Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by epearlman - 2009/12/15 12:38

In November a new study from the Pew Research Center was released that looked at how internet and mobile phone use was impacting American's social networks.

The study found that technology use is often strongly associated with larger and more diverse social networks. But they also found that the average size and diversity of core discussion networks has declined--the mean network has dropped by about one-third, equal to the loss of one confidant.

I wonder too about the quality of one's network and not the size of it. It's easy to reach a larger base of people through the use of social networks, but are those relationships as fulfilling as the ones that have face-to-face contact?

The research showed in-person contact was the dominant means of communication with core-network members, but it also showed that people that used social networking services are 64% less likely than non-internet users to rely on neighbors for help in caring for themselves or a family member.

What do you think--is greater use of internet technology, social networks and mobile phones isolating us from others or helping us to stay in touch?

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by srw134 - 2009/12/29 05:08

As person who grudging was pulled into most social networks and still fails understand the purpose in twitter for the average person I am an interesting case. While I do tend to keep a rather small personal network I also think it is important to keep tabs on old friends. I do however fully understand the point in sites like linkedin which help you network with other business users.

Overall though I do not believe that these sites in general are the only cause for a lack of interpersonal communication skills. They do however provide a distraction to already introverted individuals.

-sean

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by epearlman - 2009/12/29 09:08

You raise an excellent point that technology and social media sites are not the only cause of poor interpersonal communication skills. Clearly there are many other factors at play. I think that at every level of society--schools, workplaces, homes--we must put an emphasis on teaching personal communication skills. We can't assume that kids will pick this up on their own or that employees have this ability simply because they've graduated from college and have held other professional jobs.

Our reliance on technology makes it easier for people with poor communication skills to get by. That's both a good thing and a bad thing. Only be recognizing the need to be skilled in electronic and personal communication can we create citizens and employees who can become future leaders.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by srw134 - 2009/12/30 00:17

Yea, I was lucky in that one of my first companies put a heavy focus on soft skill development for all new employees.

-sean

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?
Posted by epearlman - 2009/12/30 09:16

Sounds like an enlightened company.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?
Posted by tomhoff - 2009/12/31 10:32

I worry about today's kids and teenagers and how they are much more likely to send a friend a text message than speak to them by phone.

I understand that texting is the preferred method of communications between kids these days. Living in semi-rural area where kids are spread miles apart from one another, I can also see the benefits for kids to have this channel. But I wonder about the long-term effect on their interpersonal skills and how effectively they'll be able to communicate face to face when they're adults.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?
Posted by epearlman - 2009/12/31 10:45

I too worry about that. Communicating via IM, email or twitter doesn't allow you to pick up on facial expressions or other body language. How do kids learn to interpret those subtle signals if they aren't communicating face-to-face? Also, when you talk to someone in person you are much more likely to be listening to them. If you talk via electronic device you may be tuned into several things at once and not paying full attention. We are quickly becoming a very distracted nation.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?
Posted by srw134 - 2009/12/31 14:46

One thing I can speak to is the upbringing of a person living in a very rural area. I grew up on a Farm in PA and had maybe 3 kids my age within 5 miles of me. If these types of communication existed then it would have allowed me more contact with the outside world which I did not have in abundance as a kid.

My concern is more with the urban kid who lives in a city and still sits in their room all day and only communicates through this type of media. Of course this behavior I don't blame on the media as much as the bad parenting.

-sean

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?
Posted by jlee - 2010/01/07 14:58

This is more of a psych topic than IT but I'll bite.

I think this can be largely cultural. I can't believe I'm about to use Japan as a reference point. According to a government census done in 2008, 31 percent of primary school students in Japan carried a cell phone. Cell phone companies in Japan also have service plans tailored to kids with time limits and other parental controls (including GPS). As of 2007, 82% of 10-29 year olds in Japan use a cell phone. , there were even over 5000 cases of cell phone bullying from 2007-2008.

I'm in my mid twenties so I can't really say how my younger brother who is still in his teens views technology, but I can tell it impacts him socially in a similar way it did me. I hope that cell phones are still more of a utility to us, but I know that it is becoming more of a status symbol and an obsession like it has in Japan and South Korea, for instance.

