

Social Media Discourse Analysis on Work Skills

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Abstract

Career readiness among graduates has become an intense focus for higher learning institutions. Employers and industry leaders became more vocal on social media in highlighting the incapability of graduates to confront the skill mismatch and imbalance between the university and fundamental work skills. Along with declining labour markets and devaluation of degree qualifications as among the impacts of the COVID-19 slump and digitalisation, universities are pressured to enhance their graduates' employability. Virtual communities widely use social media to exchange ideas, making it a rich database. Social media material conversion into information, key concepts, and topics is essential for knowledge and strategy creation. The study aims to explore the debatable work skills on social media content, and the exploration provides a possible framework for work demand-driven education. The methodology used for the Analysis is Fairclough's three-dimensional model of Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA), which comprehensively disseminates qualitative data. The three components: description, interpretation, and explanation, were used to examine the posts of selected users through the angle of future work skills. Results show that a mainstream discourse describes human skills (communication), technical skills, and conceptual skills that help employees thrive in their careers in the brittle, anxious, nonlinear, and incomprehensible (BANI-world) new age of work. Finally, a suggested framework to promote future work skills-related learning is provided for higher staff and learners of higher education.

Keywords: future-work skills, three skill area, BANI-world, multimedia analysis, critical discourse analysis



1. Introduction

Graduate employment is among the significant pursuits for higher learning. Demand-driven education, the third wave of post-secondary education reform, emphasises that university programs serve as traditional highways to employment (Deegan & Martin, 2018). In 2022, 73 million (14.9%) global youth were reportedly unemployed (Li, 2022). Countries place greater emphasis on dealing with social risks resulting from unemployment. Through the 14th Five-year Plan, China puts forward measures to support higher learning graduates by entering the rural economy and business start-ups (Li, 2022). A needing situation also presents among employed graduates. The Department of Statistics Malaysia has confirmed that in 2021, Malaysians' median salary was RM2,250. The amount is too low considering the cost of living in the city is high. One of the reasons Malaysians are underpaid is the deficient creation of high-skilled jobs. The decline in high-skilled job opportunities has spurred an imbalance in graduates' employment.

Over the last decade, Malaysia has produced 151,000 graduates yearly. Based on the recent Graduate Tracer Study by the Ministry of Higher Education and Khazanah Research Institute, 95% of young employees who work in unskilled jobs are overqualified. Another reason for low pay is skill mismatch that is highly attributed to communication skills (spoken and written expression), social skills (social orientation and perceptiveness), and physical aptitudes (stamina). These reasons complement Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) that employers lamented skill imbalances in graduates. This instance is evidence of companies refusing to pay for skillsets they do not need. While many studies and experts suggest inequality and the need for a new economic strategy, but primarily only gripe with no urgent solution or at least offer a model that starts the ball rolling for the education-labour market reform model.

Artificial Intelligence is among the factors that raise work design questions. Elimination of certain jobs, digitalisation and automatisation require understanding of how humans should engage with machines (Gagne et al., 2022). In 20 years, the ever-changing world is described by the emergence of novel terms that put forward guidelines in the face of uncertainties of an increasingly digitalised and interconnected ecosystem. We are presented with at least three novel models to understand the current state, namely the SPOD (steady, predictable, ordinary, and definite), VUCA (volatile, unpredictable, complex, and ambiguous), and recently BANI (brittle, anxious, nonlinear, and incomprehensible). These terms are commonly constituted with sustainability concepts and other quests for growth and productivity around technology adoption and the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR).

The 4IR, or the Fourth Industrial Revolution, conceptualised by the technological revolution, alters how we work, live, and socialise. Skills of the future, such as artificial intelligence, data science, and machine learning, have become fundamental (Mitchell & Guile, 2021). The changes are not paved over by a system that fits everyone's needs, and it is less clear how the revolution could be integrated into the existing university curricula. In trying to ensure the relevance of university graduates, higher learning institutions and researchers need to accept the idea of acting and adapting to the changes. University needs to understand how it has

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changed the patterns and courses of the world of work. The world has advanced significantly, and the past has taught us that a future in which self-organising teams, automation, and outsourcing replace the human resource function could exist. It is not difficult to see a world where the competition for top talent is so intense that the most talented workers need personal agents to manage their careers. The goal is to continue to be ready for that future.

