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## Ethical Considerations of E-Learning: Promoting Equity and Data Security (Harvard & Birmingham Case Studies)

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## Abstract:

Digital education presents immense opportunities to open up the horizons of knowledge to everyone, but it also faces ethical challenges that require collective effort. The most prominent of these challenges are the digital divide, which deprives some students of equal opportunities, algorithmic bias, which hinders the access of some, especially those with special needs, to educational content, and data collection risks that threaten the privacy of students and the security of educational institutions.

This study proposes solutions that include programs to provide technology for everyone, develop ICT skills, raise awareness of the importance of digital education, develop fairer algorithms, train teachers, provide appropriate educational tools for students with special needs, develop laws to regulate data collection and use, strengthen cybersecurity, and educate students and parents about the importance of intellectual property rights. The study also provides an analysis of the experiences of two leading universities in digital education (Harvard University and the University of Birmingham).

**Keywords:** Digital education; Ethical challenges; Equality; Harvard; Birmingham.

## الملخص:

يُقدم التعليم الرقمي إمكانيات كبيرة لفتح آفاق المعرفة أمام الجميع، لكنه يواجه تحديات أخلاقية تتطلب تضافر الجهود، وأبرز هذه التحديات هي الفجوة الرقمية التي تحرم بعض الطلاب من فرص متساوية، والتحيز الخوارزمي الذي يُعيق وصول البعض، خاصة ذوي الاحتياجات الخاصة، إلى المحتوى التعليمي، ومخاطر جمع البيانات التي تُهدد خصوصية الطلاب وأمن المؤسسات التعليمية.

تُفترح هذه الدراسة رؤية تشمل برامج لتوفير التكنولوجيا للجميع، وتطوير مهارات تكنولوجيا المعلومات والاتصالات، ونشر الوعي بأهمية التعليم الرقمي، وتطوير خوارزميات أكثر عدلاً، وتدريب المعلمين، وتوفير أدوات تعليمية مناسبة لذوي الاحتياجات الخاصة، ووضع قوانين لتنظيم جمع واستخدام البيانات، وتعزيز الأمن السيبراني، وتوعية الطلاب وأولياء الأمور بأهمية حقوق الملكية الفكرية، كما تُقدم الدراسة تحليلاً لتجارب نموذجين من الجامعات الرائدة في التعليم الرقمي (جامعة هارفارد وجامعة برمنغهام).

**الكلمات المفتاحية:** التعليم الرقمي، التحديات الأخلاقية، المساواة، هارفارد، برمنغهام.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In the midst of the digital transformation revolution, digital education emerges as a powerful tool to achieve educational equality and raise its quality. This approach pulsates with immense potential to open up the horizons of knowledge to all, but at the same time faces significant challenges that hinder its progress towards providing equal educational opportunities for all. The most prominent of these challenges is the digital divide, the gap that separates those who have access to digital technology from those who lack it. This gap poses a major obstacle to all students having equal opportunities, thus hindering the achievement of educational justice.

In addition, the risks of algorithmic bias are added, which may negatively affect the ability of some students to access educational content, especially those who differ in their mental, intellectual, or physical abilities. People with disabilities are among the most affected by this bias, as they face significant difficulties in accessing digital education in an appropriate manner. Other risks threaten the safety of digital education, the most important of which is the collection of students' personal data without sufficient guarantees to protect it, which exposes their privacy to risk. Educational and university institutions also face the risks of cyberattacks, which threaten their cybersecurity.

To ensure the achievement of equality in digital education and data protection, these challenges must be addressed through programs to provide technology for all, develop ICT skills among students and the community, and raise awareness of the

importance of digital education. It is also necessary to develop fairer algorithms, train teachers to deal with algorithmic bias, and provide appropriate educational tools for people with special needs. Addressing these challenges is an ethical and legal duty that falls on all stakeholders in education, from governments and educational institutions to civil society. Together, we can build a more just and inclusive educational future that provides everyone with the opportunity to learn and grow, without discrimination or marginalization.

