



The Pros and Cons of Social Networking

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A social networking site is an online platform that allows users to create public profiles and interact with others on the Internet. Nowadays, social networking is very popular among teenagers and the young generation, but, is social networking good or bad? Does it harm us or benefit us? In this essay, I will discuss the pros and cons of social networking.

One of the major benefits of social networking is that it has access to worldwide communities. You can use social networking applications to contact others. Also, you can make new friends, build connections and socialize with different people. For example, you can use applications such as WhatsApp and Facebook Messenger to chat and share things with others. And you can make friends through applications such as Facebook and Instagram. These applications make connecting people or making friends faster and easier.

Using social networking can also increase news cycle speed. These days, people use social media to collect information and news from around the world. It can let us know what is happening in the world immediately. News organizations, such as Apple Daily, post news on their own applications on the social networking sites like Twitter or Facebook, and we would know what major events are happening.

Although social networking has a lot of advantages, we should also consider the disadvantages.

First, we might encounter cyberbullying while using social networking sites. Making a joke can be a small thing but it can also become a big deal. Teenagers and children might treat it seriously and this might cause psychological trauma. This backlash can also have a long-term impact on the victim. For example, if everyone has the same negative comment on a person, the person might start feeling inferior. This might prevent him/her from

making new friends and even finding jobs when he/she becomes scared of communication.

Moreover, using social networking site might leak our personal information. You need to use your personal information to create an account on most applications and it is dangerous if you use simple passwords. If someone stole your personal information, they might hack into your social media network or account and turn your life a nightmare. For example, a privacy thief may hack into your account and meddle with it, using just a few pieces of your personal information to create a post. This can ruin your life. They can also easily hack into your bank account, and steal your money.

Although social networking has lots of advantages, there are also tons of disadvantages. In my view, social networking does give us a more convenient life, even though it is dangerous if we use it carelessly.

To conclude, if we use social networking properly and protect our privacy, social networking will be a good thing for us. On the contrary, if we are addicted to social networking, it will harm us for sure.