

THE UTILIZATION OF SOCIAL NETWORKING WEBSITES BY COMPANIES AS A HIRING TOOL; ITS EFFECTIVENESS AND RELIABILITY FROM THE APPLICANTS AND THE EMPLOYERS PERSPECTIVE

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ABSTRACT

The utilization of social networking sites, like LinkedIn, twitter and Facebook have ended up amazingly famous. Social networking sites (SNSs) are an undeniably mainstream form of social media utilized by people and firms. However, social networking sites are continually improving the way how individuals communicate with one another. Some piece of this dramatic change is obvious in the courses of action by which companies are selecting workers and job seekers are seeking after employment. The aim of this study is to find out how effective and reliable SNSs are from the job seekers and recruiters point of view. In this research it also indicates how the organization career website is different from social networking websites. On the other hand, in this research it additionally specified how the recruiters and job seekers benefit and the dangers that are likely to be confronted by them if they tend to use social networking sites.

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I. Introduction

In a decade ago the development of Social Networking Websites tends to advance the working of the organizations areas. The more youthful era of internet users has adjusted the systems for social connection. This transformation of the social interaction is extraordinarily affecting the business systems. Nowadays, organizing inside online social fora isn't pretty much of swapping pictures and listening to music, or talking about the inconsequential points of interest of a night experience, a TV show or a brandishing occasion. Social networking is progressively turning into the space where proficient life happens. Social communities Websites are online group sites where people having the same hobbies in individual and expert regions meet up essentially. Person to person communication through social networking sites has been received by mass audience now. Facebook, Twitter and MySpace are the most prominent social networking websites that permit users to interface with different associations and gatherings having the opportunity to view and distribute data. This demonstration has been seen as extremely valuable for incalculable explanations behind organizations and for the workers and even prospects.

According to Nigel Wright Recruitment (2011) cited by Broughton, Foley, Ledermaier & Cox (2013) all individuals in the UK who seeks for a job are tend to use social networking websites, including 18 percent who use Facebook and 31 percent who use LinkedIn. Youngsters are accounted for to be progressively utilizing social networking websites as a part of request to assemble an online profession vicinity and quest for occupations. Social networking is no more a pattern to just 'watch out for'. Rather, it will educate policies and strategies crosswise over firms – from social networking sites use approaches to marketing and sales, enrollment and maintenance, inspiration and clash determination have no and many more.

Previously, to employ workers, organizations would essentially publicize opportunities in the nearby press; participate in hiring, recruitment specialist or, not too long from now organizations would post occupations online by means of the organization site or on famous employment blogs. This gives companies a wide platform whereby organizations can further impart data about who they are and the available vacancies for work with intrigued job seekers. Huge numbers of these systems incorporate extraordinary occupation posting pages, making it simpler for guests to find those employments that gravitates them. Online social networking has helped recruiters and job seekers to interact with each other (Archana L, Nivya V G & Thankam S M, n.d).

In 2009, for instance, it accounted for that Monster.com saw a 31% drop in revenue (Nigel Wright Recruitment, 2011). This was more noteworthy than the general decrease in the employment business around the world. Today, with the coming of online networking, hiring chiefs and employers discover that they have to be more proactive in their methodology, by captivating with talent over an extensive variety of interpersonal interaction stages. Basically, organizations and employers need to be in places where their targeted people tend to exist, keeping in mind the end goal is to captivate them in the employment process.

Companies additionally utilize social sites to brand their business and much the same as beforehand said in this research that they likewise utilize online networking to discover candidates, however also, the applicants are also utilizing it to figure out data about their potential business. This implies that it's not only the candidates that should be mindful about how they present themselves on social websites, however, not to say that organizations ought to have a decently characterized methodology for their online networking vicinity and must focus on the best approach to market themselves on the web (Schoshinski, 2013). This can incorporate guaranteeing that the organization's sites contain helpful data for job seekers. For instance, social websites like LinkedIn should be updated and improved as time goes on just for the reason that companies have to expose themselves in the most effective way just to have a good business image.

However, despite how easy these social networking websites have made it for both parties (recruiters and applicants) to communicate, meaning that for the applicants to reveal their talents, experiences and total backgrounds, and for the recruiters to expose their vacancies and to be connected to various job seekers, the question is, how reliable is the information for both parties? One issue for employers specifically is that frequently the best applicants, who promote themselves online by means of social networking websites, have a tendency to need to be discovered instead of needing to really request occupations. It is the part of recruiters, hence, to become competitive in utilizing the social networking websites effectively and smartly to guarantee that they are powerful in discovering the right and talented individual for the job; while in the meantime staying in front of competitors, who are attempting to do likewise.

