Berry Vs Technology

Although his argument is rather close-minded, we agree with Berry because of the few yet powerful key points he addresses in his conscious choice to not catch up to the new age of progress and technology. Berry fails to acknowledge the revolution technology has made in global communication and trade; nonetheless, he manages to point out how much of a crutch and a barrier technology has become for many people. Berry mentions that he refuses to own a computer because it could replace a bond between him and his wife. Instead of this concept being a sort of misogyny directed towards his wife, he simply explains a kind of connection that they have established and does not bother to mention his deep feelings for her. Those ideas are personal and are not the public’s business. A growing number of our population have cultivated a dependency on computers, phones, and other social media as means of communicating with others, and these technology-based relationships lack the sincerity and luster of verbal, face-to-face connections. Another point he makes is the cost—money and energy—of computers. Indeed, it is far greater than using the typewriter. He believes computers are a callous waste of energy, and they do not, in any way, benefit him in his writing. This is just his opinion, but many may call him out for “bashing” computer-users. While plenty of people find computers efficient, computers continuously use energy and run up the electric bills. Trees are relatively renewable; coal is not.

Although Berry articulates some cogent arguments in defense of his lifestyle, his diction and rhetorical strategies occasionally work against his overarching discussion, effectively isolating him from many of his readers. The first flaw in his argument was not anticipating how people would take his words and twist them. If he did anticipate these sorts of responses, he did not word his argument carefully. This happened when he was called out for “making his wife seem as if she was just an object.” One might think that Berry could have avoided the criticism by removing that part of the article, but those comments played a vital role in connecting computers to ruining relationships. It was simply misinterpreted.

Aside from a product such as duct tape, no modern invention has met Berry’s technology criteria, which simply requires perfection. Technology is only as flawed as its creator; therefore Berry’s ideal invention may remain only an idea.

In conclusion, this whole series of correlation between Berry and the responders is just childish. Berry’s condescending tone implied not using a computer is a superior act when in all actuality he was just espousing the opinion that he does not require a computer. It is merely his preference! Every tool can be deemed useless or useful depending on the user. The snarkiness and attitude could have easily been omitted, but human nature just calls us to be the winners of any fight in which we enter.