

Digital divide

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It has been defined as '*the differential access to, and use of the internet according to gender, income, race, and location*'.

In an overview of digital divide research Norris (2001) has proposed that it is important to distinguish between

(1)The global divide or differential internet access between nations is based on access to networked ICT infrastructures, computers, and information transmission capacity.



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(2)The social divide or the gap within a nation in terms of access to the internet as a means of social engagement.

Critics of digital divide concepts argue that inequalities related to new media involve more than access, but also include opportunities to participate effectively in the online environment.