ABSTRACT

Adolescence is a developmental phase characterized by significant biological,

psychological, cognitive, and social changes, often accompanied by decreased self-

confidence and increased vulnerability to body image issues. Negative body image is

common among teenagers, with girls often struggling with societal pressures to

conform to thin ideals, and boys facing pressures to achieve muscular physiques.

Despite the growing awareness of body positivity, many teens still misunderstand it,

seeing it only as self-acceptance rather than a broader movement for inclusivity and

respect for all body types. This research focuses on creating digital comic media to

educate teenagers, aged 15-18, about the true meaning of body positivity through

Instagram. The aim is to improve their understanding and acceptance of diverse body

types, addressing misconceptions and promoting healthier self-perceptions. To

mitigate the risks the lack of not knowing the meaning of body positivity, it is essential

to provide resources and educational materials on how to practice body positivity

effectively. The proposed Digital Comic aims to empower young individuals to

embrace self-acceptance and confidence without succumbing to harmful positivity.

Keywords: Body positivity, Self-acceptance, Digital Comic

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