

We agree Wendell's views on technological advances and his guidelines for new technology, as well as the idea that technology can potentially harm society in its use and advancements in unintended ways. In the article, Wendell states that he does not think that anyone will be able to write a piece of literature any better on a computer than someone who has written it by hand. We completely agree with this statement, as it is true. The use of a computer cannot enhance an author's imagination or suddenly improve their writing style. The best thing that a computer could offer for an author would be the correction of minor errors that would not impede the story's message anyhow. Furthermore, another point made by Wendell that we identify was the thought that technology can limit the amount of social interactions between people, leading to people becoming more and more isolated from one another.

There are several situations in which the indictment of technological innovations could be appropriate. The definition of technology is the use of knowledge for practical purposes, and society could not have progressed without it. However, new modern technology has many unexpected consequences covering a wide array of social aspects. The most obvious issue with new technology is the large loss of jobs as more people are being replaced with machines that are more efficient. Another problem that has arisen with the expansion of the use of computers is the resulting expansion of cybercrime. The most notable example of this is cyberbullying, which has continued to become a larger problem as the use of social media and online gaming grows.

We do not think that any modern piece of technology can fit the standard set by Wendell on page 32 of the article. Things like phones and computers, consistently increase in price with each new generation, and new devices are often times larger than its predecessor. Also, most devices are produced by large multi-billion dollar corporations, that are not often found locally unless you live near or in a city. This does not meet the guidelines set by Wendell, who believes that small businesses should produce these devices locally. Also, Wendell says that devices should be able to be fixed by the average person. This standard is not met by most corporations, for example, Apple iPods cannot be opened and repaired by the average person, they need to be taken in and repaired if damaged. Furthermore, Wendell believes that technology should not replace anything that is deemed "good" in the world. This standard is not met by modern technology such as phones and computers, which actively destroy human social interactions. More and more people are using their phones to "interact" with one another without using real emotion or experiencing the interaction face to face.

Wendell's ideas are openly attacked and criticized by people who pride themselves on their computer skills and rely on technology for daily life. However, people tend to be blind to the negative effects of computers.