

The technology and science should be used for alleviating accumulated hatred

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Jose-Alain Sahel wrote an article entitled "Facing hatred" (1). Hatred is spawned incubated and spread on the internet within a second. New technologies including smartphones, wide area network (WAN), and other useful tools can accelerate the hatred instantaneously all over the world. Exploding accumulated hatred can cause unwanted or unexpected tragedy. We must understand that the technology is always a double-edged sword. According to Wikipedia, Medicine is the science and practice of the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease. However, Adam Marcus reported that fraudulent medical papers can put patients in danger (2). Not only the lay public but also professional medical researchers cannot distinguish whether the content of the fraudulent paper is bogus or not. Without a mechanism for discovering fraudulent papers, ill-motivated scientists or engineers may cause more tragedy (3). Even (goodwill) scientists may also cause tragedy without his/her understanding. It is always extremely hard for us without fruitful information to decide whether it is good or bad. Your kindness to others sometimes may make someone unpleasant. The technology and science should be used for alleviating accumulated hatred.

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