I know for a fact technology has a social impact. It acts as a mask and lets you say and express whatever you want with no consequences, especially over the internet with people you don't know. You wonder why 64% someodd less internet users wouldn't think to ask their neighbor to help? Because they assume it is the person that told them to "die in a fire" the day before (go ahead and google DIAF). The internet is a scary place.

-jlee

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by caragarretson - 2010/01/11 09:04

Kids and technology is indeed an interesting issue. In some ways kids today that grow up with technology have the advantage of just getting it - unlike previous generations that didn't have PCs in their kindergarten classes. But there's also the danger as mentioned in previous posts of social skills (ones that could eventually affect business performance) not evolving as they should.

Being somewhat anonymous on the Internet also gives kids a false sense of security, I think, where they might say and do certain things that they wouldn't do in person. This might help a shy child develop better social skills, but it also could lead to behavior that's really not socially acceptable.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by yoonsie - 2010/01/19 22:57

This is a kind of general response, but I think, to your original question, Ellen, technology can go either way--isolate us more or connect us. The key, especially when it comes to social networks, is to remember that technology is a tool, a means to an end. So you use the phones and the Websites as a vehicle to connect but then you reinforce those connections the old-fashioned, human way. And while this may be more of a psych question than an IT issue, to bring it back to IT it's worth noting that all the CIOs I've talked to and even Sheldon Laube, previously the first CIO of PwC and now Chief Innovation Officer, have uttered that notion of technology as a means to an end--not the end itself--at some point in my conversations with them.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by groenfeldt - 2010/01/22 15:29

If you're interested in this topic, take a look at Dan Tapsoctt's book Grown up Digital. He has studied kids for about a decade as they adopt new technologies, and he has tons of research from others. The book is more than a little repetitive, and if you've seen Tapscott on stage once, that should be enough, but he has plenty of real research.
And he is very optimitic -- thinks kids -- and he has studied them around the world -- are very good at detecting BS -- you have to be on the Internet. And they build some pretty large social networks.

Academics and journalists tend to fear anything new -- mass media would ruin an individual's ability to think, then the Sony Walkman, the iPod and huge cable selections would isolate people and kill their ability to find common group for talking. Somehow we have survived all that

And if you want to get beyond opinionating and get some real resarch -- both his own and resarch by dozens of others, Grown up Digital is a good place to start. And don't be afraid to skip around to avoid repetition.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by epearlman - 2010/01/22 15:57

There's an excellent, heavily researched book about the fragmentation and distraction in our highly connected and technology dependent culture by Maggie Jackson called "Distracted: The Erosion of Attention and the Coming Dark Age." In a section of the book that talks about connectivity being up and cohesion down, she says, "A quarter of

Americans report having no close confidantes, double the number who reported such a degree of isolation in 1985. Today, most say they have just two people they can turn to for social support, compared with three in the mid-eighties." (That information came from an article entitled "Social Isolation in America: Changes in Core Discussion Networks over Two Decades" that was published in "American Sociological Review" in 2006).

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by yoonsie - 2010/01/31 19:28

To the earlier comment about kids and technology in Japan, I have a similar example from Korea. Seoul, incidentally, has been called the world's most wired city by the U.N. for several years. I remember being there in 1998--when a lot of Americans still didn't have cell phones--every human being in Seoul, it seemed, had a cell phone. They also had perfect signals in the subways--something the U.S. still hasn't figured out. Anyway, at this time school administrators were having problems with students and texting. These kids were so expert at texting they could actually text blind, through fabric while their phones were in their pockets. So to Ellen's original question, here's an example of technology connecting people--by helping students cheat on exams.

That was 1998. Today Seoul offers more examples of using technology for good. For example, there's a municipal program that affords tax credits to commuters who leave their cars at home one business day a week. When you sign up, the city sends you a sticker to affix on your car. The sticker has a smart chip that allows administrators to monitor compliance. That's a win-win for everyone. Another example is this special kiosk at subway stations where after scanning your thumb print you can print copies of all manner of documents including your birth certificate, your social security card, and driver's license.

