

The never-betters of social media assignment



The Better-Nevers of Social Media “ Closer to people I’m far away from. but maybe farther from the people I’m close enough to” (Rose, 613) This short post perfectly sums up social media. Written by the author of the article, Josh Rose’s friend, he explains his feeling on the revolution of the internet. Josh Rose himself believes that the social media movement has brought forth positive changes. HIS examples not only include his friend who was able to reach people from far away but his son who is now able to have those daily mundane alks without having to see his father day to day.

Rose also brings up information about a post he recently viewed on Facebook, the headline reading “ In China, microblogs finding abducted kids” In which he states that their form of social media was able to save children as young as the age of six from their abductors. Rose explains that people fall into three different categories when it comes to the topic of social media; the Never-setters (those who view it as positive), the Better-Nevers (those who view it as negative) and Ever-Wasers (those who are neutral). Although, Facebook, twitter, tumblr and the such can bring forth positive changes there are those in the world that believe the bad out weighs the good; the Better-Nevers. The ability to connect to anyone at anytime can be a relieving feeling but can also be tortuous. For those who shake as they glide their fingers against the keyboard awaiting the slue of bad mouthing and name calling, social media has become their worst nightmare. It is a portal in which sleep does not exist and that at any time, day or night, an on slaughter of bulling occurs.

It is difficult to say that social media is positive when it allows such things as bullying to occur. Rose mentions reading positive articles about different experiences where Facebook and other websites have come in handy to bring forth positive changes. It is easy to say, that for every article that Rose reads about the favorable efforts these websites can bring, that he will also be able to discover articles that state that the same websites have led to teenage suicide and body issues. Even the good cannot outweigh the bad. In 2011 the U. S.

Department of Health and Human Services conducted a Risk Behavior Surveillance Survey that stated 16. 2% of kids had been bullied online (meganmeierfoundation. org.) Rose mentions being closer to those who you are farther away to but in hindsight doesn't that mean those who are connecting to people who are farther away are disconnected from those who are near. The new generation is now glued to their screens, in his article Rose mentioned being in a coffee shop surrounded by computer screens with social media on display. He speaks about this experience in an approving manner.

One might state that the want to connect to those too far away, has moved into a constant need to feed their addiction to social media. People are moving away from being involved in every day life and moving towards the need to feed their internet dependence. In the recent years, education and exercise has fallen short underneath of social media. People have moved towards caring more about what they upload onto the internet than what homework is due. Family dinner has changed from an exchange of daily

stories to the clicking of fingers on a keypad. Rose has stated many positive ways that the internet 1 OF2 can predict the outcome.