Nicholas Carr poses the question, “Is Google making us stupid?” in the title of his article. Throughout his work, he discusses how Google is actually just changing the way of thinking instead of making people stupid. The article states, “My mind isn’t going so far as I can tell - but it’s changing.”, this is agreeable. The major issues he addressed are the human desire to advance technology, the loss of memorization, and the true definition of learning.

Humans have been consistent in their endeavor to advance technology, lengthen their lifespan, and increase their intelligence. Google and other technologies are parts of the process. The use of Google advances humans by changing the mind to learn more efficiently, information becomes easy to access, and it opens up our minds to more information. A more efficient mind can be seen as a form of evolution. Any improvement, or change, to the mind should increase the amount and different kinds of information the brain held before. While some may view technology as a hindrance to success, it can be argued new technology opens the world to new possibilities of learning.

Memorizing information has become a thing of the past. Long gone are the days of fumbling through stacks of encyclopedias with the wish of up to date information. As stated in the article, “Research that once required days in the stacks of periodical rooms of libraries can now be done in minutes.” Why memorize a phone number, when it could be saved somewhere on technology. Humans, wanting to improve themselves, created technology so they can remember and learn more than what they could have been imagined. While people may give many benefits to memorizing information, others may argue memorization is not truly learning. To apply the new information, it takes intelligence to know how to properly apply information.

What is “real” wisdom? Socrates once claimed, “They would be ‘filled with the conceit of wisdom instead of real wisdom.’’ One could say real wisdom is simply being able to read or possess the ability to make theories. The fact is, who has the ability to judge real wisdom? If the method of writing information down is going to ruin the mind; then, how will others know whether or not a person is capable of applying the knowledge? Writing down information is the reason people of today are able to read the great works of Socrates. Over time, poetry and other stories can easily be mistranslated. Written works preserve knowledge as well as culture.

Google is not truly making anyone unwise. The most probable reason people think such a thing is because of already less than intelligent people making mistakes and believing all they read. Changes are not always bad. The massive use of Google and technology provides back up for current information. It is because great historical moments, ideas and facts have been documented humans can live and see what repercussions have occurred. Without technology how can society grow and advance properly?