Nowadays, more people are choosing to socialize online rather than face to face. Is this a positive or negative development?

Thanks to the Internet, these days, an overwhelming majority of the populace prefer to communicate online rather than what it used to be just a couple of decades ago. Comparing this method of socializing with a-the real one, has become the subject of a-heated debate amongst people from different social strata.

Tired of the hectic pace of life, people suffering from time constraint use the cyberspace to socialize with their loved ones across the globe. In other words, not only does this way of communication allow people to be connected with each other regardless of their race, nationality, and beliefs, but it also pave the way for busy people to socialize more. Scarcely do individuals living in modern cities find time to see their relatives and friends in reality, hence the importance and profit of online socializing. Furthermore, many a person who fails to find his soulmate in the real world, tend to tries his chance online amongst numerous of members in specific social media designed for this purpose.

Having said that, the demerits of this invaluable means of communication such as isolation, loosening/weakening of emotional bonds between members of a families, and waste of time cannot be overlooked. That online socializing in fact is a time consuming activity demanding more time by passage of time is an indisputable fact. The more time we spend with on these applications, the more people we find to socialize with and the less time for a face-to-face relationship which can lead to isolation. Spending too much time socializing online, many people, especially young adults, may lose their connection with other members of their family, albeit apparently unbelievable.

To cut a long story short, I believe that the merits of online socializing outweigh the demerits if we can strike a balance using it. Arguably, this new method of communication per se does not affect our normal lives if we learn how and when to benefit from it.