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Social Media Does More Good Than Harm

Is social media harmful or beneficial toward the human race? Well, that seems to be the question on many people’s mind at the moment. Over the last 50 years we have seen the rapid growth and development of technology itself, and through this rapid growth social media was born. In 1997 the first social media program was created with the intent for users to create an account and profile to find new friends and people to talk to. That social media program was called 6 Degrees. Since the start of the program, social media has seen exponential growth with hundreds of new social media platforms to share your voice and opinion. Through this debate and assignment to create a video essay I have learned a lot, I have been leaning more to the side of the creativity portion of the core competencies due to the fact that I am not really creative. I prefer to express myself through words but in doing this video essay it has led me to learn how to create a video on my computer through an application I found on the store. Through my research on the video essay, I actually switched sides and I do believe fully that social media at this present time in society that it is mandatory that we have it. If the world were to ban social media right now, I do believe that society will fall. As for me thinking that it is a mandatory thing in our society, I do believe that one day the internet and social media will be the downfall of our society in one way or another. Social media is beneficial to society in many ways. Some of these ways include how you can contact anyone around the world at any time, so for people such as immigrants or international students coming to a new country with no one to look after you, it is always good to call back home and keep in contact with friends and loved ones. Another reason why social media is so important is that it spreads awareness. Social media is on 24/7, there is not one moment in the day that it is off, so spreading awareness at any time of the day about a missing person or a natural disaster that may be imminent is very important for society today. Overall, I think this debate and project was a very eye-opening experience because social media is not something I think about every second of the day and I don’t really question what goes on. Since researching a lot of the beneficial factors on why we have social media has changed my opinion on the topic from how social media is a bad thing to how it is in actuality a good thing for society as a whole. As well as it helped me go out of my comfort zone and for once be creative with a video project because I have never done a video project before.

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