

Nowadays people use social media to keep in touch with others and be aware of news. Do the advantages of this outweigh the disadvantages?

We are living in a world, where wired technology has almost become as obsolete as dinosaurs. These days we can easily connect to our loved ones or watch their latest activity by with only touch of a button. The latest news is spreading in social media even before the announcement of professional news agencies with detailed pictures and movies. The advantages and disadvantages of this new media has become a controversial topic amongst critics, and while many strongly defend the positive points, some argue that the drawbacks far outweigh the benefits. This essay elaborate both stances, and at the end I will write about my own viewpoint.

Whether we like virtual world or not, we must accept that the cyberspace provided us so many benefits we hardly could imagine 20 years ago. Free instance messaging or long-distance call was simply an imagination in science fiction book, but now thanks to the Internet and social media people around the globe enjoy this of communication with their friends or relatives. Not so many years ago news was strictly under strict governmental surveillance, but now fortunately though governments hardly can manage the news like what they did before.

Cyberbullying is one of the disadvantages of social media. Teenagers in most cases are the main target of this kind of crime, and predators can easily abuse their victims using public social media such as Facebook or Myspace. Spread of fake news, however, is another negative point of using social media. While a rumor or a fake piece of news can easily spread all round the world in less than an hour, the official news agencies are unable to announce the correct one owing to internal bureaucracy and traditional method they are still using.

By way of conclusion, I think the advent of the Internet and social media is one of the most useful inventions of human in 21 century, and just like every other phenomenon it serves a double-edged sword. I mean if we do not use it in a properly it can have huge negative impacts on our lives.