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#### ABSTRACT

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The study was conducted in different universities in Cavite to determine the relationship between the participation and responses of the college students in viral advertisement on social media. Specifically, this study aimed to determine the demographic profile of the respondents in terms of age, gender, and course, the commonly used social media sites, level of participation and degree of responsiveness. Significant relationship between age and level of participation and degree of responsiveness were determined. Likewise, significant differences in the level of participation and degree of responsiveness when respondents are grouped according to gender and course were also identified.

The study used survey questionnaire to gather data from 400 student-respondents. Chi-square, point biserial correlation coefficient and Spearman's rank of correlation coefficient were employed in the statistical analysis.

The study found out that most of the respondents were 18 years old, female and taking up business related courses. The commonly used social media sites by the students were the Facebook, Youtube and Twitter. The respondents were sharing viral advertisement one to three times a day to one to three friends or connection. Most of the respondents prefer to share video ads, photo ads and combination of both. It was also

revealed that college students were very concerned in their privacy but still have a favorable attitude towards viral advertisement on social media.

The results showed that age had no significant relationship with the level of participation and the degree of responsiveness of the respondents in viral advertisement. The study also found out that there is no significant difference in the level of participation but had a significant difference in respondent's degree of responsiveness in viral advertisement on social media when grouped according to gender. Moreover, significant relationship between the level of participation and degree of responsiveness of college students in viral advertisement on social media was detected.

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#### INTRODUCTION

The use of social media in recent years has amplified quickly particularly by teenagers and middle aged users to communicate with each other and spend leisure time. This recent trend and change makes people spend more time with computer for simultaneous communication with friends and establish friendships and spend a lot of time based from the study of Hutton and Fosdick (2011).

According Collander and Dahlen (2011) social media provide a virtual network place where people can enjoy expressing their opinions, exchange opinions, disseminate and control messages anywhere, anytime. Marketers are now able to reach consumers and interact with them using social media. Previous studies have found that consumers tend to trust more user-generated messages, such as peer recommendations or consumer reviews, on social media than messages from traditional mass media.