In response to increasing pressure from governments and employer groups, universities have adopted a range of generic skill-based learning outcomes, which, when embedded into degree programs, are expected to increase graduate employability and improve graduate employment outcomes. In addition, many universities now include internships, work placements, and international study in their programmes to enhance graduate employment prospects. However, this somewhat instrumental approach to graduate employability does not consider other critical factors.

Sometime in recent years, literature still draws on skills mismatches that hinders a demonstrable level of work-readiness. This concern has been under-facilitated, or it could be that tertiary education has failed to keep up with the changes (Aljohani et al., 2022; Clarke, 2018; Yunus & Yusuf, 2019). Although this literature is discerning, it hardly values insightful graduates' employability issues, and standpoints transcended from real-world applications. Social media sites are rich with social intelligence data. The dramatic use of social media to express views has dramatically reformed how people build networking, decision-making, information-seeking, and connecting to the intended audience (Xie & Chao, 2022). The unexploited view from the real-world application causes a lacuna that limits our understanding of the skills or graduate attributes required by employers.

This article, thus, critically reviews the viewpoints of professionals, managers, leaders, or career coaches (later addressed as practitioners) on the skillsets to improve graduates' resilience for a thriving and high-performing workforce. Besides those with potential, influential people or industry leaders dove into LinkedIn to share their professional reality virtually. They usually stand out of the crowd within a specific niche with an inconceivable number of connections or followers.

The intent to raise the employability of university graduates must also consider employers' or hiring professionals' side of things, such as their approach and attitude to hiring and reviewing job applications so the university yields effectively. Professional social media sites such as LinkedIn have made their valuable views based on the comments, posts, articles, or documents these industry leaders or career coaches shared. This article captured their insights on the skills or attributes from their social media posts. The data from multimedia benefits the study of its interactivity through interpersonal interaction and human-computer interaction. The interaction on social media is conceived as an essential stimulus for users' internal perception and intentional response through the multi-faceted concepts (engagement and real-time conversation) unavailable in traditional media (Zhu et al., 2022). Also, drawing on the broader work skills literature, this article develops a framework that integrates the three-skill approach and the BANI concept that describes the current world—to help explore and elucidate the idea of future work skills.



2. Research Background

Recently, a revitalised interest in the skills approach for work proficiency has emerged. Since the early 1990s, many studies have contended that an employee's effectiveness depends on the employee's ability to solve complex organisational problems. Future-ready graduates are critical to the world of work or an organisation.

2.1 Social Media Discourse Analysis

Internet-based applications known as social media are created using the conceptual and technical underpinnings of Web 2.0. User-generated material can be made and shared using social media (Lai & To, 2015). Social media converts broadcast monologues (i.e., one-to-many) into social media conversations using the Internet and web-based technology (i.e., many-to-many). Social media allows individuals to communicate ideas, emotions, opinions, and experiences with other users through uploading photos, videos, music, images, and texts (Lai & To, 2015; Turban et al., 2015). The exponential growth of social media, particularly social networking sites, online forums, instant messaging services, and mobile platforms, has led to widespread use. For example, in a notable LinkedIn article by Petrone (2019), the author sheds light on the top skills pursued by companies and presents insights on how individuals can acquire and develop these skills. The author's insights serve as a valuable resource for work searchers looking to understand the skills most desired by employers. Based on the article, for instance, they can focus on developing and enhancing communication, leadership, collaboration, adaptability, and critical thinking skills, and can position themselves as highly sought-after applicants in the evolving job market.

While allowing users to make educated decisions, social media helps governments and organisations to interact with the public. Social media data serves as a platform for observing changing attitudes toward essential or provocative issues, which is broadly used in research across disciplines. The impact of social media on the education and business landscapes and the extent of its influence in voicing out thoughts and exchanging information is remarkable. (Xie & Chao, 2022). Researchers have created sophisticated tools for a variety of social media data and applications such as document clustering, text mining and application of model from latent semantic Analysis (Aggarwal & Wang, 2011; Hu & Liu, 2012).

