

Internet and young people

The Internet has changed our ways of communicating and learning, but has also changed the way people work and have leisure time. There are many advantages to this technology, but every advantage has its drawbacks. For every single person that benefits from the internet's advantages in bringing people together, there are others that suffer from its capacity of alienating and putting one against another.

In the case of young people, the drawbacks can vastly outgrow the advantages. Even though it gives them the greatest of opportunities for entertainment and knowledge, the meteoric rise of social media and the easy access of people with ill intent to these platforms is causing a lot of toxic and harmful habits, misinformation and other socially dangerous practices.

For instance, even though fads have been a part of human history since forever, the nearly instantaneous access to them nowadays, and the social pressures every young person faces daily, means that a lot of harmful behaviors can spread at alarming rates. The fact that someone doesn't follow a fad is viewed nowadays as something more negative than ever before.

But not everything is as dark and grim as it seems, older people tend to hyperfixate on problems of new generations, they consider them dumber or inferior compared to their prism for the past. But when something put them in the same turf as the young people, they tend to ignore their part on the problem, and blame all the young people that don't want to get out of their lawn

Maybe the real problem lies not in the internet as is, but in the education of society as a whole. Is something easy to say, because in reality escaping from all the mediatic bombardment is nearly impossible, but greater efforts for educating the new generations to be critical thinkers and having care for not letting the media control our opinion should be taken as a whole.