In Korea I do get some sense of, perhaps not isolation, decreased interpersonal connection. Simple example: apartment buildings. No one has keys; you get into your house by punching in a password. With something as simple as this a normal part of life I have noticed that people are so autonomous that they have little need to connect with their neighbors. Now, most residents of big cities don't befriend their neighbors in their buildings. But people at least greet each other in the elevator if they see each other regularly. In Korea residents in the same buildings are as anonymous to each other as strangers on a crowded street.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by epearlman - 2010/02/01 09:34

Thanks for your great insights about Korea. What I find distressing about your input about keys is it might reduce the need for people to get to know their neighbors. For example, do people still provide a key card to neighbors for emergencies? There is something that connects neighbors when one trusts another to hold their keys in case of emergency (you get locked out, your cousin is coming to stay and needs access to your apartment, there is a leak in the bathroom and access is needed, etc.). When people become so autonomous that they don't need another human being then they lose those human connections. I value those connections too much to lose them in the interest of convenience or security.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by rgarretson - 2010/03/25 16:55

Like any tool, I think technology's impact on our social interactions is largely a function of how we use it. I, personally, tend to be very social by nature, and I've found that casual use of social nets like Facebook, LinkedIn, etc. have enhanced my in-person socializing. I tend to know more now about some of my neighbors -- book they're reading, TV shows they're hooked on, musical tastes, etc. -- and when I see them in social settings I making small talk comes easier. Similarly, I'm old enough to have my 35th high school reunion coming up, and I feel WAY more in touch with my old classmates now, thanks to FB, LinkedIn, Twitter, et al, than I was at my 25th reunion. I think technology can help us be more social in the physical world, if we use it right, and doesn't HAVE to be isolating.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by srw134 - 2010/04/02 18:18

I completely agree, as a person who grew up out in the middle of no where and would have loved the modern social abilities I think that by themselves these technologies do not make people less social but can be used in both good and bad ways.

-sean

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by usmanazhar - 2010/04/07 14:06

The social networking sites does help us to keep in touch with each other and also it gives us opportunity to share our moments with our friends.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by mhenricks - 2010/04/12 14:46

Increased social isolation, if it is occurring, is not the only or even perhaps the most significant fallout of greater reliance on digital networking. My teenager has shown little interest in getting a driver's license, although she was old enough for a learner's permit more than 18 months. This keeps her from being behind the wheel at an age when she is most likely to be in an accident. I count that as a plus, and lay it at the feet of Facebook, Twitter, texting, email and the Web.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by srw134 - 2010/04/13 20:02

I saw this as well with my sister, she didn't get her license right away either (she is 16 year my junior). For me you could not keep me away as I got my permit the week I was eligible. Now would these social abilities made this different? I am not so sure.

-sean

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by rgarretson - 2010/04/30 12:42

I never made this connection before, but now that mhendricks mentions it, my now 18-year-old son took his sweet time getting his driver's license six to 12 months after he was eligible. I remember getting my learner's permit down in Georgia on my 15th birthday and waking up early on my 16th (instead of sleeping 'til noon!) to get in line at the DMV.

That said, my son LIVES on Facebook, but still seems to be hangin' with friends after school and going to parties every bit as much as I did as a teen.

--Rob

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by srw134 - 2010/05/05 20:22

I think the point here is that people using these tools like Facebook and Myspace are not typically socially isolated but have more connections through non-physical contact. Whereas all my friends in high school were close to me in proximity, many of the current kids have friends across county, state and country lines. I believe that this is a good thing as it exposes them to new ideas and concepts well before they physically see them.

-sean

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by charlesb2k - 2010/05/10 20:40

Here is a case in point...

My wife is socially shy. She doesn't enjoy going to activities with people she doesn't know unless I am there. She only associates personally with people from church, if at all.

However, since I introduced her to Facebook she has become much more social. Not just connecting with long lost relatives and friends, but actually attending activities with people she is connected to, but not in our social circle.