2.2 Katz's Three-Skill Approach

Future-ready human skills are among the beneficial components of career readiness. Human or interpersonal skills are critical for success; they improve efficiency and boost enthusiasm at work (Kruchina et al., 2020). According to Daniel Katz, managing the workforce is closely aligned with human-centred skills and is essential at all three management levels (top, middle, and low or supervisory) in Katz's Three-Skill Approach (Katz, 1974). Thus, future-ready human skills will contribute impactful solutions to the organisation.

According to Katz (1974), human capabilities require attention and communication with others, conceptual abilities involve abstract concepts or ideas, and technical capabilities are essential to producing services and goods in a business. Employment requires different skills in the current economy, and human skills continue to be crucial despite how technology is



increasingly intelligent. Human skills, sometimes referred to as soft skills, enhance interpersonal relationships, such as compassion, authenticity, and empathy. Human skills in management, therefore, include skills that are effective in dealing with colleagues and customers.

In addition to human skills, technical and conceptual skills are also critical to employability. Depending on the level of employment and the industry, these skills change; for example, seeing the organisation's big picture is a conceptual skill. Financial Analysis may be an example of technical skill and communicating a project to a customer is an example of human skills.

Lately, research that tries to chart the future of work and employment has hardly examined technical skills. Studies have shown that technology-infused economy and the world of work have made technical skills less required in an organisation as compared to other 21st-century skills such as information literacy, the 5Cs of 21st-century skills (communication, cognition, collaboration, contextualisation, and creativity, or the four clusters of ability (problem-solving, analytical, critical thinking, and reasoning) (Mayer, 2021; Pang, 2018; Yunus & Yusuf, 2019). Recent studies also examined team collaboration between humans and machines and the skills the workforce needs to work with devices. It was found that human and machine collaboration can be enhanced by choosing staff with personal qualities like an openness to new experiences, a tolerance for ambiguity, and a strong inclination to trust (Dubrow & Orvis, 2020). Humans can adopt a different perspective to comprehend how machines make judgements. Hence, increasingly intelligent technology has caused us to have human and machine skills on top of human skills.

Higher learning institutions dedicate significant teaching and learning time to technical skills specific to a particular program. Mastery of technical skills means that a person has the knowledge and specific competencies in the activities specific to a workplace's rules, products, services, and standard operating procedures (Katz, 1974). Students' competency and mastery are one of the curricular learning goals globally (Anderson-Levitt & Gardinier, 2021). For instance, Competency-based Education (CBE) promotes that students demonstrate specific competencies or mastery. CBE emphasises a flexible pace to allow students to accelerate through content they already know and take their time to master at a more granular level. Hence, it is worth expanding on technical skills to upskill and connect learners to employment.

Conceptual skills refer to the capacity to understand an organisation as a whole or to adopt a systematic perspective (Northouse, 2012). Understanding the interdependence of an organisation's multiple activities and how changes to one element would influence the others are examples of conceptual skills. They go beyond that to visualise the connection between the organisation and the country's overall political, social, and economic forces and its industry, community, and political forces (Katz, 1974).

2.3 The Changing World: BANI

The rise of new global models that incorporate sustainability themes is something we are



currently witnessing. Over the course of twenty years, our concept of the world has notably evolved at least three times: SPOD-, VUCA-, and BANI-world. The VUCA (volatile, unpredictable, complex, and ambiguous) world model casts doubt on the conventional notion of sustainability (Lushyn & Sukhenko, 2022). In a situation of volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity, organisations were long guided by the VUCA concept. In a world constantly changing and becoming more interconnected and digital, the phrase primarily serves to provide meaning in the face of uncertainty. However, the COVID-19 pandemic produced a situation for which even VUCA seemed inadequate. The continuing pandemic's worldwide events cannot help but impact individuals who may exhibit symptoms of external turbulence and environmental change. BANI, a new acronym, resulted from this. These two concepts were intended to explain the era's discontent, including the Cold War's aftermath and the Covid-19 outbreak.

