**“Go Ahead: Waste Time on the Internet”**

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**Introduction**

As we grow older we rely on the internet more and more. As the years go on each generation is introduced at an earlier age than the last. Parents choose to raise their kids differently of course but that doesn’t change the fact that we all use it. Although some more often than others. Is it a problem? Should we be ashamed of how much we rely on the internet?

**Summary/Response 1**

Is it a crime for us to be on our devices? For us to want to interact with one another or to keep updated on our surroundings? Kenneth Goldsmith has written how the internet has both a negative and positive influence on us today. Truth be told it is not a crime for us to be glued to our devices. This is how we speak to our family and friends so does that make it okay? Is that an acceptable reason to be on the internet? Kenneth writes how his sister-in-law read an article on “devices ruining your child” and so she decided to take action. She began to take her kids' phones and would only give them back if it was for educational purposes. She later asked her son if he had planes with his friends to which he responded “No you took my phone away”. I mean he’s right is he not. She took his phone away so how could he make plans. We as people use the internet to keep contact with one another so how could that be a crime.

**Summary/Response 2**

The internet is not only used for one sole purpose. We as people use it for many different reasons whether that is to get in touch with someone, to read, listen to music or even to just watch videos. So how bad is it that we are on the internet all the time? Why is it okay if it's for research but not okay when we are playing a game? People use the internet how they please and although it is not always for a good reason it is their reason. Kenneth Goldsmith wrote how he walked in on his wife reading a paper on Frederick Douglas from a 171-year-old narrative on her 21st century computer. When he went to say goodnight to her hours later she was still in the same spot and hadn't moved or even lifted her head to respond back. Some may say that’s a bad thing or that she needs a break. But why would that be when she is simply reading. Is it because she hasn't moved or because she isn’t doing research? The internet is here to provide us a type of simplicity to life. It's here to make things easier and to entertain us however we please.

**Summary/Response 3**

With us having access to the internet we are able to see what's going on around us with the tap of a finger. Is it so wrong that we choose to keep updated on our life through social media? We use the internet to show people what's going on in our lives. To keep those around us who aren't nearby updated or checking the news to see what's going on just a street over. Kenneth Goldsmith says that he is told that children who have access to technology early on can view the real world as fake. But he does not believe this to be true because how could what he is posting on Facebook be any less real from what's happening at that moment. Kenneth states that he's not even sure that he could distinguish real from fake. That's not because of the internet but because of the world that we live in now. Being able to have the world be at the palm of your hand isn’t necessarily a bad thing because it just makes things a whole lot easier.

**Conclusion**

With the world changing more day by day the internet is only going to get more advanced. It's not a bad thing to just give in because at the end of the day the world will keep changing even if you don’t decide you wanna change with it. Having the internet handy is good in many ways. You just have to embrace why it’s good for you.

**References**

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