Academic Response

In Turkle’s TED Talk, she mentions that technology leads us to the place we are not expecting, and it changes our behaviour. She says “Over the past 15 years, I've studied technologies of mobile communication … “(Turkle, para. 4) and it makes her story legitimate by using ethos. She says connecting to others by texting or using SNS is actually makes people getting used to being alone at the same time. Some people do not know how to talk with people because they are trying to have a distance from others. She points out the reason why people stop having a real conversation is, it happens in real time and they cannot assume what they are going to say. None of the on-going conversations let people make who they want to be. Many people have experienced that no one is listening to them. She thinks that is why SNS has become popular and that makes people spend time more with machines. She rings an alarm bell about addiction to technology and says, now is the time to think about how we use those devices, to learn how to be alone. She believes that we can use technology in a good way to get back to our lives from now on.

Transfer Response: prompt 1 (Facebook community group post)

Attention, please!

The TED Corporation is releasing a book-length collection and I’d like you guys to vote for Sherry Turkle's "Connected, But Alone?" on the TED website.

In her essay, she mentions that technology is useful but it leads us to the place where we don’t expect. Technology helps our relationships with family or friends, but because of that, we have been forgetting how to have a real conversation with others in person. Some people have experienced that no one is listening to them. That feeling leads them to use SNS or texting with others. However, she says that we must learn how to be alone. Connecting with others by using these small devices do not help us to feel connected, but feel more lonely. We need a real conversation to fulfill our needs. She thinks it is time to get back to our lives by changing our use of technology.

I really recommend you to vote for this article because what we are doing now is related, We visit Facebook at least once a day. Posting our thought (what I am doing now), talking to other people… Those are good to make you feel connected. I love that. However, don’t you feel talking to people in person is a bit annoying? Don’t you feel talking on SNS is better because you can pretend someone you want to be? I know that feeling. We feel so because we don’t know how to be alone. That’s what the author said too. The author, Sherry Turkle, has studied the technologies of mobile communication and interviewed thousands of people. So, what she says is legit. We must be disconnected from SNS and start talking to people in real life! (…I definitely will miss Facebook though) One of the reasons why I like this article is, she uses many examples from her experiences of the interview. It’s easy to understand if we could know others’ situations, right?

Again, this article gives us the point about what we really need to do now. We cannot fully stop using SNS, but let’s give it a try! Our life will be better by connecting with people in real life. We will never feel alone.

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