It is helpful to summarise the current situation in a world undergoing constant change. BANI helps us get ready for new circumstances by enabling us to view things from a different angle.

- Brittle stresses that businesses are fragile and prone to experience sudden disruptions.
- Anxiousness describes the worry brought on by a persistent need to persevere in professional life.

• Nonlinear is the phrase employed due to a gap caused by time unpredictability; events occur separately and disproportionately. This volatility is why long-term planning is challenging for businesses.

• Incomprehensible refers to when we search for solutions; the results may lead to misunderstandings or be absurd. We risk losing dominance at this moment.

In conclusion, BANI clarifies the predicament that organisations or work in the future must face following COVID-19.

3. Methodology

The study attempts to achieve a better understanding and actionable insights. Analyses were conducted on the concepts of future work skills based on the lived experiences of the industry leaders. Content analysis provides a systematic and describes a phenomenon by making informed inferences from data using categories. It allows for an extensive range of categories to be created to reflect participant responses. This paper employs Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA), as presented by Fairclough (2013), to explore their insights. The qualitative data from CDA suits the aim of the study, which is to identify interesting patterns from a wide range of positions (Baker and Levon, 2015). Discourse analysis focuses analysis on language in context. The context of language is situated in the social world, including the roles the people play in society, cultural activities, and material, cognitive, and political that they engage in (Hoepfner, 2010). On the other hand, language serves, at the very basics, two functions: to create or reflect context.

Fairclough is regarded as a forerunner in CDA and an established force in academia for over



twenty years that acknowledges matters of linguistic organisation and expands additional dimensions (Poole, 2010). This systematic CDA analysis is chosen for this study for its emphasis on describing the language and propositions, and one of the dimensions of the Analysis focuses on drawing in theories and applying the concept in engaged social practices. In Fairclough's CDA, discourse from texts is critically and systematically dissected in three dimensions, as described in Figure 1.



Figure 1. Fairclough's (1995) three-dimensional model (Hoepfner, 2010)

Fairclough's three-dimensional model for CDA includes

1) Description: the text analysis phase of the formal components of text which Fairclough (2003) describes as an authentic instance of spoken or written language form

2) Interpretation: the process of production and reception analysis phase of the relationship between interaction and text (as the product and resource in the interpretation process)

3) Explanation: the representation of the social analysis phase in which the relationship between social context and interaction is explained

This study uses Fairclough's three-dimensional model as the analytical framework to decode the current and future work skills as exposed by the practitioners of the industries. T According to Tariq, Zolkepli and Mahyuddin (2022), in social media-oriented research, exploration on online perspectives of participants as serving their possible behavioural response or outcome. he first two steps, description, and interpretation are typically combined to present the ideas openly.

LinkedIn, the most popular professional networking site, was used as the source of texts from social media content. Then, groups or categories of common information were created. The structure developed in the existing work-skills literature served as the category's foundation. The categories were susceptible to adjustment during the investigation as part of the listing



process, which was iterative.

The absolute or inter-rater agreement on the categories was sought. In all the categories that were developed, the consensus was 93%. The consensus' validity was examined by re-examining the categories and comparing them to the media content that had been extracted. The selection of specific examples from each category is necessary at this stage. In order to distil their social media content, categories derived from the framework were interpreted.

4. Results and Discussion

Social media analysis includes finding and recognising the relationships and data flow between people, groups, organisations, and other related information entities. The network nodes are the groups and people, while the links represent the relationships between the nodes. It analyses human relationships through visual and quantitative means. Throughout three dimensions of Analysis, this qualitative study identified network activity by the connections the nodes have directly, distinguished centralised network or central nodes and removing unconnected sub-networks to reach data congruence or the hub.

In the present study, data from people that are centralised to common professional experience duration and ranks in an organisation or industry were identified. Table 1 tabulates people or social media users (industry practitioners) who are identified to explore their discourse on work skills.