II. List of social networks that are highly used by applicants and recruiters:

The things that recruiters need to know is that not all social networks are the same, and all warrants distinctive methodologies. As their first move, recruiters need to choose who they are attempting to pull in and tailor their procedure to that specific group. You may need to begin with one online networking website, acquaint yourself with it, and develop your presence slowly by slowly. On the other hand, both parties the recruiters and applicants need to be frank about the information they share in this particular social websites as it would be easier to avoid conflict or misunderstanding down the road.

- a) **Facebook** Is one of the more known social websites and numerous number of people see it as a cherished resource for numerous individuals on Facebook are not tend to be on LinkedIn. The proviso is that numerous candidates may not have any desire to utilize Facebook to be used to interact with recruiters for job opportunities, as they consider it to be to a greater degree as a personal network (Schoshinski, 2013). According to socialbakers, 2010 cited by Nigel Wright Recruitment, 2011 Facebook has more than 500 million individuals that tend to use it for various purposes, of which 50% log into the site daily. From the total number of individuals that tend to use internet 33% of them visit Facebook at least once every each month. The UK, Italy, France and Germany are the most elevated represented to European nations on Facebook. In other words Facebook targets understudies and grown-ups permitting individuals to make a profile that essentially concentrates on more individual matters, for example, family and personal interests. But not to mention that Individuals use Facebook to converse with companions and offer individual data about their lives.
- b) **LinkedIn** is a social website that targets experts and permits individuals to make a profile that depicts their professional background and encourages association and correspondence with other professionals (Harpe, 2009). According to Broughton, Foley, Ledermaier & Cox, 2013 the individuals that use LinkIn keep up a rundown of contact points of interest of individuals with whom they have some level of interaction, called relationship. This rundown of associations can then be utilized to develop a contact network system, take over diverse organizations and discover occupations, individuals and business opportunities.

Not to mention that, according to Laurano & Madeline, 2011 LinkedIn works the world's biggest professional social network on the Internet with more than 155 million individuals in more than 200 nations and regions. Despite the fact that Facebook has more than 400 million a bigger number of users tan LinkedIn, late research (based age) demonstrate that Facebook and LinkedIn have generally the same number of expert individuals. In the last 12 months the site has started to develop into a spot in which to direct business and create connections between the professionals (Nigel Wright Recruitment, 2011).

LinkedIn drives more occupation perspectives for every each vacancy than Twitter and Facebook, sending 3 times the measure of perspectives of Twitter and 6 times the measure of Facebook. Recruiters that post employments on social websites are liable to get more applications from LinkedIn than Facebook and twitter. LinkedIn drives very nearly 9 times additional applications than Facebook and 3 times a greater number of applications than Twitte (Bullhornreach, 2012).

- c) **Twitter** is an alternate mainstream social website where recruiters can use it freely. It is esteemed for its speed in imparting news of job opportunities, especially if the tweet turns into a web sensation. It additionally gives the capacity to pursue key buzzwords in an industry to discover job seekers with specific abilities (Schoshinski, 2013). According to the searched by twitter blog, 2010 cited by Nigel Wright Recruitment, 2011 Between December 2009 and December 2010 the number of Twitter users has elevated by 100 million individuals, multiplying its users. Nowadays it asserts that more that 95 million tweets are presently sent consistently. Its market in European grew 106% between June 2009 and June 2010 and has a general worldwide market penetration of 7.4% of all the individuals that uses the internet.

Recruiters utilize Twitter more regularly than Facebook for social selecting. Regardless of the truth that selection representatives have less associations on Twitter, 19% of employers are joined with both LinkedIn and Twitter while 10% are joined with both LinkedIn and Facebook (Bullhornreach, 2012). Recruiters add more Twitter devotees to their system every week than Facebook and will develop their networks on twitter much quicker than their systems on Facebook.

III. Benefits that are gained by the recruiters:

As beforehand composed, various authors have discovered preferences in regards to the utilization of social networking sites for recruitment. In this particular research, Social Networking Sites are the center and are another tool, which companies utilize it for discovering the suitable candidates for the vacancy. The utilization of the social networking sites that was previously mentioned in this research offers new viewpoints and benefits to recruiters.

It is a later point and there is less material available about the impact of the utilization of these Social Networking Sites to successful process of recruiting. In this manner, the focal points and qualities of recruiting individuals via the internet are adjusted to the utilization of Social Networking Sites keeping in mind the end goal to test the impact of these social sites on how effective they are when it comes to recruiting. When it comes to e-recruitment, the most highly appreciated benefits are time- and cost saving. Moreover, the ability to reach targeted individuals, upgrade of the quantity of candidates and accessibility to a diverse market for candidates (Abel, 2011).

