A Response to the article “Why I am NOT Going to Buy a Computer”, by Wendell Berry

Mr. Wendell Berry is a man that refuses to buy a computer. Despite the recommendations from his friends, he thinks he can be a better writer without a computer. He believes that all he needs is a typewriter to write his work and his wife for editing his work.

Regarding his argument, people may not really need technology, but we need help from them in some work environment. One could also try conserving energy while using technology. For instance, laptops and ipods have limited built-in power sources that most take for granted. With the built-in power sources you could do something away from the desk instead having to sit at a desk and and not be able to go anywhere while doing the report.

The sense in which his indictment of technological innovation could be correct but most people would probably not want to do it or not be able to last that long. Most would probably crack under all the anxiety of having to do more things by theirselves. They would be so used to using technology all the time that doing what would have been a simple task in the 1980s would prove to be hard for people of 2011.

Some examples that end up doing more harm are MRIs, Microwaves, and cars. MRIs and Microwaves give radiation even though with Microwaves it is in small doses. Cars make pollution and can have some minor problems that can escalade into something big. While those are some bad things MRIs can help find things that you can’t usually find just by looking at someone. Microwaves can heat up food in a short amount of time. A car, even though has the worst effects, can create what seems like an immense distance into what seems like a small distance

Berry’s analysis does have some flaws, but they can easily be perfected by lowering the expectancy of the technology. He expects technology to do anything and everything which is not what technology can do. Technology was made, mainly, to help not do for us and he is thinking in the mindframe that technology is here to be used as a crutch, not as an aid.

Chain of reasoning produces erroneous judgment do to the fact that Berry thinks of technology as a panacea and not as an implement. He doesn’t have some credentials to make the list of standards for technology that would never be thought of in this moment. He took single standards that would be great by theirselves but would be terrible as a whole.