Professional	Current position	Sector	Education (highest)	Work/ professional experience duration
P1	Manager	Agriculture	Master of Science	Over 25 years
P2	Executive	Power and utilities	Bachelor of Accounting	Over 10 years
P3	Chief Executive	Technology	Doctor of Philosophy in	Over 30 years
	Officer	programmes	Engineering	
P4	Manager	Construction	Bachelor's in Biotechnology	Over 15 years
Р5	Founder of digital agency	Digital marketing/ information and communication	Bachelor's in Engineering	Over 20 years
P6	Chief Executive Officer	Real estate and business services	Bachelor of Arts	Over 30 years

Table 1. Users

From the textual perspective, the wording, and themes in the 25 excerpts of social media content were examined. The words or phrases that are being concentrated on are likely to convey the practitioners' perspective on the attributes and skills required in their organisations and current workforces worldwide. Additionally, future work-related themes were examined to demonstrate how they reveal the demands and needs of the BANI world.



A similar pattern was discovered in their posts, meaning that the theoretical saturation is reached. Ritchie and Lewis (2003) suggested that it is ideal for accumulating information until the Analysis achieves theoretical saturation, as further investigation will not guarantee an additional revelation of the issue. At the description dimension, their authentic posts regarding three attributes job hunters need to make them employable and future workplaces and employers' demands were extracted. As depicted in the following figure, the skills are described accordingly.

Professional	Technical skills	Human skills	Conceptual skills
P1	 Industry specific Mathematic for prediction Technological skill 	 Proficiency in English for communication Interpersonal skills/ ability to co-exist together in diversity Leading by example 	 Determination to learn even after being ridiculed Innovative to create an automatic method Setting direction for those who are keen to follow
Ρ2	• Keyboard shortcuts to automate work/ to sort and filter data	 (strive to prove yourself first) Use sophisticated vocabulary for communication with clients, and stakeholders, during interviews and presentations Build connections and be helpful Volunteer 	 Set career goals Proactive in materialising the goal Set career strategies
Р3			 Set a direction and speed up Be competitive (public pressure is good) Generate value for organisation Speak up
P4	 Both technical and verbal skills Use A.I. tools to fit job roles Seek upskilling 	 Empathy and appealing to emotion Be persuasive and manipulative (ignite interest and incite movement) Resolve conflicts with colleagues Communications skills: active listening, effective communicator (still appealing 	 Learn from mistakes Goal-driven but flexible Choose peace of mind

Table 2. Content on employability skills

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		to emotions)	
P5	• Digital marketing	• Entrepreneurs that give	• Understand the WHY (the
	skills	back to society	purpose) and HOW (the
	• Value creator	 Spread positivity 	differentiator) rather than the WHAT
	• Create brands that	• Lasting, authentic	(the product or service)
	evoke emotions and	relationships	Be visionary
	personality		• Be creative
			• Be persistence
			• Do the hard jobs
			• Know your worth
			• Challenge the status quo
			• Be adaptable and focused
P6	Holistic education	• Interest in people's	• Learn critical life skills (such as
		development/ empowerment	swimming) besides academics while
			at university
			• Perform opportunity
			assessment in decision making

To comprehend how future work may be characterised by brittleness, anxiousness, nonlinear, and incomprehensible (BANI) because these characteristics embody fundamental worries about the future and what they mean for relationships between people in the evolving workplace context, the discussion on the findings is centralised on the primary forms of work skills.

4.1 Technical Skills

Technical skills are the specialised knowledge and proficiency needed to carry out particular activities and use particular equipment and programmes in practical settings. Almost every sector and industry needs a wide range of technical abilities. P1, in the agricultural sector, a combination of physical work by humans and mathematics is required to calculate each process of producing an end product. For example, precise estimation is necessary to know when an agricultural product is ready to be harvested and for quality control. Most of the processes are manual work done by humans. In line with the focus on imparting skills that matter in the workplace, P1 suggested that universities and research centres may fundamentally look into the possibility of automation in determining when the product is ready for the following process until the final stage of producing or manufacturing the agriculture product.

