

## SOC 201S Opinion Paper Outline

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**Paper Title:** Technology, is it making the world better or not.

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#### I. Abstract

This paper will be discussing my opinion on Has technology made the world better or worse.

#### II. Introduction

- A. Why I chose this topic: I am majoring in cyber security, as such I am naturally a technology enthusiast and am genuinely concerned about the safety of our future as it pertains to technology
- B. Explain your topic: I will be discussing the pros and cons of technology in the modern world and debating whether or not technology is benefiting the world or just endangering it.
- C. Background or historical information/significance: I will be hinting at different time periods in which technology has undergone significant changes and give my own personal interpretation about the future of society as a result of technology.
- D. My opinion will be stipulated by these three questions
  - a. How has technology benefited society and the rest of the world?
  - b. How has technology harmed society and the rest of the world?
  - c. Is technology causing more harm or aid to the world, and is the risk worth the reward?
- E. Clearly state your main argument: provide a simple statement of your argument (*Therefore, I oppose – or support – whatever the topic is*)

Technology has certainly made life easier for people all over the globe; however, it is an outlet for crime and poses significant risks that are inconceivable to the general public.

#### III. Opinion

Repeat your argument and the three questions, and then using your textbook and academic articles, provide information that supports your argument for each question. If you find articles that oppose your argument, discuss them as well. A counterargument is always the best way to form a solid opinion, ensuring you have enough evidence that supports YOUR argument. Provide examples of all your arguments.

Technology has a tremendous potential to elevate our way of life in various ways, as it already has, though it comes with significant drawbacks that we seemingly are not prepared for. How has technology benefited society and the rest of the world? How has technology harmed society and the rest of the world? Is technology causing more harm or aid to the world, and is the risk worth the reward? The U.S. has the highest cybercrime rate out of any world power in the world, and cyber warfare is continuously becoming a destructive tactic to be deployed on other countries. This all thanks to technology and its new capabilities. Is it at all possible to reap all the benefits of technology without suffering catastrophic consequences? I do not believe it will

ever be possible; therefore, technology will continue to be a double-edged sword wielded by societies all across the globe.

#### IV. Conclusion

A. What will you learn from completing this opinion paper?

I will provide myself with further insight on a question I've been pondering for a long time: Is it a good thing that we are so dependent on technology?


B. Do you have the same point of view now after doing the research and reading, or have you changed your mind? Why or why not?

I have the opinions regarding technology that I've always had since being educated about it. While technology ultimately puts a target on our backs as consumers, we simply cannot afford to go without it. Too much of what we want is directly reliant on technology, its capability, and its potential.

C. If you did change your mind, be sure to provide examples that show your reversed argument.

N/A

#### V. References

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NOTE: If you do not yet have your references, give me bullet points of what you want them to say