## 2. Research Problem:

To ensure the achievement of equality in digital education and data protection, these challenges must be addressed through programs to provide technology, develop ICT skills, and raise awareness of the importance of digital education. It is also necessary to develop fairer algorithms, train teachers and instructors to deal with algorithmic bias, and provide appropriate educational tools, especially for students with special needs. This research question is raised: How can the ethical and legal challenges of digital education be addressed to ensure educational equality and improve its quality in the face of rapid digital transformation? Additionally, how can leading Western experiences in digital education be leveraged to benefit educational practices?

## 3. Research Questions:

- What are the best ways to bridge the digital divide in digital education?
- How can fairer algorithms be developed in digital education to ensure access for all?
- What steps are needed to protect students' personal data in digital education?
- How can cybersecurity be strengthened

for educational institutions in the context of digital education?

- What are the appropriate educational tools for students with special needs in digital education?

- How can we benefit from leading Western experiences in digital education?

#### **4. Study Methodology:**

This study will adopt an integrated approach that combines descriptive and analytical methods to investigate the challenges of digital education and explore the potential for suitable solutions. This approach will encompass the following:

- Identifying the factors that affect the challenges of digital education.

- Assessing the impact of these challenges on digital education.

- The possibility of proposing appropriate solutions to overcome these challenges.

- Evaluating the effectiveness of these solutions.

- Taking a look at the best practices in digital education in the leading countries in the field of digital education.

- Identifying the factors that contributed to the success of digital education.

- Assessing the possibility of applying these practices.

#### **5. Study Objectives:**

- Identify the main challenges facing digital education.

- Understand the factors that affect these challenges.

- Assess the impact of these challenges on digital education.

- Identify the best practices in digital education in leading countries.

- Conduct case studies on successful digital education experiences.

- Raise the issue of enacting laws to regulate the collection and use of students' personal data and educational institutions

alike.

#### **6. Importance of the Study:**

This study offers a comprehensive analysis of the challenges in digital education. Furthermore, it proposes appropriate solutions to address them, such as programs to provide technology for all, develop ICT skills, and raise awareness of digital education's importance.

This analysis lays the groundwork for building a more just and inclusive educational future. Such a future ensures everyone has the opportunity to learn and grow, free from discrimination or marginalization. Additionally, the study fosters cooperation between all stakeholders in education. This cooperation is crucial for achieving digital education goals, as addressing these challenges is an ethical and legal duty for everyone involved. This responsibility includes governments, educational institutions, and civil society.

#### **7. Ensuring Equity in Digital Education:**

##### **Digital Divide:**

The digital divide is a broad term that refers to the unequal access to and use of information and communication technology (ICT)<sup>1</sup> between individuals and communities. This technology includes:

- Internet access: Internet speed, connection type (fixed or mobile), subscription cost.

- Devices: Owning laptops, smartphones, tablets, etc.

- Software: Owning antivirus software, multimedia playback software, educational software, etc.

- Digital skills<sup>2</sup>: The ability to use the internet, use software, search for information, communicate online, etc.

The causes of the digital divide are multiple and include:

- **Poverty:** The inability of some individuals to purchase ICT devices or pay for internet subscriptions<sup>3</sup>.

- **Lack of infrastructure<sup>4</sup>:** The lack of internet networks or electricity in some areas.

- **Digital illiteracy:** The lack of the necessary skills to use ICT among some individuals<sup>5</sup>.

- **Geographical distribution:** Concentration of ICT in major cities while rural areas lack these services<sup>6</sup>.

The digital divide has negative impacts on various aspects of life, including:

- **Education:** Difficulty for students to access distance education<sup>7</sup>.

- **Economy<sup>8</sup>:** Difficulty for some individuals to participate in the digital economy.

- **Society<sup>9</sup>:** Difficulty in communication between members of different communities.

- **Government<sup>10</sup>:** Difficulty in providing government services electronically.

Addressing the digital divide requires efforts from various stakeholders, including:

- **Governments:** Providing infrastructure, supporting digital education programs, enacting laws to ensure fair access to ICT<sup>11</sup>.

- **Educational institutions:** Integrating ICT into education, training teachers to use this technology<sup>12</sup>.

- **Private sector:** Developing affordable technological solutions, supporting social responsibility programs<sup>13</sup>.

- **Community (individuals and groups):** Raising awareness of the importance of ICT, helping individuals acquire digital skills<sup>14</sup>.

