

Model Argumentative

That's Not Progress!

Introduction

1 **S**ocial networking has become a big part of our lives, and its negative effects can be overlooked. But mental health experts are starting to notice—and what they are finding is disturbing.

Body paragraph - Reason #1

- 5 Social networking can cause serious emotional problems. Everyone knows the effects of online bullying. There are other ways to damage a person's self-confidence. "When 'friends' upload unflattering photos and post mean comments, it can seriously damage a person's self-image," says one mental health expert. In addition, getting no response to a post or not being "friended" can also be very painful.

Body paragraph – Reason #2

- 6 The effects can be physical, too. Frequent users of social media often suffer from pain in their fingers and wrists. Blood vessels in their eyes and necks can narrow. Their backs can ache from being hunched over phones and computers for hours at a time.

The counter argument body paragraph:

- 8 Not all experts agree with this analysis. Some point to the benefits of social media. Dr. Megan Moreno is an assistant professor of pediatrics and adolescent medicine. She believes that social networking helps develop a young person's sense of community. She also believes that it can be used to identify youth who are most at risk for depression. "Our studies have found that illness," says Dr. Moreno. She insists that young people had problems before computers came into being.

The writer reply to the counter argument

- 9 Maybe so. In the past, however, young people found ways to escape from their problems. Now, smartphones and other high-tech devices have made escape impossible. Is that progress?

Conclusion

- 10 Technology should simplify life, not complicate it. The danger of social media is that young users can eventually lose their ability to focus on what is most important in life—no matter what path they choose to follow. 🐼

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