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ABSTRACT

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The purpose of this study was to determine the digital citizenship and level of political awareness of the millennial in Marahan I, Alfonso, Cavite. Specifically, it aimed to identify the digital citizenship among the millennial in terms of digital media commonly visited; frequency of using the digital media; number of hours spent in using the digital media; and the nature of participation in online discussion about the Philippine political issues; level of awareness of the millennial in the different Philippine political issues; and the significant relationship between the digital citizenship and level of political awareness of the millennial.

The study utilized the descriptive-correlation method of research. Questionnaires were given to millennial aged 18 to 34 years old. Using a purposive and snowball sampling, a total of one hundred (100) millennial were selected as participants of the study. The study was conducted from January 2017 to February 2017. The data from the questionnaires were statistically analyzed.

The results revealed that the millennial were moderately aware on the different political issues. However, there is no significant result between this correlation. This result is an indicator that the millennial had gone far from the stereotype who were unaware of the issues concerning political aspects. Still, it calls for future researchers to work on other aspect that may have a significant relationship on the political awareness among the youth.

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INTRODUCTION

For the past decade, millennial was characterized as a generation disconnected and unconcerned with political issues. Their disengagement was critiqued from their low consumption rates of news information through traditional media platforms, low participation rates in traditional political activities, and a persistent decline of voting among the young population (Velasco, $n.\ d.$).

Newman (2008) contradicted this popular argument by explaining that the millennial has shifted the old view about their generation as developing research has revealed, they are more engaged in online discussion than prior studies have indicated. He also cited that the millennial remains connected with political news and current events via online through a variety of social media platforms, online news sites, news applications, and group messaging. He argued that the millennial has sought different methods to address policy, social, and economic issues through their increased participation in volunteering, consumer activism, and social media usage.