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Presentation:

**Communication through Media**

By Chris Schneider

Communication is vital in society

Infinite amount of communication through media

Media

* Tools used to exchange messages, including everything from newspapers...
  + Textbook definition

Pros

* Infinite amount of information
* Can lead to business
* Source of news
* Great way to communicate with everyone

Cons

* Too much information can be overloading the mind
* Misleading information
  + Changes and manipulates context
* Takes away from person to person conversations
* People aren’t in touch in what is going around them
* May expose users to predators or pedophiles
* Possible financial theft

Facts

* 96.6% of four year institutions use facebook to recruit students, 83% use twitter, 79% use YouTube
* 74% of American adults online use social networking sites such as Facebook
  + This seems to be the best way to spread information

People are growing up with social media. It’s hard to avoid it.

**Technology Affecting Communication**

By Ariana Hollomon

Before technology we needed to leave our homes and interact with a librarian for information

Now, we can just pull out our phones for information

Pros of Technology: Communication for long distance

Cons of Technology:

* Distraction and obstacle for human relationships
* People we’d rather text than call
* Technology creates a distance
* We deny each other full attention
* We feel alone

However we can fix it by encouraging individuality and control usage

**The Truth about Same Sex Parenting**

Myths

* Only acceptable home for child is with mom and dad
* Child may grow to be homosexual
* Child may develop with social of developmental problems

Many gay men and lesbians took care of children that weren’t biologically theirs.

Custody decisions on sexual orientation prohibited in 1966

1980 first time sperm banks allowed lesbians mothers

Over 65,000 children and 14,000 foster children being raised by non-heterosexual individuals

Options to parenting for same sex couples

Surrogacy

Fostering and adoption

Sperm Donations/Sperm Banks

If couple splits the one with the parental DNA gets custody

Children of same-sex parents are just as well adjusted and developed in society

Same-sex couples often are more financially stable and educated

Approximately 594000 LGBT households

27% of those have children

Most important thing about parenting is being connected

Class Notes

Nonverbal communication

* Facial features or their eyes may tell us if someone might be lying
* Hand gestures play a role as well in communication
* Nonverbal communication is ambiguous
  + Hard to define what some nonverbal cues mean
  + More ambiguous than verbal
* We pay more attention to what people do than what they say
* Some people nod or shake their head as they ask a question to influence your response
* People may say one thing verbally but may say another non verbally
* Non verbal communication is influenced by culture
* Nonverbal communication is also influenced by gender

Nonverbal cues for attraction

Men:

Eye contact and smile

Imitation

Hair flip

Women:

Eye contact and smiling

Constantly talking to you

Nonverbal communication is liberated by technology

ALL CAPS = YELLING!

Response time may be a factor of nonverbal communication online

Vocalics

* Speech rate and tone
* Using voice to communicate
* Intensity of voice may be comfortable or motivational to others
* Pronunciation of words

Haptics - Duration, Placement, and strength of touch in communication.

Proxemics – communicating through the use of personal space

* Personal space
* Some culture have smaller appropriate space and others have larger appropriate space
* Intimate space 0-18 inches
* Personal space 18 inches to 4 feet
* Social space 4 to 12 feet
* Public Space 12 feet

Elevator space example: We make more room for people and give ourselves some space as others enter the elevator.

Gestures:

Emblems

* Gestures that represent specific verbal meanings

Illustrators

* Illustrating verbal messages like describing a bumpy road while bouncing your hand up and down

Regulators

* Ex: Holding a palm to stop them from interrupting you

Adaptors

* Touching gestures that serve a psychological or physical purpose

Types of handshakes