Writing Assignment Three

I would have to disagree that Pattako is somewhat correct in his argument that social media undermines the deep, close, personal connection between friends. Social media helps us maintain long distance friendships. For example, a girl on our team used to go to a school where she made a very good friend, when she moved social media helped her maintain her friendship. Another girl on our team went to a basketball camp in San Antonio Spurs basketball camp and made a good friend. Since she doesn’t live in Texas she can’t see this friend she made. Social media has allowed her to stay in touch with her friend from camp. Social media allows family members that hardly get to see each other stay in touch. Everybody on our team has family members outside of our state we hardly get to see. Social media allows us to maintain our deep family connections without seeing each other physically.

On another hand I would have to agree with Pattako. Social media is, in some sense, undermining deep connections within friendships. With social media there are so many opportunities to bash your “friends”. Also, in social media you never really know who you’re talking to. We hope that we are talking to someone real who is who they say, but we can’t be quite sure. For example, with social media it has made it easier for kidnappers and rapists to find people. There are so many times when girls will think they’re talking to a guy that they think they can trust, but later those people you thought were your “friends” can turn out to be a predator. Predators can track your location through your social media communications. It is not possible to have a true friendship with someone you’ve never actually met in person, but over social media. Social media, it seems like, has made it to where it’s more like a competition to get more “friends”. “Friends” in terms of social media has made it to where you don’t know who you can trust as a real friend in this world. They might just be using you to get more “friends” or “followers” on Facebook, Instagram, twitter, etc.

In conclusion we believe social media is good, yet at the same time, bad for friendships. The pros to this are helping you maintain a good relationship even though it’s long distance. Keeping a good connection with your family is important, and social media allows you to do so. There are cons as well as pros. With cons there are so many fake things, whether it is fake friendships or fake people. Social media is not good for starting a friendship with a stranger.