### **Algorithmic Bias:**

Algorithmic bias is a phenomenon that occurs when algorithms produce unfair or discriminatory results against certain groups of people. This bias can happen unintentionally, but it can also be intentional. Forms of algorithmic bias:

- **Data bias:** Algorithms produce biased results if the data they are trained on is biased. For example, if an algorithm for facial recognition is trained on a dataset of images that contains more white faces than black faces, it is more likely to misidentify black faces<sup>15</sup>.

- **Algorithmic bias:** Algorithms produce biased results even if the data they are trained on is unbiased. For example<sup>16</sup>, if an algorithm is designed to predict student success in school, it may produce biased results against students from low socioeconomic backgrounds.

Risks of algorithmic bias in digital education:

- **Reinforcement:** Biased algorithms reinforce negative stereotypes about certain groups of people<sup>17</sup>. For example, if an algorithm is used to predict the likelihood of someone committing a crime, it may produce biased results against people from certain ethnic backgrounds<sup>18</sup>.

- **Marginalization:** Biased algorithms marginalize certain groups of people by depriving them of educational or employment opportunities. For example, if an algorithm is used to determine who should be admitted to a particular educational program, it may produce biased results against people from low socioeconomic backgrounds<sup>19</sup>.

Solutions to address algorithmic bias:

- **Developing fairer algorithms:** There are many ways to develop fairer algorithms, such as using more diverse datasets and designing algorithms that take into account social and economic factors<sup>20</sup>.

- **Training teachers on how to recognize and address algorithmic bias:** It is important that teachers are trained on how to recognize and address algorithmic bias in digital education. This can help ensure that all

students have equal learning opportunities<sup>21</sup>.

Examples of algorithmic bias:

- Bias in facial recognition systems: Facial recognition systems often misidentify black faces more than white faces<sup>22</sup>.

- Bias in recommendation systems: Recommendation systems may unfairly recommend products or services based on user characteristics such as race or gender.

- Bias in employment systems: Automated hiring systems may be used to unfairly screen candidates based on their characteristics such as age or gender.

### **Accessibility for Students with Special Needs and Vulnerable Groups:**

#### **Challenges Facing Students with Special Needs in Digital Education:**

- **Technical challenges:** Students with special needs face difficulty accessing technology and digital educational tools<sup>23</sup>.

- **Cognitive challenges:** Students with special needs face difficulty understanding digital educational content<sup>24</sup>.

- **Social challenges:** Students with special needs face difficulty communicating and interacting with their peers and teachers in the digital learning environment.

#### **Researching Solutions to Ensure Accessibility for Students with Special Needs:**

##### **Developing Appropriate Educational Tools for Students with Special Needs:**

- Using assistive technology: Such as screen readers and voice recognition software.

- Developing accessible educational content: Such as texts, images, and videos with audio descriptions<sup>25</sup>.

- Designing user-friendly interfaces: Compatible with the needs of students with motor disabilities<sup>26</sup>.

##### **Training Teachers on How to Meet the Needs of Students with Special Needs:**

- Understanding the needs of students with special needs: Including the different types of disabilities and their impact on learning<sup>27</sup>.

- Using adaptive teaching techniques: That adapt to the needs of each student.

- Creating an inclusive learning environment: That encourages the participation of all students<sup>28</sup>.

#### **Examples of Solutions to Ensure Accessibility for Students with Special Needs:**

- Use of screen readers: Assist blind students in accessing digital educational content.

- Use of voice recognition software: Assist students with learning disabilities in writing text.

- Use of accessible educational content: Such as texts, images, and videos with audio descriptions.

- Design of user-friendly interfaces: Compatible with the needs of students with motor disabilities.

- Ensuring that students with special needs have the same learning opportunities as other students.

- Providing the necessary support for students with special needs to help them succeed in digital education.

- Involving students with special needs in the design and development of digital educational tools and technologies.

### **8. Data Protection in Digital Education:**

#### **Researching the Risks of Collecting Student Personal Data:**

- **Commercial use without student consent:** Student personal data may be collected and used for commercial purposes without their consent, such as targeting them with advertising or selling their data to other companies<sup>29</sup>.

- **Exposure of data to hacking or cyberattacks:** Student personal data may be hacked or breached, which could lead to the theft of their personal information or its misuse<sup>30</sup>.

