# A Counter for Berry

Wendell Berry is reluctant to change. He ignores the good and focuses on the bad, in that he refuses to see advances made possible by technology. Berry is speaking from a position few can, being affluent and highly educated. As an author, he has nothing more to do than write. Although Berry would probably argue that his career choice does not influence his view on technology, it is highly doubtful that he would say the same of computers if he was a physician.

Berry has a biased viewpoint and his status helps provide the attention he craves. His opinions are outdated and based solely on the agenda of keeping the natural order of his world. His refusal to accept change makes him a bigot. The fact is, Berry is neglecting the positive impacts that technology has made on the world. The energy used to produce paper, pencils, and other writing material, along with publishing his works, uses much more energy than more modern writers, who can be digitally published, with next to no energy or resources used.

Despite these advances, Barry only chooses to acknowledge his few reasons, all based on personal opinions, "It should use less energy than the one it replaces," and, "If possible, it should use some form of solar energy," which can be countered, as most computers and phones can use much less energy than the ones from the time when Berry, much like the rest of the world, was first being introduced to the bulky cell phone and seventy-plus pound computer of the 1980s.

Along with that, Berry says, "It should not replace or disrupt anything good that already exists, and this includes family and community relationships." With the connectivity technology of modern times allows, people are closer than ever. People now have the possibility to reach others, worldwide, in seconds.

Arguably one of his most famous defensive quotes, "How could I write conscientiously against the rape of nature if I were...implicated in the rape?" is the most powerfully-worded argument that Barry makes in defending his ideals. Given the previously mentioned fact that coal power is used to produce the paper and ink with which his papers are published, perhaps he is implicated after all. His way of thinking is past its expiration date, but his way of displaying his thoughts are as well. Berry is saying that the damage done to nature is extravagant, which, to an extent, is true; however, new regulations, science, and technologies are being evaluated everyday to conceive and execute the best plans of action to conserve nature and find replacements for resources.

To put it briefly, Berry has an outdated argument to support outdated ideas. His position and status is used to provide attention for himself and his personal feelings, which are being treated as more than personal. Berry may have an impressive past, but his arguments against technology sound like those of someone with a lack of basic education in today's times.