The primary goal of computer technology is to speed up work. Proficiency in technology and keyboard shortcuts is a great method to automate work, increase productivity, and data filtration for handling big data (P1; P2). Hence, it is incumbent on higher learning institutions to make an effort to tilt the odds in favour of the soon-to-be graduating students by providing a holistic education that focuses on all skills (P6).



4.2 Human Skills

The practitioners identified that coaching is one of the essential skills for getting the best out of the workforce. Interest in workforce development or empowerment (P2; P6;) such as active listening, especially when resolving conflicts (P4), and being empathetic (P4; P5). Employees will feel encouraged in their advancement if effective communication is present in the workplace (P1; P2; P4). Paying attention to interpersonal communication, such as persuasion and manipulation (P2; P4), advantages the organisation that may result from co-existence in diversity (P1), including increased interest and innovation (P4).

Human skills or the ability to relate to others includes genuinely caring for others by giving back to society and maintaining a good relationship with the customers (P6). Especially in marketing, despite digitalisation, connection with humans needs to last (P6) and prioritising personality in product creation. P.I. highlighted that in creating values, a visionary entrepreneur puts customers' needs first and products that could evoke emotions.

Leading by example can foster goal achievement when in charge of a project or a team (P1). Leaders model the conduct they want their team to exhibit by showing the strategy (P2) rather than merely encouraging team members to strive for it.

4.3 Conceptual Skills

The ability to see an organisation's big picture is referred to as having conceptual skills. Workforces can consider why they are undertaking a project before getting started, how it ties to the organisation, and how it affects the surrounding environment. Setting direction and goal driven is crucial to foster work progress (P1; P2; P4). Setting strategies include understanding the organisational purpose and the uniqueness and values of the services or products rather than merely what the organisations produce (P5; P6).

As described by the practitioners, strategic planning is the ongoing organisational process of using the information at hand to outline a company's desired course. This procedure is intended to set priorities, allocate resources wisely, align shareholders and staff, and guarantee that corporate objectives are supported by factual justification.

The probabilities unfolded are evidence that future employment is susceptible to more changes. The workforce needs to be competitive, proactive, innovative, and visionary (P1; P2; P3; P4; P5) to tilt the balance by being adaptable, staying calm, and persistent despite being ridiculed (P1; P5; P6). Interestingly as highlighted by P5, Henry Ford envisioned they needed a car before the first car was invented. Apple was invented as a personal computer for everyday people who did not know it would be a device they needed. This factor makes up the biggest challenge in entrepreneurship, to imagine a market that does not exist.

As for creativity, the current and future generations should not take work as a routine only through this they can increase creativity (P1; P2; P6). Being creative is essential to solving clients' challenges and fixing problems.



4.4 The Constructed Meaning Through Employability Skills and BANI-World

The CDA deployed in the study provides new-fangled information on the potential convergence of the trends in work and education. While the pathways to employment may not be linear, the original perspectives from the remarkable industry practitioners and leaders offer another (if not complete) spectrum of how to reconfigure a demand-driven education. By considering the emerging routes to employment driven by the global economy, industry, and automation, the findings responded to the entangled trends from three skill areas. These relevant skills exemplify the reactions to the contests of the overwhelming new world or the BANI world.

Higher levels of dependency on digitalisation and artificial intelligence (A.I.) do not make the call for eradicating all tasks. Technical abilities that require specialised education for manual laboring do not fall into disuse. Manual labour is often associated with semiskilled or unskilled workers. Although AI and work automation can be applied to nearly any job, humans still need to acquire a wide range of technical abilities. This accords with earlier observations that AI could perform most jobs in most industries, yet not all tasks could be replaced (Gagne et al., 2022). Technical abilities are the specialised knowledge and proficiency in a particular activity and using specific equipment and programmes in practical settings. Many entry-level jobs across industries call for fundamental technology abilities, such as using Google Drive for cloud computing, keyboard shortcuts, and accessing social media sites. Similarly, Lazim, Mahmoon and Tosho (2023) assert that proficiency in computer skills is essential so staff may better grasp how to operate and monitor the everchanging system, including work planning and decision-making, which later contributes to the enhancement of the quality and the overall performance of the organisation.