- **Misuse of data by unauthorized parties:** Student personal data may be misused by unauthorized parties, such as using it to create fake accounts or spread misinformation.

### **Researching Solutions to Protect Student Privacy:**

#### **Importance of Protecting Student Privacy:**

- Protecting students from exploitation: It is important to protect student privacy to protect them from exploitation by external parties<sup>31</sup>.

- Building trust between students and educational institutions: It is important to build trust between students and educational institutions by protecting student privacy.

- Ensuring equal opportunities for all students: It is important to ensure that all students have equal opportunities in education, regardless of their background or personal data<sup>32</sup>.

#### **Risks of Cyberattacks on Educational Institutions:**

- Theft of student and staff personal data: Student and staff personal data may be stolen by hackers, which could lead to the theft of their personal information or its misuse<sup>33</sup>.

- Disruption of educational institution systems: Educational institution systems may be disrupted by hackers, which could disrupt the educational process<sup>34</sup>.

- Spread of misinformation: Misinformation may be spread by hackers, which could confuse students and parents.

#### **Importance of Enhancing Cybersecurity in Educational Institutions:**

- Protecting student and staff personal

data: It is important to enhance cybersecurity to protect student and staff personal data from theft or misuse.

- Ensuring the continuity of the educational process: It is important to enhance cybersecurity to ensure the continuity of the educational process without interruption.

- Protecting the reputation of educational institutions: It is important to enhance cybersecurity to protect the reputation of educational institutions.

#### **Risks of Infringing on Intellectual Property Rights in Digital Education:**

- Use of educational materials without the consent of the copyright holder: Educational materials may be used without the consent of the copyright holder, which could lead to infringement of intellectual property rights<sup>35</sup>.

- Illegal copying of educational materials: Educational materials may be copied illegally, which could deprive the copyright holder of their profits.

- Illegal distribution of educational materials: Educational materials may be distributed illegally, which could lead to the proliferation of pirated copies of educational materials<sup>36</sup>.

#### **Importance of Respecting Intellectual Property Rights:**

- Encouraging creativity and innovation: It is important to respect intellectual property rights to encourage creativity and innovation in education.

- Protecting the rights of copyright holders: It is important to respect intellectual property rights to protect the rights of copyright holders from infringement.

- Ensuring that students have access to high-quality educational materials: It is important to respect intellectual property rights to ensure that students have access to

high-quality educational materials.

## **9. Pioneering Experiences in Digital Education:**

### **Harvard University (USA) Model Using the Blackboard Platform:**

#### **First: History and Development:**

- Harvard University began using the Blackboard platform in 1997.
- Harvard University was one of the first universities to adopt the Blackboard platform on a large scale<sup>37</sup>.
- Since then, the Blackboard platform has become an integral part of the learning experience at Harvard University.
- Harvard University's use of the Blackboard platform has evolved significantly over the past decades.
- Initially, the Blackboard platform was used to deliver lectures and seminars online.

#### **Second: Uses of the Blackboard Platform:**

##### **Delivery of Lectures and Seminars:**

- Recorded lectures: Professors can record their lectures and make them available to students at any time<sup>38</sup>.
- Interactive seminars: Professors can organize interactive online seminars with students through the Blackboard platform<sup>39</sup>.
- Interactive tools: The Blackboard platform provides interactive tools such as polls, questions, and discussions.

##### **Providing Educational Materials:**

- Diverse educational materials: Professors can upload educational materials such as e-books, articles, audio files, and videos.
- Digital libraries: The Blackboard platform provides digital libraries containing a wide range of educational materials<sup>40</sup>.
- Organizational tools: The Blackboard platform provides tools for organizing and sorting educational materials by subject or date.

#### **Conducting Tests and Assessments:**

- Online tests: Professors can create online tests and assess student performance.
- Different types of questions: The Blackboard platform provides different types of questions such as multiple-choice questions, short answer questions, and essay questions<sup>41</sup>.
- Formative assessment: The Blackboard platform provides tools for formative assessment to track student progress and provide feedback.