I say that both extremes can happen, that technology can isolate us, but it also can make us more social. I suspect for most people, though that it will only enhance their socialization.

Charles

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by rgarretson - 2010/05/11 10:16

Indeed, my 18-year-old son, a member of the Facebook generation, stays in touch with kids he's met a camps who are geographically scattered. And closer to home, he seems to have closer relationships with friends from church and elsewhere because of the ease of communicating via FB and cell-phone text messages, etc. He goes to parties and has more actual social interaction with a much wider circle of friends than was possible in the 1970s when I was a kid. Clearly, the social net technologies can facilitate socializing or isolate users, depending on individual personalities and circumstances.

-Rob

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by srw134 - 2010/05/12 02:52

I think that the bottom line is that these sites could be considered like gambling, smoking or drinking. They can be taken and used in ways which do not affect people in negative ways and they can also be used in ways that do. What you make of these sites is in the eyes of the person using it and not in the site itself.

-sean

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?
Posted by rgarretson - 2010/05/12 08:12

I agree with your central point -- that it's up to the user to make social media positive or negative -- but the comparison to gambling, smoking and drinking is over the top. I've seen very clear and demonstrable social and individual benefits from the new media. There are no such benefits to society from gambling, smoking (especially) and drinking, aside from the macro economic impact of employment in those industries. The best you can say of these is that if used responsibly they provide some individual enjoyment and don't necessarily kill anyone.

--Rob

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?
Posted by srw134 - 2010/05/14 23:31

I tend to disagree, there are many things that can be abused in good and bad ways. Social media is simply one of them, just like any of the other habits. When I smoked it was good for me and made me feel good, I am sure those that still smoke have this perception. The same with social media, you can use it in a way which makes you feel good but that does not mean that it is healthy.

-sean

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?
Posted by Mel Duvall - 2010/05/18 13:16

I am constantly amazed at how technology is changing the way the up-and-coming generation interacts. While my son rarely talks to his friends on the phone - he prefers to text - he is in constant contact with his friends in the evening while gaming on the Xbox. They even use the device to watch - and comment - on television shows together.

Instead of one-on-one phone conversations, they are participating in group discussions. While they may be isolated in terms of location, they are certainly being very socially interactive.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?
Posted by srw134 - 2010/05/21 18:34

I think when done in moderation (with other physical contact) this is a good thing. I would have loved to have these technologies growing up, especially because I grew up on a farm away from most of my friends physically. As long as the parents keep an eye on them to ensure it does not turn to abuse, these technologies should be considered good things.

-sean

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?
Posted by mhenricks - 2010/05/23 18:37

I am definitely in much closer contact with a far broader range of people using email, texting, Facebook and other electronic media than in the days before any of it. The contact is different, in that it consists of fewer face-to-face meetings, fewer hard-copy letters and fewer duplex voice calls (I consider the one-speaker-at-a-time nature of cellphone calls a noticeable difference.) But, there's a lot more of it -- as is occurring now. In a few minutes I will be going to a pretty low-tech form of communication: An open mic in a local bar. While I'm there, I will try to imagine how different it is from electronic communication. (Maybe not as much as you'd think. Many musicians collaborate on writing, recording and producing songs these days virtually.)

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?
Posted by srw134 - 2010/05/30 00:51

The thing that everyone should be asking is what will these technologies bring in another 10 or 20 years. If you thing the technologies of today are causing issues with children. My view on this is that parenting has become so secondary to many parents that kids grow up doing what they want to do and thus develop bad habits earlier and maintain them longer. There is a simple solution, learn to parent...!!!