1. Cost saving

To have the ability and access to utilize Internet technology for the purpose of recruiting candidates, companies first need to put resources into it, in other words they have to make some investment in it. In 2003, IES cited by Abel, 2011 exploration discovered that 47% of the organizations made the utilization of social networking sites in their recruiting process for lessening their organization expenses and half of the organizations expected a decrease of their expenses later on. According to Cachinko, 2011 it was mentioned, if organizations utilize these social networking sites effectively, they can benefit in many ways, but most likely companies don't have to invest much in the job advertisement since this social websites have made it easy for them to reach a diverse individuals with various skills.

Linda Barber (2006) as cited by (Suvankulov, 2010) at the Institute for Employment carried out a research and additionally looks at the benefits and difficulties of recruiting via social networking sites. Barber composes that the reduced expense of hiring is a main quality of the Internet, as the normal occupation posting on the Internet costs around £250, compared with £5,000 for a quarter-page advertisement in a British national daily newspaper.

2. Increases Visibility of talented candidates

With a huge number of individuals on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn, utilizing social networking sites for the purpose of recruiting will guarantee that your employment opportunities will be seen and read by a bigger number of qualified or experienced job seekers (St. Germaine, 2012). For instance, if a company tends to post something on any of the social websites it's likely to be noticed by the targeted candidates and they will positively find appealing in a potential organization. This notoriety will help your organization innovate by gravitating the brightest and qualified candidates that would put effort to improve your company's image (Jet, 2013).

Not to mention online social networking sites can help educate individuals about a specific organization and ideally make a group of supporters. Indeed, somebody who rejected an occupation offer, if that person tends to be a member of that social networking site, could find out about an alternate vacant position and be enticed to apply for it (Hire right, 2013). By the help of social networking sites the larger part of candidates today know how to apply for work online, so they anticipate that organizations will have a robust online vicinity at least. By being unmistakable on Facebook, Google+, and LinkedIn, in the meantime, the organization is advising everybody that it sees how to impart utilizing the most recent online networking stages (Granada, 2014).

3. Communications responsiveness

In light of the fact that there is less spam and much of the time you must be welcomed before you can communicate something specific via another source, utilizing social networking sites to impart may lead to a higher reaction rate and in quicker response when you send messages to candidates (Sullivan, 2009).

4. It Helps organizations to Recruit Faster

Individuals now invest much time on social networking sites rather than hunting down for data like reading newspapers. Since that is the point, businesses should look for candidates in that platform where the applicants are. Specifically, if an organization is attempting to select candidates, for example, late school graduates, a large number of them can be found on those various social networking sites (Schoshinski, 2013). And not to mention these various social networking sites have made it for organizations to reach their desired and suitable candidate for the job.

5. Increases the Quality of Hire

Individuals who habitually utilize social networking may be viewed as right on time adopters, who are exceptionally attractive in the employment market right now. Utilizing social networking sites to select will in this manner gravitate this type of individuals, who are sagacious and creative (St. Germaine, 2012). According to Oracle White Paper, (2012) these are the qualities numerous organizations search for in potential candidates. Not to mention Social networks offer a quick approach to connect with these candidates and this have made it simple for the associations to approach and hire candidates with high potential.

IV. Job seekers and social networking sites

The survey that was carried out by StepStone, 2013 on social networking uncovers that online job seekers are significantly more dynamic on online networking than the normal internet users: not to mention 81% of job seekers have at the minimum one online networking account. 76% of online networking clients with one and only record stay up with the latest info. Pretty much all occupation seekers with a number of online networking accounts (91%) keep no less than one profile consistently redesigned. Actually, social networking have ended up being a piece of a job seeker's ordinary life. 70% of them are on Facebook consistently.

Another online networking draw in an alternate like: just 40% of LinkedIn clients and 33% of twitter clients, check their profile day by day (StepStone, 2013). However, qualified job seekers are as of now making the utilization of online social networking sites to view companies they may wish to work for. Businesses must give this a critical thought to position organization profiles and news to reach those job seekers that are highly desired and willing to be offered a job by many companies.