#### **Organizing Discussion Groups:**

- Discussion forums: Professors can create online discussion forums to discuss course-related topics.
- Workgroups: Students can work together in online groups to discuss projects and assignments<sup>42</sup>.
- Collaboration tools: The Blackboard platform provides collaboration tools such as chat rooms and file sharing.

#### **Communication between Students and Teachers:**

- Email for communication between students and teachers: Students and teachers can communicate with each other within the Blackboard platform<sup>43</sup>.
- Chat rooms for communication between students and teachers: Students and teachers can communicate with each other in real time through chat rooms.
- Social media tools: The Blackboard platform provides social media tools such as forums and discussion groups.

#### **Third: Impact of the Blackboard Platform:**

##### **Improving Education Quality:**

- Interaction: The Blackboard platform helps improve interaction between students and teachers through various interactive tools.
- Participation: The Blackboard platform

helps increase student participation in the educational process through online discussion groups and projects<sup>44</sup>.

- Self-learning: The Blackboard platform helps promote self-learning by providing online educational materials and progress assessments.

#### **Fourth: Statistics:**

- The Blackboard platform is used by over 100 million students worldwide.

- The Blackboard platform is used by over 90% of top universities in the United States.

- Studies have shown that using the Blackboard platform can lead to a 10%-15% improvement in student grades.

#### **University of Birmingham (UK) Model Using the Moodle Platform:**

##### **First: History:**

- 2002: The Moodle platform was first launched.

- 2003: The University of Birmingham began using the Moodle platform.

- 2005: The University of Birmingham model using Moodle was launched.

- 2010: The University of Birmingham model was updated to include new features such as social learning and the e-portfolio.

- 2015: The University of Birmingham 2.0 model was launched with a new user interface and improved features.

- 2020: The University of Birmingham 3.0 model was launched with new features such as smart learning and virtual reality.

##### **Second: Uses of the Moodle Platform:**

##### **Delivery of Lectures and Seminars:**

- Recorded lectures: The platform enables professors to record their lectures and make them available to students at any time.

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**Third: Impact of the Moodle Platform: Improving Education Quality:**

- Interaction: The Moodle platform has helped improve interaction between students and teachers through various interactive tools.

- Participation: The Moodle platform has helped increase student participation in the educational process through online discussion groups and projects.

- Self-learning: The Moodle platform has helped promote self-learning by providing online educational materials and progress assessments.

**Fourth: Statistics:**

- The Moodle platform is used by over 150 million students worldwide.

- The Moodle platform is used by over 100,000 educational institutions worldwide<sup>50</sup>.

- Studies have shown that using the Moodle platform can lead to a 5%-10% improvement in student grades.

**10. Similarities and Differences between the Harvard University and the University of Birmingham Models in Using Digital Education Platforms:**

**Similarities:**

- **Both use digital education platforms:**

- Harvard University: Blackboard platform

- University of Birmingham: Moodle platform

- **Both use the platforms to deliver:**

- Online lectures and seminars

- Online educational materials

- Online tests and assessments

- Online discussion groups

- Communication between students and

teachers

- **Both aim to:**

- Improve the quality of education

- Provide educational opportunities for all

- Increase interaction between students and teachers

- Promote self-learning

**Differences:**

- **Platform type:**

- Harvard University: Commercial platform

- University of Birmingham: Open-source platform

- **History:**

- Harvard University: Started using Blackboard in 1997

- University of Birmingham: Started using Moodle in 2002

**11. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

- The digital divide is defined as the unequal access to and use of information and communication technology<sup>51</sup>.

- The digital divide negatively impacts distance education, participation in the digital economy, communication among members of different communities, and the delivery of electronic government services.

- Addressing the digital divide requires a collaborative effort from governments, educational institutions, the private sector, and the community.

- Algorithmic bias is defined as a phenomenon in which algorithms produce results that are unfair or discriminatory against certain groups of people<sup>52</sup>.

- Algorithmic bias can occur due to bias in the data or bias in the algorithm itself.

- Algorithmic bias poses a threat to digital education by reinforcing negative stereotypes and marginalizing certain groups of students.

- Algorithmic bias can be addressed by developing more equitable algorithms and

training teachers on how to recognize and address bias.

- Students with special needs face technical, cognitive, and social challenges in digital education.

- Ensuring accessibility requires solutions such as developing appropriate educational tools and training teachers on how to meet the needs of these groups.