Programming languages, technical writing, and data analysis are a few examples of more sophisticated technical talents that a career may demand.

The nonlinear concept was discussed along with education and training. Thus, essential skills for the workplace of the future are the hardest to teach in traditional classroom settings since there is no information on how to encourage their growth on a large scale. The most crucial abilities are also highly contextual, and how they grow on the job will differ significantly from how they develop in a classroom. Instead, in promoting holistic education, educators must experiment with novel approaches to integrating classroom learning with professional experience. Teaching is repetitive but dynamic when intertwined with the outer world—outside the university building. As a result of this transition, educators will need to take on new responsibilities and develop the specialised skills necessary or adopt competency-based education to succeed in the classrooms of the future.

A BANI environment necessitates a concentration on soft skills and relational features, which is consistent with the strategic focus of internal communication (Tanya & Lucinda, 2022). Adaptability is not an isolated skill and has been emphasised in the current education system due to the impacts on academic performance (Awee et al., 2022). Higher levels of uncertainty call for more adaptable behaviours. Social, team-oriented, and network-oriented behaviours are vital to relating critical work aspects. To comprehend how future work might align with



future graduates' or employees' needs, the fundamental ideas in self-determination theory explicated that meeting three psychological demands of competence, autonomy, and relatedness affects job motivation and results. Positive outcomes are more strongly correlated with intrinsic and internalised incentives than with extrinsic and less internalised motives (Gagne & Deci, 2005). The future of work is marked by greater uncertainty and dependency, which may impact these requirements and incentives. The widespread and expensive agreement exists that these parameters require better, but no concrete answers exist (Leahy et al., 2022). Hence, positive organisational culture is widely acknowledged to depend on effective internal communication. Employee engagement and well-being, commonly defined as the precursors of workforce productivity, are influenced by internal communication and organisational culture.

As the COVID-19 epidemic continues to have an unprecedented impact on educational provision, belonging has gained significance in higher education learning contexts. The notion of belonging has gained importance in higher education learning contexts in the anxious world (Press et al., 2022). The findings revealed that in communications, besides workforce empowerment, the nature of the current and future workplace is a good reminder always to be mindful of emotions. Emotions are what turn us inward or away from reality. In some situations, we try to solve issues through our emotional lens. In working with others, emotions have communicative functions that turn tricky when we fail to communicate our feelings and create cascading misinterpretations. Hence, in resolving conflicts and inciting movements (e.g. to achieve organisational goals), make everyone in the organisation feel included, and this can be achieved by practical communication skills or being a persuasive and active listener.

The most fundamental of our psychological and physiological requirements have become almost universally acknowledged as crucial aspects that must be considered and examined in times of disruption, estrangement, and isolation—after all, knowing where, with whom, and how we belong are crucial components of our existence and a key motivator for learning and self-actualization (Press et al., 2022).

5. Conclusion

In this critical discourse analysis on social media content, it was discovered that many subjects on which the available data are inadequate to provide definite judgments. If the following recommendations for research are applied, more logical decisions on the work and future work skills framework will be possible.

Currently, four analytic techniques are available for the effective quantitative determination of components in work skills or the future of work in multimedia content. These techniques utilise Natural Language Processing (NLP), a means of communicating with an intelligent system that uses a natural text. It can be used to carry out various functions on these smart tools. The process of detecting and analysing the original structure of the words in a sentence is known as Lexical Analysis. Syntactic Analysis is the process of identifying the grammar and relationships between the many words accessible. Semantic Analysis can be used to extract the text's exact meaning or dictionary meaning. Alternatively, discourse Integration



for meaning matching and word reinterpretation using Pragmatic Analysis. Given recent developments in machine learning and NLP and the availability of relatively inexpensive tools, continuing research, and development should be conducted to devise a satisfactory approach for analysing work-related and future work skills.

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