

Communication is being negatively affected by social media. Discuss.

Communication is a part of our important lifestyles that are significantly changing as global technology has developed. Accordingly, how we interacted with each other is heavily influenced by communication methods. While traditional communication such as direct discourse, writing and reading remain valued, today social media has a big impact on our fast changing social behavior. The objective of this essay is to discuss if communication is being negatively affected by social media. This will be done in three parts. Paragraph one will talk about communication is not border by social media, paragraph two will talk about the text message, and finally, paragraph three will talk about changing communication.

There is extremely big effectiveness of social media on people, one of the most beneficial is having no physical border for the type of communication. That technology allows us to identify people we wish to find online. Therefore, people can connect and communicate with the celebrity whom they can not meet by using social media such as Facebook, Instagram, What's up and YouTube. People are able to communicate with well-known people and members of the government through their social media (Rogers, 2012). Moreover, people can connect and talk with the person who lives in a place that they can not visit. On Facebook or Twitter, where people can interact with others around the world, people are able to have thousands of friends (Edwards, 2015, P1). This ultimately points out that social media provides opportunities where people could get exposed to more diversity. Meanwhile, it could be argued that such a style of communication does not necessarily indicate their whole intention of the message. It's become nearly impossible to decide how real someone is now that social media has become so universal (Morrison, 2021). This means that social media creates a better being constructed self in a different world, furthermore, people may not be able to communicate as their true selves. Therefore, people may need the strength to accept their true self rather than their false self.

Another important factor to be considered is the text message. Text messages are electronic communication sent and received by mobile phones, website applications or mobile applications. Text messages are being used by people on the various social media platform. With social media, the extensive majority of communication happens through text and infrequent still images (Kelly, 2021). For example, People who are studying abroad can send messages to their parents and friends in their home country instantly, however, people who communicate by using text messages may not be able to use the important factor which enriches our expression such as body language. Communication through text eliminates the need for rich gestures and complex expressions. (Kelly, 2021). This implies that social media that people can communicate using text messages diminish their communication skills, and

text messages may increasingly become a dependable tool for people. Therefore, the use of text messages should be controlled to some extent and should not be the main source of interaction.

Of all the changes resulting from the use of social media, the most affected are the face to face communication. Recently, social media allows the young to have unlimited access to the virtual world. Communication between teachers and students has been gradually used by social media (Froment et al, 2017, P126). For example, teachers nowadays can inform their students of new activities, exercises or even homework instantly, however, the opportunity that allow people to talk face to face is decreasing. The majority of people perceive conversation of direct eye contact as discomfort (Petang, 2021). The young people are going to ignore others, gaze at the floor and shun eye contact (Kelly, 2021). Emotion and feeling are more distant to catch even in a face to face situation. It may have a negative impact on our communication. Therefore, the traditional face to face interaction between a teacher and a student should be encouraged for the benefit of the student's communication skills in his/her life.

In conclusion, this essay has discussed if communication is being negatively affected by social media. It was found that people can get various knowledge by using social media, however, they may not be able to communicate as their true selves. Using text messages can communicate in a simpler and quicker way, meanwhile, it lacks emotion and the real meaning behind literal exchanges. Facial impression, body language and tone of voice and more in direct conversation are major parts of social interaction. The evidence shows that social media makes more convenient to the communication of people. However, it probably increases people who do not have the skill which enriches communication and people that can not express their true self. Social media may negatively affect communication in friendship, romance and business. Therefore, people should balance the good parts of communicating through face to face and the conveniences of communication using social media.

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