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There are many arguments as to whether technology positively or negatively affects society. Economically, technology is one of the best advancements the world has ever seen. While technology has brought the world an abundance of money, you also have to look at how it is affecting the developmental stages of people. I tried to figure out the question; Does technology, specifically social media, after your development as a person?

After looking at three specific topics it helped me gain an understanding of the pros and cons of technology during adolescence. The first topic I decided to look at is how children are affected by the use of technology.

Technology in the lives of children during their developmental stages is one of the most controversial topics today. It is proven that technology, when used correctly, can be very successful for the development of children. Games for children are most successful when they work interactively; usually in ways that help children read and right. The reason interactive games are so important for children is because it gives them a way to have fun, but it also helps them develop their physical and motor skills

One problem that stunts the development of children is when their parents aren’t around to help them with the games they play while also enhancing their learning capabilities. When parents are able to work through games with their children, it becomes highly educational.

In the context of children, it becomes a major problem when the kid starts to use technology in place of other ways of learning. The more that children rely on technology the less they get to work on their social skills. With the up and coming social media, children are already at a disadvantage with communication and person-to-person contact is limited.

**What I fear most is that verbal communication is not just the ability to speak intelligently, what many don’t understand is its a skill like any other that must be practiced 7:30-7:55**

The recommended length of children up to ten years old is to use technology for around20 minutes a day. A study by Common Sense Media revealed children use technology for an average of 2 hours and twenty minutes.

**1:26-1:41 “everything your child learns is through experience, through doing things with their peers.And also through observation. So if they are watching you on your phone all day then they might think well that’s the way to do it these days”**

Like anything else, technology is good in moderation. But in today's day and age, children are becoming addicted to technology and relying on it for all of there simulation.

The second problem that has arisen with technology is that it clearly hinders academic success.

Technology has been proven successful when its put into the teachers hand and out of the students hands. If teachers are able to take technology out of students hand it will result in better grades. It is a fact that college students who use tablets and technology during lecture results in worse grades and less learning

Technology is so addicting and students are starting to use Social Media during class and not taking notes. Students have been proven to spend 5 hours a day on social media and in my opinion that is a direct correlation to academic success. Not only are they using it during school, but they use it all night and take their academics less serious.

Students have started to see a decline in their academic performance because technology has served a negative on spelling and grammar. ‘Casual’ and conversational words start as a bad habit for most children, but turn into a problem in essays and homework.

Lastly, anxiety from social media has been prevalent to students today. Not only does anxiety affect your mindset, but when children are very sad and their head isn't straight it is easy to forget about academics and lose concentration as a whole.

The most important aspect of technology hindering development is the effect is has on communication.

Face-to-face conversations remains a necessity to live a successful and positive life. Without face-to-face- interactions, people start relying on their devices as their primary communication.

**8:25 The previous generations have had their entire lives to practice and perfect the skill of verbal communication, we have become largely reliant on communicating through our phones and technology**

When you rely on your devices for communication, the less you want to connect with your family and outside peers. It becomes a downward slope that is hard to come out of .

**We end and begin relationships constantly through our devices. We lay in bed and argue each other staring up at our phones. At some point we need to think did we bring this upon ourselves. 7:14-7:27**

Communication doesn’t necessarily directly affect learning- but it indirectly affects the growth of humans. Without speaking to people you will never gain a sense of education, while not being able to form your own opinions on important topics.