**Pew Research / Abt Associates -- Internet Core Trends Update**

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**PIAL5**. How difficult would it be, if at all, to give up the following things in your life? If you do not use or have the item, just tell me. How hard would it be for you to give up... Would it be very hard, somewhat hard, not too hard, or not hard at all?

a. Your television

b. Your cell phone or smartphone

c. The internet

d. Social media

CATEGORIES

1 Very hard

2 Somewhat hard

3 Not too hard

4 Not hard at all

5 **(VOL.)** Impossible

6 **(VOL.)** Do not use / Do not have

8 **(VOL.)** Don’t know

9 **(VOL.)** Refused

**PIAL9** Thinking about your relationships in general... OVERALL, would you say that...

1. Communicating online with friends and family generally STRENGTHENS those relationships, OR
2. Communicating online with friends and family generally WEAKENS those relationships?
3. **(VOL.)** Both equally
4. **(VOL.)** Neither
5. **(VOL.)** Don’t communicate with friends and family online
6. **(VOL.)** Don’t know
7. **(VOL.)** Refused

**PIAL11.** Overall, when you add up all the advantages and disadvantages of the internet, would you say the internet has mostly been a GOOD thing or a BAD thing for society?

1 Good thing

2 Bad thing

3 **(VOL.)** Some of both

8 **(VOL.)** Don’t know

9 **(VOL.)** Refused

**PIAL12.** How about you, personally? Overall, when you add up all the advantages and disadvantages of the internet, would you say the internet has mostly been for you?

1 Good thing

2 Bad thing

3 **(VOL.)** Some of both

8 **(VOL.)** Don’t know

9 **(VOL.)** Refused

Demographics

A few last questions for statistical purposes only...

**SEX.**

1 Male

2 Female

**AGE**. What is your age?

\_\_\_\_ years [RECORD EXACT AGE 18-96]

97 97 or older

98 Don't know

99 Refused

**EDUC2**. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

1 Less than high school (Grades 1-8 or no formal schooling)

2 High school incomplete (Grades 9-11 or Grade 12 with NO diploma)

3 High school graduate (Grade 12 with diploma or GED certificate)

4 Some college, no degree (includes some community college)

5 Two-year associate degree from a college or university

6 Four-year college or university degree/Bachelor’s degree (e.g., BS, BA)

7 Some postgraduate or professional schooling, no postgraduate degree (e.g. some graduate school)

8 Postgraduate or professional degree, including master’s, doctorate, medical or law degree (e.g., MA, MS, PhD, MD, JD)

98 Don’t know

99 Refused

**INC**. Last year -- that is in 2017 -- what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category...

1 Less than $10,000

2 10 to under $20,000

3 20 to under $30,000

4 30 to under $40,000

5 40 to under $50,000

6 50 to under $75,000

7 75 to under $100,000

8 100 to under $150,000, OR

9 $150,000 or more?

98 **(VOL.)** Don't know

99 **(VOL.)** Refused