Summary and Response

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Why Waste Time?

Go Ahead: Waste Time on the Internet is an article about the author's experiences on the internet and their confusion on why people think it is bad. In particular, many people think that the internet destroys people's social abilities. The author argues that it doesn't. They believe it can help make many people more social. Another big topic is that the internet can be a place of opportunity, such as job offerings and friends. Many believe the internet to be a bad place, but the author mentions that the internet isn't one thing; it's many things jumbled together in a confused mess.

Social or Bust?

I don't think the internet makes people less social. This is likely the easiest to prove, as with the internet, humans are now more connected than ever. Before, you had to travel across the country to see grandma. But now, she's just a message or call away, even without a phone number. Minecraft is a very social-oriented game because you can connect with friends that you likely met online and play together.

On that note, the author states that the internet can be a great place, full of opportunity. I also agree on this, because from personal experience, that's how I got most of my jobs. I looked online, found openings, and applied. The internet is essentially just a web of information, and it's a more vast library than every civilization before us had combined. This means that opportunity is intrinsically implied. Not just jobs, but friendships as well. Social media is designed for people to connect, and that's exactly what it does. If it weren't for the internet, I wouldn't have the friends I have now.

Good, Bad, Ugly

Deciding whether something is good or bad is quite the task, as you have to take into consideration every aspect of it. And many people say the blanket statement, "the internet is bad." However, the internet, as the author points out, is such a jumbled mess that you can't truly state whether it's good or bad(Goldsmith, K., *Go Ahead:...the Internet*, p. 401). There are great parts, there are horrible parts. But since the internet is such a vast resource, one cannot simply make a black-or-white statement about it.

In Summation

In summation, the internet isn't the social destroyer people claim it to be. It can be quite useful when wanting to connect people, whether it's a room away or a continent. The opportunities the internet has for you are vast, and so is the content and the internet itself. So go ahead. Waste your time on the internet, because like it or not, the internet is here to stay.

References

They Say, I Say, Goldsmith, K., *Go Ahead: Waste Time on the Internet*, p. 401