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Argumentative Essay #1

In Society, many people have been affected and impacted through social media. In article F and D by Clive anderson and Wired Magazine Blog it shows the effects of cyberbullying on social media. Also, in the article A, by Melissa Healy, it states how teenagers are talking to strangers on social media, while also in the article A and B by Melissa Healy and Hilary Stout, it states how teens don't go out with friends like they used to. As a matter of fact, many teens have been using technology since it first came out and to teens the technology that is being introduced is something new and amazing, but in reality teens do not know who they are communicating with or what type of trouble they are getting in. To argue against social media, I think that social media has a negative impact on teens for three reasons: such as cyber bullying, strangers, and not going out with friends enough.

The first reason, why social media has a negative impact on teenagers is because of cyber bullying. Many adolescents are being bullied through social media from people they do not know. An example of cyberbullying can be found in the article "Teenagers on Social Media: Socialization and Self-Esteem" by Clive anderson it states, " 5.7% of teens fear to go to computers". This demonstrates a negative impact on social media users because they do not want to hear other people comment rude things towards them and make them feel unappreciated. Another example of cyber bullying can be found in the article "Is Social Media Driving People away from Real Interaction?" by the author

Righ Knight it states, “anything back in response to troll’s message is considered “feeding the troll”, that is their only purpose for trolling in the first place.” This explains a negative impact on social media users because many users are cyberbullying others by saying mean comments from one user to the other. Therefore, social media has a negative effect on users due to cyber bullying.

The second reason, why social media has a negative impact on teenagers is because of dangerous strangers. When users are on social networks they receive unknown friend requests from random strangers who may act as a friend wanting to get the user's confidence. An example of dangerous strangers on social media can be found in the article, “Teenage Social Media Butterflies May not be Such a Bad Idea” by the author Melissa Healy, it states, “Where kids do stray into dangerous territory with strangers it is generally knowingly, in chat rooms and online forums intended for adults”. This is seen as a negative impact on social media because many users are talking to complete strangers they may not know and that just makes the situation even more dangerous because they could be much older. Another example of dangerous strangers can be found in the article, “Teenage Social Media Butterflies May not be Such a Bad Idea” by the author Melissa Healy, it states, “...Social networking sites such as MySpace and Facebook and Friendster, strangers- let alone strangers seeking sex-are routinely locked out and readily rebuffed”. In other words strangers send messages to unknown users to make them feel like their friends tricking users to harm them. This reason explains my point of view on why social media has a negative effect on users because they don’t know if they should trust an unknown user wanting to be friends, but in reality they want to abuse them. To conclude, social media has a negative impact on users due to dangerous strangers lurking around.

The third reason why social media has a negative impact on users is because teens spend more time on their devices and disregard their social life. Many teenagers and preteens have been communicating through cell phone messaging and through the social networks such as Facebook and MySpace. An example of social media users not getting out with friends in the article, "Antisocial Networking?" by the author Hilary Stout she states, "...ages 8 and 18 spend on average of 7 ½ hours a day using some sort of electronic device, from smartphones to MP3 players to computers". This article shows a negative impact on social media users because teenagers are not interacting and not bonding with students their own age and only decide to talk through the social media. Another example of users on social media not bonding with friends can be found in the article, "Is Social Media Driving People Away From Real Interaction?" by the author Righ Knight he states, "...80% or more of the those in the room have their heads down at their cellphones, tablets or other mobile devices". This can also be seen as a negative impact on users because they may have a lot of friends on social media through their devices to "hangout with", but in reality they probably may not know them in person. While on the other hand since teenagers are always on their devices they are missing out on bonding with friends and getting to know them more better. Therefore, social media has a negative impact on users spending too much time on their devices rather than bonding with friends.

In conclusion, social media has been a negative impact not just on users, but society also. To argue against social media, social media has negative impacts on teens for three reasons such as cyber bullying, strangers, and not getting out with friends. Social media affects teens communication skills in a negative way. Cyberbullying has a negative impact on social media by users because they don't want to hear other people comment mean things towards them and

make them feel unappreciated. Also, another negative impact on social media is dangerous strangers because many users are talking to unknown strangers who they don't even know which makes it even more dangerous because they could be much older. One last negative impact on social media is users are spending too much time on social media and they are missing out on interacting with others rather than their friends on social media. These reasons show that social media is good to use, but it depends on if you use it responsibly and if you do not exaggerate on the amount of social media a teen uses a day.