

Response to an article

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Response to “ We Are Just Not Here Anymore” The Internet technology has become a major part of world globalization. As it continues to evolve, it provides more means of learning and connection among people around the world. On one hand, it has given a lot of benefits to aid in the development of every country. On the other hand, the Internet causes interruption to human activities because of the way people use it. In the article, “ We Are Just Not Here Anymore,” Linton Weeks discusses the negative effect of technology to human interaction. He argues that people are usually too engrossed with technology that they fail to focus on what is happening around them.

Everything in life has changed and continues to change. Technology now is a handy tool to connect people anywhere and anytime. However, along with the advantage is the disadvantage on the way people interact with those around them. People who use gadgets in different occasions connect with people who are far from them but they ignore those who are near them. They reach out for their gadgets to send or post photos and keep busy commenting on social networking sites yet do not give full attention to the one they are face-to-face with. The phenomenon is described as being present yet absent. Because of this, psychologists believe that technology is a considerable social disease that leads to isolation and lack of time and privacy.

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Despite the benefits that technology provides the world such as advanced connection means, it gradually clears out the good old ways of life. The advancement of technology changes the way people behave. For example, people used the phone mainly to speak with relatives, whereas now people prefer texting, which disallows expression of emotions. Also, social

networking sites eat up a lot of time, thus parents have less time to attend to the needs of their children. Therefore, more than the advantages, the Internet technology presents more disadvantages to human society.

With all the advanced smartphones today, connecting with people who are far away has become easy. However, technology has caused a gap among those who are near as it captures and divides their attention, causing people to be absent minded. If people will not change the way they use technology, it will soon bring a more negative impact on society. Technology should be used appropriately to turn the negative impacts into positive ones, and people have to act on it now. People should realize that our former worries about the effects of media on youth are now being worsened by the Internet technology.

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