SCC141
Seminar 8 (weeks 17 and 18)

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Today's seminar

- **Topic: Inequalities**

Section 3: Construct an argument either for or against the following statement: "Digital technologies are exacerbating existing inequalities." (~400 words)

Guidance notes: You must include at least 2 examples of in support of your argument (if arguing against, provide a counter-argument to 2 examples covered in the lectures). One of these examples must pertain to older adults, drawing on the exercise from seminar 8.

Today's seminar's activities

1. Pandemic digital divide – 20 minutes
2. Pro/Con list – 20 minutes
3. Sharing with the class – 8 minutes

Pandemic Digital Divide

Remember back to the pandemic lock-downs…

- What technology did you use during this time?

- Now imagine you aren't able to use these technologies for one or more of the following reasons:
  - You have a disability
  - You do not have the financial resources to afford wifi
  - You lack the skills to use these technologies

- What immediate would this have on your life?

- What long-term impacts might this have on your life?

Pro/Con list

- Create a list with two columns
    - How digital technologies are exacerbating inequalities
    - How digital technologies are mitigating inequalities

- For each, be specific:
    - What are these inequalities?
    - What technologies are involved (and how)?

Sharing with the class

Each group will have 2 minutes to report:

➢What did you learn from the first exercise?

➢Did your group have more pros or cons?

➢What do you think is your most convincing argument?