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Social Media is the new modern way to find out new, information about friends, etc., but social media has its negative effects to. There are many articles that explain why social media is a bad idea and the articles are “Teenage Social Media May Not Be Such a Bad Idea”by Melissa Healy, “Antisocial Networking” by Hilary Stout, and “Teenagers on Social Media: Socialization and Self-esteem” by Clive Anderson Jr., Eknoor Johar, and Jocelyn C. Key. 76% of Americans use social media sites, Facebook, Tumblr, Pinterest, Instagram etc. Social media is not a good idea because some people spend too much time on social media, and people lose interest in face to face communication. Social media is also not a good idea because some people get bullied or harassed online.

The first reason I think social media is a bad idea is because people spend too much time on social media. According to Melissa Healy (Resource A), she states, “In January, the Kaiser Family FOundation reported that for more than 7 ½ hours a day, American children ages 8 to 18 are tethered to computers, plugged into MP3 players, watching TV or playing video, computer or handheld games- and too much of that time, doing several at once.” Kids and teenagers are almost always on their devices and it is the cause for obesity and it affects their life habits. Kids are using social media and are making it a habit that they do everyday and it affects how their life will be, for example, your vision can get worse because of the bright light coming off the devices screen. According to the Melissa Healy/ Kaiser test (Resource A), it states, “-an activity the Kaiser study did not include- and for most kids, the daily log of media immersion would surpass time spent sleeping.” Kids would rather be on their devices

then to get their beauty sleep and since the kids are on their devices it will damage their eyesight.

Therefore, social media is not a good idea because kids spend enormous amounts of time in social media as it negatively affects their health.

The next reason I think social media is rather inferior is because people get bullied or harassed. According to Clive Anderson Jr., Eknor Johar, and Jocelyn C. Key (Resource F) they state that, "The use of social media leads to cyberbullying, which leads to depression, thoughts of suicide, and sadness." Each year 42,773 Americans die by suicide. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the US. According to Clive Anderson Jr., Eknor Johar, and Jocelyn C. Key (Resource F) they state that, "19% of youth between the ages 10 and 17 had experienced cyber bullying either as a victim or offender." 25% of teenagers report that teenagers have experienced repeated bullying on their cell phone or on the internet. In 2014, over half of young people report being cyberbullied.

The last reason I find social media a rather inadequate is because the longer people use social media people tend to lose interest in face to face communication. According to Patricia M. Greenfield, a psychologist (Resource B), she states, "Initial qualitative evidence is that the ease of electronic communication may be making more teens less interested in face to face communication with their friends." Social media is inferior because people are not communicating with one another. Back in the olden days when there was no social media people used to talk and talk for hours in a face to face communication, but now a days people are not communicating as long as they used to before social media came into their lives. According to Laura Shumaker (Resource B), she states, "I said 'Great, are you going to give him a call and wish him Happy Birthday?' He said, 'No I'm going to put it on his wall.'" This shows that some people would rather post something on social media than give their friend a call or interact with them. I also think social media is a bad idea because when you are on social media

you are wasting your life on a tiny bright screen then going outside, discovering new places, going out to hang out with your friends, or just watching nature. Thus, social media is rather inadequate because people just stopped interacting with their friends or with the outside life.

In conclusion, social media is lousy idea in my perspective. My three reasons for thinking social media is lousy is because people spend too much time on social media, which affects their health, people get bullied or harassed on social media, and because people lose interest in interacting and having face-to-face communication with others. The implications of social media are that people are getting inactive, bullied, and losing interest with face-to-face communication. It is important for people to know social media is bad because people should know the negative parts of social media and to know to be careful with it. I find losing interest with face-to-face communication significant because how else are people going to interact with each other if they don't communicate face-to-face. I also think losing interest with face-to-face communication significant because if you have a boyfriend or girlfriend then what are you going to talk to them about without the experience of face-to-face communication, and how are they going to act around their loved person.

