

***Research Questions***

**Child Influencers. Should they be allowed on the internet? How it can affect the child!**

When trying to think about a topic I would be interested in when writing my research paper, I came across the topic of Social Media. I began to brainstorm the aspect of influencers through social media and different questions I had about the topic. I began specifically asking questions leading towards child celebrities, and/ or child influencers. I sparked an interest because recently on my TikTok for you page I've been hearing about certain influencers exploiting their children to get views and make money. Even going as far as posting content of their child in a bath or changing. I feel like the topic of child actors has always been pushed under the rug for years! No matter how many abuse cases or stories occur from it. Social media or child development doesn't really relate to my major in school, it's just an interest of mine. I don't have much prior knowledge on this topic just things I've noticed from watching other creators post about the topic. I know that videos of children that social media influencers post tend to have way more saves than other videos posted without children in them. I know that influencers can make hundreds of thousands of dollars a month by just posting video content alone as long as they are popular. I believe children should not be allowed as influencers on social media. If an app has a certain age limit why can a child still be posted and viewed by other accounts just because it's the parent posting them. I believe parents exploiting their children affects their children tremendously! I believe psychologists should have educated articles on this topic and I believe there will be many opinions on this topic as well. I may also be able to find political articles perhaps on this topic as well.

**Computers; How computers are taking over the automotive industry. AI is being used for schoolwork. How computers have led to more social problems in the newer generations.**

When brainstorming topics for my research paper I came across the topic of computers. I thought about how we have advanced so fast with self-driving cars and the updated technology they put in new models each year. I thought about how the invention of AI (Artificial Intelligence) has led to students possibly beginning to cheat their way through high school or a degree by having a computer write their paper, or do their homework. AI has even been traced to senior phone scams by allowing overseas scammers to sound like relatives and scam them out of money over the phone. I also thought about how computers and video games tend to lead to social anxiety and isolation in teenagers and young adults. This question does relate to my major in college because I'm going for a computer science degree. But it does technically challenge the field I'm studying, instead of helping advocate for it. I know a lot of general information about this topic. For example, we have self-driving cars already but they are very expensive. We also have energy-saving cars and cars that are simply electric not gas, or both. I have seen videos on social media talking about AI programs that can write a paper for you, or summarize a topic for you instantly. I believe even though computers can be harmful, as long as we use them correctly they can help change the world for the better. I feel a lot of newspapers should have articles about this topic. I think I could find information as well from college professors' writings on the topic.