- Examples of solutions include screen reader software, speech recognition software, accessible educational content, and user-friendly interfaces<sup>53</sup>.

- The risks of collecting student personal data include commercial use without student consent, exposure to hacking or cyberattacks, and misuse of data by unauthorized parties.

- Protecting student privacy is essential to protect them from exploitation, build trust between students and educational institutions, and ensure that all students have equal opportunities<sup>54</sup>.

- Cybersecurity is an important element in protecting personal data, ensuring the continuity of the educational process, and protecting the reputation of educational institutions.

#### **Harvard University Model:**

- Harvard University has been using the Blackboard platform since 1997, and it has become an integral part of the university's learning experience.

- The Blackboard platform is used to deliver lectures and seminars, provide educational materials, conduct tests and assessments, organize discussion groups, and facilitate communication between students and teachers.

- The Blackboard platform has helped improve the quality of education, increase student engagement, and promote self-learning.

#### **University of Birmingham Model:**

- The University of Birmingham has been using the Moodle platform since 2002, with continuous updates and developments.

- The Moodle platform is used to deliver lectures and seminars, provide educational materials, conduct tests and assessments, organize discussion groups, and facilitate communication between students and teachers.

- The Moodle platform has helped improve the quality of education, increase student engagement, and promote self-learning.

#### **Potential Benefits of Digital Education in Algeria:**

##### **Addressing the Digital Divide:**

- Investing in digital infrastructure: Expanding internet access, improving its quality, and reducing its costs.

- Providing ICT devices: Distributing laptops and tablets to students and establishing computer centers in rural areas.

- Developing digital literacy programs: Training students and teachers on how to use ICT.

- Enhancing collaboration among various stakeholders: Engaging the government, private sector, and civil society in addressing the digital divide.

##### **Addressing Algorithmic Bias:**

- Developing fairer algorithms: Employing techniques like fair machine learning to ensure algorithms do not discriminate against certain groups of students.

- Training teachers to recognize and address bias: Empowering them to evaluate digital educational materials and ensure they are free from bias.

- Promoting diversity and inclusion in data used for algorithm development: Ensuring all student groups are represented in the data.

#### **Ensuring Accessibility for Students**

### **with Special Needs:**

- Developing appropriate educational tools: Such as screen readers, speech recognition software, and accessible educational content.

- Training teachers to meet the needs of these groups: Enabling them to use appropriate educational tools and provide necessary support to students with special needs.

- Providing an inclusive learning environment: Ensuring all components of the educational process are accessible to students with special needs.

### **Protecting Students' Personal Data:**

- Enacting laws and regulations to protect personal data: Ensuring data is collected and used responsibly.

- Raising awareness among students and teachers about personal data collection risks: Educating them on how to protect their personal data.

- Employing cybersecurity techniques to protect data: Ensuring it is not vulnerable to hacking or cyberattacks.

### **Leveraging Experiences of Leading Universities in Digital Education:**

- Evaluating different digital education platforms: Such as Blackboard and Moodle and identifying the most suitable platform for Algerian educational needs.

- Developing local digital education platforms: Tailored to the needs of Algerian students and teachers.

- Collaborating with leading universities in digital education: Sharing expertise and knowledge and developing joint educational programs.

## **12. CONCLUSION**

To achieve effective and equitable digital education in Algeria, the digital divide, algorithmic bias, accessibility for all, student data protection, and leveraging experiences

of leading universities in digital education must be addressed. This requires:

- Investing in digital infrastructure, providing ICT devices, developing digital literacy programs, and enhancing collaboration among various stakeholders.

- Developing fairer algorithms, training teachers to recognize and address bias, and promoting diversity and inclusion in data used for algorithm development.

- Developing appropriate educational tools for students with special needs, training teachers to meet the needs of these groups, and providing an inclusive learning environment.

- Enacting laws and regulations to protect personal data, raising awareness among students and teachers about personal data collection risks, and employing cybersecurity techniques to protect data.

- Evaluating different digital education platforms, developing local digital education platforms, and collaborating with leading universities in digital education.

By implementing these steps, Algeria can build an effective and equitable digital education system that contributes to achieving the desired progress in various fields.

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