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Have you ever wondered about the effects of social media on our society today? In the article “The Impact of Social Media on Society”, Jacob Amedie begins by mentioning the many positive impacts of social media, he then proceeds to talk about the more pressing negatives in addition to the positives. The paper provides many examples of why and how social media has such a negative impact on society and this generation. Amedie writes about how when social media is mentioned, only the positives are emphasized and how that is a trend that must change in his opinion. The three main points supporting the idea of social media's negative impact include social media and the impact on our antisocial generation, social media’s connection with psychological Issues, and social media in relation to criminal activities.

Social Media has caused this generation to become one of the most antisocial generations yet. Jacob Amedie in his article, “The Impact of Social Media on Society”, said “We prefer texting to phone conversations, online chat to a face-to-face meeting, and many have replaced human interaction with convenient platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram”(Amedie). The lack of communication between people in this generation is increasing tremendously due to the effects of social media. Considering these many changes from how previous generations have worked such as online chats, phone conversations, and convenient platforms, our generation is much more antisocial than the previous.

Social media and many psychological issues such as depression and anxiety go hand in hand. In the article Amedie brings up depression that is caused by spending too much time on social media and the increasing intensity of seeking acceptance from online peers. He also mentions how social media can be a major source of anxiety and stress. This stress can be caused from the need to portray unrealistic lifestyles on social media or the false intimacy and superficial relations that can surface from social media use(Amedie). Anxiety and depression affect many people's lives in a very negative way, therefore these phenomenons being created by social media use can have a major impact on someone's life.The depression, anxiety, and other psychological issues arising from social media use is a major contributor to the negative effects of social media.

Social media can also possibly be used to enable many different types of criminal activities.With the freedom provided by social media, criminals are able to stay anonymous and commit different crimes like cyber bullying, human trafficking, terrorism acts, and many other different criminal acts. Cyber bullying is one of the most common types of crimes committed and is made very accessible with the advancing use of the internet and mobile phones. Many terrorist groups have also moved to cyberspace to form a new foundation for their goals. They are using social media sites to spread propaganda and raise funds while also targeting the younger generations on these social media platforms. These platforms are also used to spread false information throughout the web due to its ability to quickly get information all around. (Amedie)Many of these acts are very common because of how easy it is for someone to hide behind a screen and stay anonymous to their victim or victims. The open freedom of social media contributes to this due to the lack of rules and supervision provided.

Social media and its impact on our antisocial generation, social media’s connection with psychology issues, and social media in relation to criminal activities all support the fact that social media as a whole has a major negative impact on our society. What Jacob Amedie says throughout the article provides much needed examples and information on the subject of social media and can be used for future research on the effects. Technology is always advancing and is becoming more and more of people’s everyday life, therefore this subject will continue to exist as long as social media and technology do.

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