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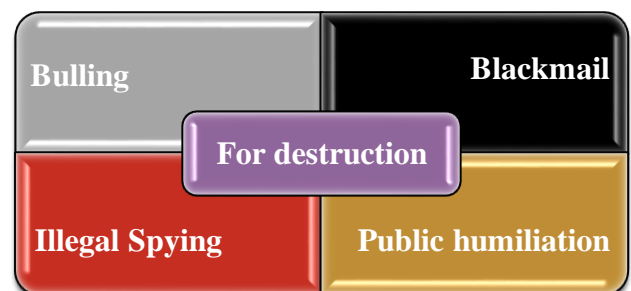
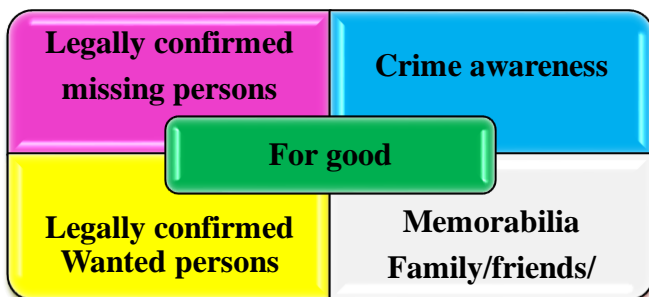
South Africa, are we using our camera phones responsibly? ©

for good or destruction?

Pictures and videos on the internet can be available worldwide and forever. What kind of camera phone user are you?

A life time ago we did not have cellphones but landlines. Now we are blessed with cellphones to be able to communicate with our loved ones remotely. Now we have cellphones with cameras for us to use for taking pictures of loved ones in a second. Long time ago, we used to wait for the camera man to pass by our streets and houses to take a precious picture for us to keep as some memorabilia. Most of us, we know that we used to cram our brains with the camera man's schedule or a date that he might pass by, on his bike, on our streets. If he passed, and you did not get to see him, you had to run after him to come back and take a photo. In South Africa today, people are not responsible enough to:

- Not take pictures of other people's tragic vehicle accidents, where people lost their lives, for self publicity on social media platforms. The families of the deceased get to know about it through social media platforms instead of receiving the news in a dignified manner.
- Not to take pictures of children and minor for publication on social media platforms. Not everyone has good intentions when looking at such pictures or videos. There are predators on social media, who stalk families, profile them and plan kidnappings for ransom.
- Not take private pictures of other people or taking videos while the other party is unaware, and use it to solicit money unless he or she wants their private picture or video to be sent to social media platforms for humiliation as an endgame. Some people commit suicide or take their own lives over fear of being discovered.
- Not to spy on other people by taking videos or pictures from their own private homes. Its infringement of another person's privacy.



Innovation must be embraced with responsibility