V. SNS Vs Job Sites

Social networking sites like linkedin.com and ryze.com are devoted to business interacting, where individuals set up their expert points of interest and get a chance to interface with different experts. Such networking sites turn into a reproducing platform from which employers can choose the best of the pack. Job sites and social networking sites locales pander to a diverse range of aptitudes and levels. Both have decently characterized and apparently decently separated client characterized arrangements and consequently the viability of one over the other can't be summed up. Not to mention that one of the key advantages that individuals are enjoying from social networking sites is the credibility, as internet users have the capability to view open supports by previous mates and business partners, which are accessible on the individual's profile. Social networking sites can be utilized by recruitment organizations as individuals who are not exceptionally dynamic job seekers can be reached and proposed work proposition, since these individuals typically don't set up their CV on employment sites (Dave & Bhargava, 2014).

Tools, for example, work inclination, location needed, and so forth that are accessible on job sites are not accessible at the social networking sites. Social networking sites likewise have an e-group for different curiosity levels like mountaineering, cycling, and so forth. A large portion of the individuals in these e-gatherings are working officials with more than 3-4 years of experience and would not have posted their CV's on job sites.

VI. Dangers of Social Networking Sites; job seekers and businesses

Not to mention everywhere individuals go there is this social networking all around. It is basic to discover, collaborators, opportunities and even the elderly on the systems over the social networking world on sites, for example, Twitter, MySpace, Facebook, YouTube and LinkedIn. The fact that individuals with social networks across the world have entry to apparatuses and alternatives that were beforehand non-existent. Then again, there are generally the same number of new chances to unite as there are to get into potential risk. Informal communication has opened up numerous new entryways for digital wrongdoing, and with all the individuals in interpersonal organizations who are totally new to innovation, it is more imperative than any time in recent memory to verify individuals are mindful of the dangers (Inci, 2011).

a. Job Seekers

There are two primary negative results that outcome when recruiters view data online that they esteem unsatisfactory: managers don't employ the employment candidate, and current workers are terminated. We realize that the previous happens in light of the fact that businesses are letting us know that they settle on choices in view of the data they discover online (Peacock, 2009).

LinkedIn is an amazingly prevalent proficient and a business social networking site that is utilized by corporate administrators and occupation seekers alike. It holds a large number of expert and industry themed gatherings, work commercials and opportunities, and even access to employment applications. While this specific site is a bit less powerless in light of the fact that individual and/or organization data is escaped everybody aside from those straightforwardly inside a users' network – it excessively conveys its own dangers. While LinkedIn has great open doors, work seekers ought to be cautious about what they say or uncover on LinkedIn, as well as on any informal organization. Numerous studies have demonstrated that a huge rate of business utilization online networking to lead their own "experience" checks. On the off chance that a vocation seeker applies for a genuine occupation, certain data, discussions or even sassy remarks could bargain his employing status (A. Clark, J. Roberts, 2010).

The Washington Post as of late discharged an article about foundation checking administrations that now solely run an online networking, personal investigations for enterprises and organizations around the nation. However, different photographs or jokes posted as a profile's status – could every single be the thing that could and does avert work seekers from being employed. There are reported cases that take this even past searching for a vocation, to be terminated from work for what is on an online networking profile. A lecturer in a Pennsylvania secondary school was asked to leave the school for a picture she posted of herself dressed like a pirate and marked "tipsy privateer." She was terminated for presenting underage drinking (Inci, 2011).

b. Business

Organizations are frequently targeted by social designers, and individuals who methodology, organization representatives in endeavor to acquire privately owned business data, with the end goal of extortion, robbery, character or data burglary, and different criminal acts. The reason social designing is so unsafe is that the victimized people never even acknowledge or suspect any treachery. Social building is carried out without power, and with unwitting assent, which makes it considerably more hazardous in a few ways. It is exceptionally basic for social architects to utilize informal communities to procure starting data around an individual to betray and persuade their exploited people to furnish them with secured, arranged, or any sort of significant data. Phishing, which is a sort of social building too, is the same sort of wrongdoing. The sort of data accessible in the SNS is all that anyone could need for anybody to imagine just as they have framework data about you as a worker via phone or even in the individual, which is the way a ton of social building is led (Inci, 2011).

VII. Discussion

This study was carried to distinguish what is social networking sites and the utilization of social networking websites by companies as a hiring tool: its effectiveness and reliability from the applicants and the employers' perspective. In the wake of experiencing various articles about social networking sites being used by companies in their recruitment process composed of different number of writers, it's presently truly understandable, well, why organizations and job seekers use social networking websites as it aides both sides of multiple points of view. Not long time ago companies used to publicize opportunities/their available vacancies in the neighboring press in order for them to employ the suitable individual for their available vacancy, but then not to mention not too long from now companies highly used recruitment blogs and their own private websites to increase the awareness of the public about the job offers from a particular company. But however, with the use of the social networking website organizations can introduce themselves and advertise their job offers to the active and passive candidates (Nigel Wright Recruitment, 2011). As is was mentioned earlier in this study social networking websites improved the recruitment process, not to mention, this gives companies a wide platform whereby organizations can further impart data about who they are and the available vacancies for work with intrigued job seekers.