-sean

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?
Posted by epearlman - 2010/06/01 05:30

It's a shame that we teach young people many skills, but parenting isn't one of them. It's something they have to learn on their own, by trial and error when they become one. They're lucky if they had good parents of their own, since they at least have good role models for the job. Parenting is more complex today than it was for many of our parents or for us. Today there are more two-working parents families and single parent families, adding to the burdens of being a good parent.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?
Posted by srw134 - 2010/06/01 16:52

Yea, but my generation had this as well. I had 3-4 working parents (my dad was divorced in the middle) at all times during school. I spend almost all of my time up after school up until 7-8th grade by myself for several hours. Of course to my this was an advantage and a disadvantage. I am very self-sufficient but I was quite lonely as a child and the fact that I lived on a farm did not help with activities. Many parents just take their kids for granted as a must activity in their lives and try to get through it as fast a possible with the least work. This is why we get the "me" generation that is currently coming out of high school (I must say however that my sister is graduating (16 years my junior) and she it not part of this aspect of this generation).

-sean

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?
Posted by sediga - 2010/06/09 21:07

I am not sure about technology, but I am all for a very limited tv and mo video game. I grew up with no video games. My first video game console was the 360, and I don't feel like I missed anything. I played sports, had a job, studied. No computer games.
Technology is great, but prevents us from actually seeing the world.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?
Posted by srw134 - 2010/06/09 21:37

Yea, I an on the other side of this. I had the first Atari's and Intellivision's and had technology in my life throughout including programming from a grade school age. I think I ended up fine and this had little to do with technology or the lack of it.

-sean

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?
Posted by mhenricks - 2010/06/11 16:58

It's worth noting that technology can be great benefit for people unable to socialize in other ways. For instance, people who have to stay home to take care of someone. A study published last year found that older care-givers had a 60 better chance of having better mental health when they had used the Internet in the previous year.(http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/content~content=a913281954&db=all). In this case, it would appear that technology helped to overcome isolation.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?
Posted by srw134 - 2010/06/12 15:59

It does make sense that people without the ability to physically socialize would benefit from the opportunity to socialize at least virtually. This seems to be one of the things that helps these isolated people still feel attached to the world around them.

-sean

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?
Posted by epearlman - 2010/06/14 14:46

An article in the "New York Times" yesterday (http://www.nytimes.com/2010/06/13/business/13sing.html) discussed the Singularity Movement (a belief that in the future a superior intelligence will dominate and life will take on an altered form that we can't yet predict). I admit I found the concepts in the article very disturbing. Many of high-tech's brightest and most successful minds have embraced this and are working on merging technology with the human mind to create a super brain.

Will this ever come to pass and will it make us more socially isolated is hard to predict. What concerns me is that we do not know how this could impact human beings, their relationships, their way of life, their emotions.

Of course, this evolution of technology and the brain could lead to incredible breakthroughs, but it could also lead to destructive breakdowns in life as we know it.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?
Posted by srw134 - 2010/06/14 17:00

Well as evolution has taught us (well many of us), things adapt to their surroundings. Will this next step be a melding of the electronic with the biological, who knows, but it sounds interesting. Of course the concern for us liking our individuality is the risk of creating that "borg" type of situation where everyone is able to hear what everyone else is thinking. It sounds far fetched but if this technology was available you know that these twitter types would be on board that ship real quick.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?
Posted by mhenricks - 2010/06/30 12:05

On a related topic, I wonder if technology companies will ever be held responsible for the negative impacts of their products and services. For instance, could Blizzard Entertainment be taken to account for the vast waste of time and

energy tied to playing World of Warcraft? I don't think there is much question that game designers intentionally create games that have what even they call "addictive" qualities. If they're creating addicts, who's responsible? The tobacco companies eventually found out part of the answer to that, and I think there is more to come there. Could it happen in technology? Maybe.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by epearlman - 2010/06/30 13:24

If we hold game companies responsible for the addictiveness of their products, what do we do with all the producers of reality TV? Can we charge them all with the dumbing down of America?

