

Plagiarism in Western Culture, various ways of plagiarism occurs and steps to avoid it-

Plagiarism -

Plagiarism is the stealing or using intellectual properties such as ideas, results, words and sentences without giving its credit to the author or source. Here intellectual properties means property that derives from the work of the mind or intellect. Academic integrity is a key term related to plagiarism which means that all academic work should results from individuals own effects. There is a law in US which considers original ideas as intellectual properties and they are protected by copy right laws. Using someone's image, audio or video without their permission or without providing citation is also considered as a plagiarism.

Plagiarism in Western Culture-

In western culture plagiarism is taken very seriously because stealing or cheating about the academic work is a crime here. Academic honesty is very important in the western culture compared to non-western culture. I was a student of a non-western culture till my undergraduates and I am experiencing a huge difference here. In my undergraduates, I used to copy assignments, codes from my friends or we used to complete assignments in groups. But in the western culture I have to do it by own. During my masters I am doing my own efforts on assignments and as a result, I am understanding concepts better and it will definitely help in my future.

Various ways of Plagiarism –

There are 4 ways in which plagiarism occurs. First is to steal someone's idea and pass it off as owns. Second is to present a new idea which is derived from an existing source. Third is to use others work without crediting the author or source and fourth is to steal from a literature source or to copy others written work.

There are 10 forms mentioned by Purneet goyal, Manpreet kaur and Ashutosh pandey in their paper “positive impacts of plagiarism awareness seminar: a case study” which are Cloning, Copying, Replace, Remix, Recycling, Hybrid, Mashup, false reference, Aggregator, Re-post. These forms can be used to do a plagiarism.

Steps to avoid Plagiarism –

The best way to prevent plagiarism is to come up with original ideas and give reference to the source from where the idea is used. There are many ways we can avoid plagiarism.

Citation and paraphrase can be used to avoid plagiarism. Citation includes the name of author, date of publication and source from where the information was taken. And while paraphrasing we have to express the meaning of the content using different words to achieve clarity and we have to give credits also. Accurate referencing is also very important thing to avoid plagiarism in academic work. Citation and references are very similar to each other.

There is an anti-plagiarism system available. There are various algorithms designed to check whether an article has been plagiarized or not. Those systems can tell us that how many words are 80% similar in two different articles, and the plagiarism percentages of the article.

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