The Great Computer versus Typewriter War has been particularly active lately. Mr. Berry has written his response to this subject in a fashion that has angered many in the technology savvy world. He believes computers have a negative effect on the people who use them, particularly to writers similar to himself. Even though Mr. Berry’s points seem farfetched to the point of impossibility, if the right amount of intellectual thought were put into his reasoning, his ideas are incredibly valid and intriguing to the point of truthfulness. Of course, Mr. Berry is correct in his statement that computers are harmful to writers. This can be proven through a series of valid points that include environmental issues, effects on relationships, the need to replace new technology, and electricity issues.

Most people feel that the implementation of technology is always an improvement, when in reality that is not always the case. Today, in schools, there are many instances when students are required to look up writing or reading assignments. Countless times, there are only a few students who complete said assignments, distracted by the vast majority of entertaining content associated with the computer. This takes much more time than to simply have the teacher project the assignment or give copies to the students.

Computers have devastating effects on the progression of human relationships. Due to the fact that computer applications now include systems that automatically complete traditionally manual tasks, such as correcting spelling and grammatical errors, these processes are becoming less personal, resulting in the gradual decay of relationships stemming from the these tasks, akin to that of Mr. Berry himself. People no longer talk at the dinner table; they will either take their dinner somewhere else or will eat while watching a television show. The use of computers, as well as global networks, has been proven to result in the decline in the user’s mood, possibly causing issues that could have otherwise been avoided. Children who spend an average of four hours watching television and approximately two hours on the computer every day appear to have higher levels of agitation, creating a situation in which they are less personable and are not as communicative [1].

The computer not only damages human relationships and causes distractions; it also intensifies existing issues such as national security, global warfare, and genocide-inducing weapons. Governments place the security of facilities handling such potentially devastating issues in the hands of computers, rather than people. Although productivity is improved through the utilization of automated systems, such implementations are vulnerable to intrusion by hacking organizations with ill intents.

Mr. Berry poses a solid, if controversial viewpoint on the consequences of becoming a technologically inclined society. Many may disagree with his arguments against the computer dependency of the human population, however, it must be admitted that his reluctance to accept the oncoming wave of modernization is, in fact, valid.

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