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by mhenricks - 2010/06/30 13:41

We can charge anybody with anything. The question is, can we make it stick? At one time, making a ban on liquor commercials stick was a joke. So was the idea that cigarette makers would ever pay damages. So, more recently, was the idea that trans fats would be outlawed. Are makers of intentionally and demonstrably addictive computer games potentially in the same boat? Seriously, I wouldn't rule it out.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by rgarretson - 2010/06/30 13:51

Weren't the cigarette companies found to be adding extra nicotine to increase the addictive quality of their products and to have published bogus studies to hide the health effects that THEY KNEW ABOUT? Unless it's found that video game developers (and reality TV producers) are embedding subliminal messaging or some other devices to increase the addictive properties of their games/shows, I'm afraid the responsibility still falls on the user/viewer. IMHO

--Rob

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by mhenricks - 2010/06/30 14:05

That question exceeds my legal expertise by a wide margin. I am pretty sure that drawing exact parallels between tobacco and technology is unlikely to produce useful conclusions. I refer primarily to what seems to be a general trend toward holding vendors accountable for selling products and services that produce demonstrable social damage. I have no opinion on who should be held responsible, only that it's possible or, long-term, even likely that electronic products and services could attach significant liability to makers and vendors.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by srw134 - 2010/07/05 14:23

The bottom line is that these products don't make you use them, you choose to use them. I smoked for years and knew the affects, the makers did not force me to use them. When I wanted to quit I did, the thing that people must understand is that they are responsible for their own actions. Too many people like to blame everyone and everything but themselves when they make bad choices. The same is true if you become addicted to any technology based product, be it porn or facebook or twitter.

-sean

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by sediga - 2010/07/09 16:15

I am not sure if I will put technology (as it stands today) to the same level as cigarettes. Yes â€“ there are people out there who are addicted to video games, iphones, etc, but the products are not enabling addiction. Nicotine â€œforcesâ€• addiction, a new phone with nice color screen does not chemically alter your behavior for you to want it more. I do foresee a new set of law suits coming from people with bad hearing (cell phone, head phones, etc), bad eye sight (cell phone, video games, TV, 3d TV), brain cancer (cell phone, etc) in the coming years. You know it will happen; you just know it.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by mhenricks - 2010/07/09 16:48

I don't expect the caveat emptor position to dominate anytime soon when it comes to liability for products or services, technological or otherwise. In some cases regulation with its threat of fines and even jail will restrict companies from selling products and services that damage buyers. In others, the prohibition will be self-imposed by vendors who don't want to risk civil lawsuits. In either case, the outcome is similar: fewer products and services known to damage buyers on the market. To me, it's six of one and a half-dozen of the other.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by sediga - 2010/07/13 07:29

Not everything is regulated though. For example, I read a study that claimed listening via headphones for more than 30 min a day will have long term consequences. I don't see congress passing a new law restricting headphone usage, do you? The same goes with cell phone usage.
My point is, there are adverse social issues with technology, and there are long term issues that will probably receive more attention in the coming years.

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by srw134 - 2010/07/17 15:29

Well I have to agree with these points, there will be someone that makes these different technologies the scapegoat for their bad decisions.

-sean

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Re:Does technology make us more socially isolated?

Posted by newscctv - 2010/08/27 03:30

As person who grudging was pulled into most social networks and still fails understand the purpose in twitter for the average person I am an interesting case. While I do tend to keep a rather small personal network I also think it is important to keep tabs on old friends. I do however fully understand the point in sites like linkedin which help you network with other business users.

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Posted by jinchen - 2012/12/20 04:10

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building, killing him.In Connecticut, an Easton firefighter was killed in in fake designer handbags in the line of duty, possibly when a tree fell
his fire truck. A 90-year-old woman was killed when when cheap michael kors purse when a tree fell on a family in Mansfield. A
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had knocked on the Sword family's door on Great Road, Road, replica michael kors Road, looking for help."Mr. Sword wanted to do everything to
the man," said Cifelli. "But the man suffered a mental mental designer replica handbags mental illness and in the middle of an episode he
out a knife and turned it on Mr. Sword, stabbing stabbing jordan 11 concords stabbing him a number of times."When police arrived, Manigault lunged
them with the same knife, so they shot Manigault. The The cheap replica designer handbags The near-fatal stabbing wounded Sword in the upper chest and
but after surgery, he recovered.Daniel B. Rowe, one of Sword's Sword's fake designer handbags Sword's colleagues at William Sword and Co., the firm founded
the victim's father, said that the event had made him him cheap michael kors him more of a "lover of life.""He was a very

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