

## **Darwin or Dumb?**

There is absolutely no denying that this generation is by far the most advanced one yet. The internet along with new technology and websites like Google are making accessing quality information easier than ever. With one tap on a phone or click on a computer, you can find a seemingly endless amount of answers to any question possibly imaginable. With resources like these, how could one ever come to the conclusion that we as a human race are becoming more brainless because of them?

True, Google and other resources alike might be altering the way we perceive and take in information. The question is if this is necessarily a negative thing? Google is not the only one “teaching” young people to skim through articles or access information quickly. Students get taught this same concept in schools when preparing for the ACT. We are taught to first read the question given, then skim through the resource provided to find the answer. This is similar to how we use Google. We first type the question or information we want, then skim through links and content to find what we are looking for. This shows that there is an obvious shift in the way we learn although the blame cannot be specifically placed on Google.

The way we learn may be changing but that doesn’t mean the new style of learning is making us any less intelligent. The human brain is a phenomenal and constantly working thing that humans barely understand; rewiring our brains in this technological age may better equip us for the future. This change in our brains (and in the way we learn) could very well be just another step on the evolutionary road. We know that over time the fittest of humans have adapted to survive in the world they live in; until this point in history that change has been a physical one.

Our world is changing in ways that are no longer physically viewable to us. It only makes sense that our brains would need to change for this evolutionary step.

The ability to access quality information at such a fast rate has allowed people in today's society to be far more productive than they have ever been before. We can now jump from project to project with ease and accomplish great feats that might not have been possible until now. People are doing extraordinary things every day with the help of websites like Google and that's something we should not fail to remember. With everything we have access to today, maybe Rome could have been built in a day.

All of this gives a valid reason for us to conclude that Google is not making us stupid, but instead is actually helping and changing the way we learn for a brighter and better tomorrow. It is only imaginable what this generation's children will be doing with the aid of advanced technology and things like Google. One thing that we are certain of though, is that their generation will be even better than ours and hopefully that legacy can continue on throughout the years as more ways of learning are found and we continue to advance in our society.