Information distributed via the Internet may be far from the truth, false, or fabricated, which can intensify misunderstandings and conflicts in society. Therefore, it is very important to identify, analyze, and take measures against threats in the digital space and information environment.

The digital space includes communication and information exchange between people through information technologies, the internet, and various digital platforms. The information environment is a broader concept, encompassing not only digital but also traditional sources of information. The main feature of the digital environment is the ability to disseminate information quickly and widely. While this has positive effects on social life, it can also contribute to the spread of inaccurate or false information.

MATERIAL AND METHODS.

Threats encountered in the digital environment take various forms. Information threats include fake news, false data, and disinformation. Such information serves to manipulate people's opinions and create misconceptions in society. In particular, fake information on political and social issues can intensify conflict and instability.

Cybersecurity threats in the digital environment are also of great importance. Hacking attacks, viruses, phishing, and data theft are technical risks that can cause significant harm to state and business organizations. These threats lead to economic losses and breaches of information confidentiality.

Psychological and social threats are also widespread in the digital environment. Cyberbullying, internet addiction, and social isolation can worsen mental health problems among young people. In such cases, young people may lose social activity and face stress or depression.

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Moral and ethical threats hinder the comprehensive development of youth. Violence, pornography, and radical ideas disseminated on the internet weaken the system of moral values among young people. As a result, their social integration and moral maturity may decline.

To reduce threats in the digital environment, a number of measures should be implemented. First of all, it is necessary to improve national legislation in the field of cybersecurity and information security. Strengthening laws against harmful online content and introducing systems to protect personal data are of particular importance.

In addition, it is necessary to increase media literacy, especially among young people. Developing the ability to critically evaluate information and distinguish fake news and disinformation is a key factor in protecting them from internet threats. Schools, families, and public institutions should take measures to promote media literacy and digital culture.

Technical tools also play an important role in making the digital environment safer. Antivirus software, information filtering systems, and technologies based on artificial intelligence for detecting and blocking threats help to mitigate risks.

In the modern era, the rapid development of digital technologies and the expansion of the information field have created unprecedented opportunities for social progress, education, and communication. At the same time, these very processes have given rise to new risks and challenges, which can broadly be categorized as threats in the digital space and information field. The analysis carried out in this study demonstrates that such threats are not limited to the technical domain of cyberattacks but also extend deeply into psychological, moral, and socio-cultural dimensions of human life. Understanding the complex nature of these threats, therefore, requires not only technological expertise but also sociological, psychological, and ethical approaches.

One of the key findings is that digital threats today manifest in multiple forms. Information threats, such as the spread of disinformation, fake news, and manipulative content, undermine public trust and distort social consciousness. Psychological threats, including internet addiction, cyberbullying, and online manipulation, directly affect the mental well-being of individuals, particularly young people who are more vulnerable to digital influences. Moral and ethical threats emerge through the dissemination of content that contradicts societal values, weakens cultural identity, and promotes unhealthy behavioral models. Finally, cyber threats in the form of hacking, data breaches, and malicious software attacks expose individuals, institutions, and even states to serious security risks.

The research also highlights the fact that youth remain the most affected demographic group in this context. The growing dependence of young people on social networks and online platforms makes them highly susceptible to ideological manipulation, psychological pressure, and moral decline. Since the worldview of the younger generation is still in the process of formation, uncontrolled exposure to negative digital content can have long-term consequences for both individuals and society at large. This situation emphasizes the importance of preventive measures and educational initiatives that strengthen digital literacy, critical thinking, and moral resilience among young people.

Another important conclusion of the article is that effective strategies for combating digital threats cannot be confined to one-dimensional solutions. Legal frameworks and regulatory measures are necessary to establish clear boundaries for online activity, protect personal data, and enforce accountability for harmful practices in cyberspace. However, legislation alone is insufficient without the active involvement of educational and cultural institutions that can foster moral values and responsible online behavior. Likewise, technological solutions such as

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advanced cybersecurity systems and artificial intelligence-based monitoring tools must complement these efforts, ensuring the protection of digital infrastructures from external attacks.

The complex and interconnected nature of digital threats requires a comprehensive approach that unites the efforts of government, civil society, families, and international organizations. Global cooperation is especially vital, since the digital space transcends national borders, and threats originating in one region can quickly spread to others. In this regard, knowledge-sharing, joint cybersecurity initiatives, and collaborative research on digital ethics and information security are indispensable for building a safer digital environment worldwide.

Ultimately, this study underlines the need to view digital threats not only as technical problems but also as social phenomena that deeply affect cultural identity, ethical values, and psychological stability. Addressing them effectively demands interdisciplinary research, holistic policy-making, and the integration of technical, legal, and educational solutions. The protection of the digital space and information field is not merely a matter of security but also a question of preserving the moral and spiritual foundations of society.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, safeguarding society against digital threats requires long-term vision and collective responsibility. By combining legal regulation, technological innovation, and moral education, humanity can mitigate the negative consequences of the digital age while maximizing its opportunities. Only through such balanced and comprehensive efforts can digital progress serve as a true engine of social and cultural development rather than a source of instability and threat.

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