Over the past 250 yeas, technology has vastly improved. Many people have mixed opinions about the benefits and drawbacks of technology and computers. Wendell Berry has a flawed analysis when discussing why he will not get a computer and is not a huge supporter of technology.

Berry's flawed analysis when discussing the reasons he will not get a computer leads him to see solutions as problems. His views are blurred and do not stay true to what the original solutions actually are. Wendell is completely against strip mining for coal, but refuses to realize that a cheap source of energy like coal is exactly what we need during this time of industrialization; there is no way around it. Berry also refuses to accept the recent changes in technology. George Bernard Shaw once said, "Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything." Wendell Berry is trying to make a change, yet refuses to be able to change his views. He once wrote that technological innovations should not, "replace or disrupt anything good that already exists." But innovation is defined by the Meriam Webster Dictionary as, "a new device, idea, or method." A new device or method (innovation) is change, something that Berry cannot seem to understand. When solutions or innovations are made to solve everyday problems, Berry sees them, instead, as more problems due to his flawed analysis and blurred views.

According to Berry, a new technological innovation should also, "do work that is clearly and demonstrably better than the one it replaces." Berry tends to criticize the computer without ever exposing himself to one. If Berry actually compared the typewriter with the computer, he would undoubtedly see that the computer is much more user-friendly that the typewriter. On the typewriter, for example, there is no backspace. If one makes a mistake while typing, he or she cannot press a single button to undo the mistake. He or she must apply a correction tape to the area of the mistake. With computers, after the user is finished typing on a line, he or she can press the enter key to continue onto the next line. With a typewriter, the user has to reset the typewriter before typing again. The latter is not as user-friendly or easy to use as a computer. Therefore, the computer works just as well, if not better than the typewriter. Berry may argue that he has no need to interact with a computer because if the manufacturers are bad, then the product must also be bad. He does not like the manufacturers of computers because of environmental reasons, so he assumes that he does not like the physical computer either. Wendell Berry is affirming the consequent with that argument, making his argument invalid. This type of fallacy, basically put, says 1.If P, then Q 2.Q 3.Therefore, P. Just because the manufacturer of a computer is ethically bad, does not mean that its computer is ethically bad.

In conclusion, Wendell Berry's flawed analysis and blurred views render him incapable to make a valid, unbiased claim regarding technological innovations since he is unwilling to accept change in this area. Wendell's views on technology do not compliment the changes that we have experienced over the years and therefore, need to be modified to keep up with the views of this ever-changing world.