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The Hatred of Technology

When I was growing up, I always heard people constantly insulting my generation on how addicted we are to our phones and how we don't spend enough time outside. They say this even though their parents would let them run across town as a child, but when I was that age I was only allowed to walk 8 houses down the neighborhood when I went outside. Our parents changed from how their parents used to act and this is just another case of the last generation hating on the new generation.

I cannot seem to get away from the constant hatred of technology and how it is "ruining" our generation; how we seem to be at constant blame for being glued to our screens. It is how our society is beginning to function and how we as society are moving forward with the technology. I remember sitting in class when the teacher had nothing to say and we were on our phones or talking to each other and the teacher would pull out random information off of her phone or computer and lecture us on how our electronics socially damages us as a society. There is always the person who decides to blame phones or social media for depression in our society. The same person will just ignore that their generation is to blame for the ridiculous debt that our country is in and the impending environmental disaster that our world is close to facing, but yeah I'm sure it's all phones and social media to blame.

I spend a lot of time online gaming and I'm constantly talking and playing with my friends online through my PS4 (Playstation 4). When you say this to your parents, they would most likely decide that this doesn't count as hanging out with friends and that you're most likely lonely even though you're constantly communicating with your friends. Technology will keep getting better until the point where people will probably not have to leave their houses to work, socialize, or maybe even date. Virtual reality will advance to the point where this will just become a whole new reality for certain people and it may just be the new way for people to meet each other. I view online interaction as a small step towards that and we need to accept this is a true point of interaction between people if we are going to move into a better and more advanced point in technology, we should learn to embrace it by stopping this hatred towards online interaction.

People say that we should memorize information that is online or even written in books but that is such a waste of our precious time as people when this information is so easily accessed online or even in libraries. People demand that our schools teach students cursive, but students should really be spending more time on typing skills, because as I write this essay in 2018 as a 19 year old college student, I can honestly say that my schools have never even attempted to teach me proper typing skills. They have spent a good few weeks on cursive writing and maybe a week on typing skills in elementary school but that is all I have really been exposed to from my school system. I can remember where each key is on the keyboard from typing so many essays through my school career, but they never even attempted to stop and teach me the correct typing position.

People still use cable television which seems inferior to what companies like Netflix or Hulu has to offer for much less, especially if you already have internet for your household. Cable television is full of ads for a program that you are already paying for as opposed to Netflix which gives you your shows ad free as long as you're paying for it. So why would people hold onto cable television even though it is inferior in just about every way? Because people want to hold onto older obsolete ways of life so they can feel high and mighty enough to judge the superior modern day technology.

When it comes to technology our parents changed from how their parents used to act and this is just another case of the last generation hating on the new generations lifestyles. In today's day and age technology only gets more and more impressive at a much more raid rate and it is not surprising that people don't like the direction that it is quickly taking our society. I sadly lack the ability to see the future and say that technology is always for the better, but I can look at modern day society and wonder if a generation of cell phone addicted people is really all that worse than our current society, which is based around gluttony and consumerism.