

Online dating: the good and the bad essay



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Online Dating: The Good and the Bad “ Want to meet hot singles in your area? ” Not a day goes by without encountering one of these advertisements on the internet. These advertisements can be seen on almost every page on the web, from dictionary websites to social networking websites such as Facebook. With many different behaviours resulting from online dating, this essay will explore three different positions on online dating: complete rejection, middle ground, and acceptance.

Many people reject online dating and dismiss the idea completely, especially individuals who are already involved in a relationship, they may find that online dating has many disadvantages to their relationship such as spousal cheating. Not only does online dating permit cheating by providing easy access to individuals facing problems in their homes, but it also encourages it. “ Life is too short. Have an affair” is the first line to be seen on AshleyMadison. com, a website that guarantees the anonymity of its members and ensures that it is the most successful website for finding cheating partners. And the list goes on for the websites that encourage spousal cheating. With the variety and ease in ways available to cheat on spouses, one cannot help but feel threatened that one of their own family members will fall a victim to online dating. According to Aristotle, humans are naturally social creatures that thrive on contributing to their community by offering their potential to help out others.

Online dating stands in the way of individuals contributing to their community, it keeps the individuals using online dating satisfied without having to leave their home, instead of actually spending time with other people and getting to know them. This is another drawback for people that

care about the improvement and well being of their community. Many websites claim that anonymity is guaranteed to its members. This may be a good aspect to these websites, for people that are normally shy and are too afraid to go out and meet people and get to know them.

Such people find comfort in sitting behind a screen and carefully choosing a person that they like. On the other hand, it could be dangerous because there is no guarantee that the person's online profile is anything like what they describe. " The anonymity of electronic technology may place individuals at heightened risk for victimization. " Some users might change their personal traits, if not create a completely fake profile, to make him or her look like an individual with desirable traits to attract more people. On the other side of the spectrum of online dating, many individuals have no problem with it.

In fact many people prefer online dating because it gives them a confidence that he or she has never experienced before on a " real-life" date. People find that they have a choice in picking out the person before they go out on a date with them; this gives them a sense of safety because they have various options to choose from. Furthermore, online dating websites such as eHarmony. com allows its users to eliminate the traits and qualities that they do not like in a partner which increases the chances of finding the perfect match for him or her.

Being raised in a conservative family, I find that online dating websites stand in the way of forming networks and real-life friendships and relationships. Sure, technology is one of the most important inventions in our life and it

makes things much easier to accomplish. However, we cannot rely on technology to form our relationships with others. By socializing with other human beings and gradually learning about their qualities, likes, and dislikes, the chances of that relationship surviving is much more than a relationship formed over the internet. Where the person could have lied about their traits and qualities.

So why use the internet to do what we are meant to do ourselves?

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