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Can Social Media Destroy Real-Life Communication?

Sample Essay 1

Out of 7.8 billion people, 4.5 billion people use the Internet and social media users have passed the 3.8 billion mark (Digital 2020 Global Overview Report, 2020). The debate of whether social media is acting as a catalyst for destruction of social media is one that has occurred since the creation of social media. Though there is no right answer, there are points that support both sides. In some cases, social media is considered real life communication but the convenience of social media along with it being so addicting is indeed causing a decline in real life communication. Social media has not stopped people from having meaningful conversations even though they are not in real life.

Online interaction in social media is still interaction between real people which is what matters. Scientific studies have determined that social interaction is not fading by going online, just evolving. They have determined that as long as interaction between two sentient beings is occurring, the medium does not matter and it still counts as social interaction. Humans will always have the need of socializing with other people in real life. It is human nature to want to socialize and this need can not be satisfied by chatting in social media. Moreover, this need acts as a push to humans, forcing them to actually interact in real life. Even though online interaction is a form of real life interaction, it still has a detrimental effect on face to face communication due to its ease of use.

The easiness of interaction between two people in social media has caused a massive decline in real life communication. Due to real life obstacles like traveling,

social media is seen as an easier alternative. People usually interact on social media as it is easier to communicate because of the less barriers. One must only require internet access and a device. Some people with social interaction issues tend to only use social media as it is easier. People will usually go to parties but only stay on their phone and interact through social media. Furthermore, this causes their problems with real life communication to never be fixed and they destroy whatever little real life communication skills they have. In addition to being easy to use, social media is very addicting.

When someone gets addicted to social media, he prefers to meet people in real life less and less. People who are addicted to social media tend to dislike real life communication. When people see how easy it is to interact online, they tend to also see some ways they can interact that cannot be replicated in real life like emojis and online slang use. This causes them to not want to interact in real life and stick to online communication. Social media addicts will refrain from meeting online due to developed anxieties. Studies have shown that social media addicts tend to develop anxieties overtime that make it harder or even impossible to continue interacting in the real world. Because of this, their real life communication becomes crippled.

In conclusion, social media is deemed to be a type of real life communication but the ease that comes with social media and the dependency on it causes a dip in real life interactions. Social media will one day destroy real life communication unless strict actions are taken with haste.