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The Ramifications of Technology

“It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity” said Albert Einstein. We are constantly being surrounded by technology on an everyday basis. The challenge isn’t whether or not to use it, the challenge is to use it right. Technology can be very useful but it also can be harmful. The idea is to use it right to overshadow the negatives. Technology is a multi-headed beast, therefore it is helpful to explore how people can benefit from technology, how technology can affect us, and the reasons we crave the usage of technology so much.

People can benefit from technology in so many ways. We move around using technology, as it is more convenient and faster to use. For example, networking and communication make things easier. Technology now gives us an educational benefit in our development. Through technology teachers are able to go in the way of the new generation trend, to communicate and relate to their students. Technology gives us the benefit of access to ideas. Technology allows us to access numerous things in the comfort of our own homes. Communication now has become extremely accessible. Cellphones make it easy to talk, see, or visit anyone anywhere. We also have amazing apps like Skype and FaceTime, which makes it more possible to stay in touch with friends and family who are far from home. Not only does it make it easier but it’s more convenient since you save money. Instead of spending hundreds of dollars for a plane ticket, you can simply just stay in touch with family or friends through video chat. The use of technology in class has also opened up a new methods of teaching and effective learning. Also, the use of online classes has attracted more student’s attention to continue to further their education. Technology has also helped tremendously with the productivity of artists and businesses. They are able to promote their music or business through social media for exposure and credibility. Technology has improved communication and education and continues to be a dominant tool of life

Although technology has great benefits, it also affect us in negative ways. For instance, the use of technology can take over jobs. According to Gartner, by 2025 with the increased invention of smart robots, we can have an excess loss of jobs. “New digital businesses require less labor; machines will make sense of data faster than humans can” says Gartner. With the advances of technology, they can use it to operate businesses instead of paying humans to do it. Also, technology can cause a lot of laziness among students, as they use computers as an easy way out of homework and assignments. With Google, students can find most questions they need answered without actually using their own knowledge since Google has answers to nearly everything. Additionally students will become less motivated in class and more attentive to other things like social media. Students use cellphones during class distracting the professors, other classmates, and themselves. Some students don’t realize the misuse of cellphones during class can have a negative effect on themselves. It’s challenging to remain focused in class when you have a cellphone and your friends are constantly trying to stay in contact with you. Students can also use cellphones as a way to cheat during tests with other students, which again makes students less motivated and uneducated. Technology has progressed in tremendous ways which can affect us negatively if we allow it to.

There are many reasons why we crave the usage of technology so much. Yes technology can have its faults, but the real question that leaves me in a conundrum is whether or not we can overlook these negative aspects. We as humans are physically and mentally capable of overlooking the usage of technology. The reason we got this far in technology was because of the human nature trait called greed. The phrase “*Greed is good”* from the movie Wall Street has been proven to be our motivation for success. The fact that we are advancing so much is because of prevalence of greed. We are greedy enough to go to the moon, greedy enough to create expansions on technology such as the creation of cell phones. Greed is a trait we can’t overlook, because it is the essential reason we still to this day are so advanced. It is not just the scientists who exploit the use of technology but regular everyday people as well. We all exploit technology’s capabilities and access to an extent. We have movies every year coming out to warn us about the expansion of technology rising, most depicting robots who adapt to society and try to kill humanity due to their perceiving our ignorance and cruelty. Yet we still ignore and continue to increase our usage. It’s not our fault, it’s just common human behavior to crave the idea of always moving forward.

As you can see Technology is a very powerful, important tool in life. People can benefit from technology in many ways, technology can affect us in a variety of ways, and we crave technology in life at all times in this modern city. Technology has helped boost life. Things that used to take all day to complete can be done in seconds now. It helps business grow, education be more interesting and communication be simpler. It plays an important role in this society, and it’s a greatly relied on tool for the majority of people. We are constantly being surrounded by technology, as it provides an amazing way to stay informed and connected. Even with today’s amazing technology, it is hard to try and overlook its negative aspects.