

Digital Technological Gap And Its Socio-Cognitive Impact On Rural Dwellers In Nigeria

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Abstract

Unarguably, in recent years there has been wide adoption of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) globally. Unfortunately, these technologies have been produced without prejudice to class or sect, however, access to them has created disparities in developing nations such as Nigeria. The methodology adopted for this study was a literature and documentary research spanning across relevant and current articles in the area of ICTs and the digital divide globally and most especially in Nigeria. This paper considers one of such disparities by considering the barriers to access faced by rural dwellers in Nigeria. The paper outlines the issues that have sustained the gap between urban settlers and those who live in rural areas in Nigeria. The paper also connects these challenges with the socio-cognitive indices common amongst rural people in Nigeria and the diverse pitfalls or obstacles in assessing new technologies. Challenges such as low literacy, and language barrier among others. This paper makes very cogent recommendations to ameliorate the identified socio-cognitive challenges that have become obstacles to the use of modern technologies by people living in rural areas in Nigeria.

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