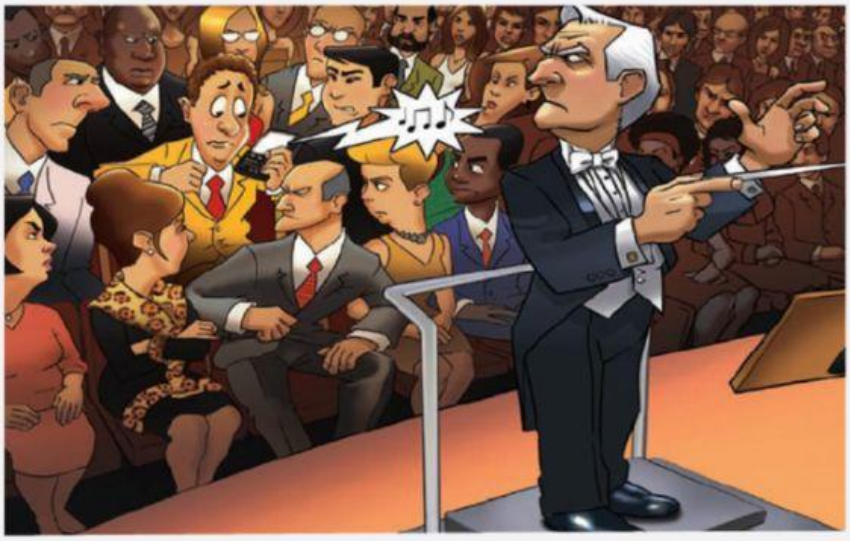
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OPINION

Modern Menace or Benefit?

Today life without a cell phone is [ ] I must be one of the few people I know who does not [ ] one. To many, this fact causes surprise and even [ ]: "You don't have a cell phone?" It's as if I were an [ ]. The way I see it, cell phones are more of a [ ] than a benefit to society.



First, they actually reduce [ ] [ ] and communication. I have seen groups of teenagers hanging out, and each one is glued to a cell phone. The teens simply don't talk to one another. Then there are those people who film the most [ ] scenes and post them on the Internet. That can lead to cell phone [ ], which is another serious problem.

Also cell phones have become the main cause of [ ] for drivers. Many countries have banned their use for drivers—for a good reason. Drivers are unable to [ ] on the road, and, as a result, they have less concentration and slower reaction time. They put themselves, their passengers, and others at [ ].

In my opinion, the most [ ] problem is the use of cell phones in public places. Some time ago, during a New York Philharmonic concert, a telephone went off near the end of Mahler's Ninth Symphony. The marimba ring tone began to compete with the [ ]. The cell phone rang so loud that the conductor had to stop the music. The [ ] wanted to kick out the owner of the phone.

Although the cell phone is a global [ ], I realize that the [ ] does bring some benefits. For example, during hurricanes and [ ], many people stuck under [ ] have been saved thanks to their cell phone. People also carry cell phone for personal [ ] reasons. Parents concerned about their children's well-being frequently [ ] cell phones for their kids even before they can read and write.

In my case, I'd rather not have those benefits. I'm quite [ ] to live without a cell phone, and be free from constant annoyance.

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