Nevertheless, social networking sites, for example, Facebook and Twitter have ended up been attached to our life. At home, in college, at the restaurant and on the train, individuals access Facebook through cell phones. Due to dynamic social networking sites use, numerous organizations are currently looking for candidates' on those various Social networking sites. Prominent social networking sites utilized for employing consist LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter so on (Schoshinski, 2013). Social recruiting is at the crossing point of employment and online networking. Social employing uses blogs, online networking profiles, and online groups as an ability database to discover and quest for inactive candidate information and data. For instance, LinkedIn is a devoted business systems networking site, and gives the most straightforward access to resume-style info. LinkedIn is beyond than a data storage facility – different peculiarities permit you to build associations with potential workers before you have to contract them: The site permits individuals to make inquiries and get answers from anybody in their system. On the off chance that you have pertinent data to include, post it. This aides create you as a solid asset, and expands your introduction to industry (Harpe, 2009).

Online social networking is a two-way road. You are searching for incredible recruiters, and workers are searching for an extraordinary work environment. Hence, organizations' make sure that their twitter, and LinkedIn pages are present and pertinent, and give work seekers an exact perspective of that particular organization. Not to mention the use of social networking sites has eased the job seekers ways, finding a job and reaching the recruiters. A successful online vicinity can help guarantee job seekers' expert qualifications are accessible for recruiters to see. Professional online networking like LinkedIn permit job seekers to set out their aptitudes and involvement in a legitimate way, like a decent resume, while different stages empower you to create and show your perspectives and suppositions. However, the utilization of the previously mentioned social networking sites is guaranteeing visibility in the employment market ((A. Clark, J. Roberts, 2010).). Despite the benefits by the job seekers, now recruiters tend to take the privilege of the social networking websites in their recruiting processes. Not to mention, because of SNSs recruiters tend to benefit Communications responsiveness, Improved the Quality of Hiring, the privilege of Recruiting Faster, Increases Visibility of talented candidates and it also reduces the company's total expenses (Cachinko, 2011, Sullivan, 2009 & Jet, 2013).

VIII. Conclusion

There seems, by all accounts, to be a distinction between how users of Social networking sites perceive the utility and purpose of Social networking sites and how recruiters see the social networking sites. Users of Social networking sites utilize them mostly for social networking sites, while recruiters utilize these sites to accumulate character data about job seekers without the candidates perpetually comprehending what data was considered. Nevertheless, Social networks offer an intense apparatus for employers to achieve a pool of experienced individuals that they may not otherwise have the capacity to reach. Making your organization within social networks likewise says a great deal in regards to your organization to potential individuals and will make the discernment that your organization needs to unite with them. Social employing is an alternate technique you can use to discover the best applicants before your rivals, yet this is not the complete solution. It must supplement your other selecting projects. The lawful dangers are genuine, and they ought to be considered as you inspect your general enlisting technique. When you instruct yourself, build your plan, and start connecting with potential applicants, organizations can significantly enhance their selecting results through social networking.

Nonetheless, in this study the phenomena of SNSs in employing was looked over. Information was gained by making utilization of secondary research. Compelling employment is portrayed by the differing qualities of the candidates, the nature of candidates/applications, the expenses, the target individuals. Besides, the kind of the site (for instance, social networking sites versus job sites) assumed different part in recruiting methods. Not to mention this research can now conclude that the utilization of the social networking sites has facilitated the job seekers and the recruiters in various ways. With the help of the social networking sites, recruiters can now reach to a large number of talented individuals in which businesses could use their talents to stay competitive towards their competitors. Furthermore, cost saving is one of the many advantages that companies benefit from the utilization of social networking sites where companies don't need to hire agents or advertise themselves in different presses to inform the public about their vacancies. And the fact that companies present themselves in various social websites like LinkedIn, Facebook and twitter has helped the job seekers in many ways. Not to mention that job seekers can obtain enough information about the various companies that are present on those social networking sites. And now job seekers are exposed to various opportunities as companies are using social networking sites to increase the awareness of the public about the available vacancies. But however, the information that is provided about the users on these social websites might not be fully trusted or effective as there is possibility it could be unreliable. On these social networking sites users may pretend to be somebody they not. Hence, in the recruiting processes recruiters should not fully depend on those information provided in them social networking sites only. But overall after going through various articles, it can be concluded that social networking sites have eased the recruitment process despite the dangers that could occur.

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