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# Freedom of Expression through Social Media and the Political Participation of Young Voters: A Case Study of Elections in Jakarta, Indonesia

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### Abstract:

*Freedom of expression in social media with ease to express an opinion, comment, be a friend, a follower of the candidate, as well as easy to share links and to post 'like', encouraging young voters to participate in the election and influencing their decision to vote. Young people are often considered as a group that does not matter even tend apathetic towards politics because they think their voices will not be heard by the authorities. However, advances in technology have removed this presumption by breaking down barriers to freedom of expression. The survey conducted on 385 university students in Jakarta and the Jakarta gubernatorial elections in 2012 and 2017 to a research context. Freedom to obtain information that is not limited and interaction in social media also encourage young voters to participate in elections.*

### Keywords:

*Social media; freedom of expression; elections; young voters; media effects*

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## Tables

**Table 1. The correlation between freedoms of expression in social media with the decision to choose**

Freedom of Expression	Decision to Vote			
	Facebook	Twitter	YouTube	Online Game
Become members of the group	0.928	0.893	0.832	0.775
Posting public statement	0.885	0.825	0.817	0.856
Share	0.806	0.812	0.852	0.869
Posting 'like'	0.829	0.845	0.897	0.786
Posting 'comment'	0.853	0.839	0.862	0.728

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Note.  $\alpha = 0.05$

**Table 2. The correlation between freedoms of expression in social media with participation in elections**

Freedom of Expression	Participation in Elections			
	Facebook	Twitter	YouTube	Online Game
Become members of the group	0.797	0.823	0.756	0.856
Posting public statement	0.740	0.837	0.749	0.758
Share	0.756	0.742	0.761	0.769
Posting 'like'	0.749	0.867	0.758	0.852
Posting 'comment'	0.759	0.873	0.782	0.859

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Note.  $\alpha = 0.05$