# Impact of social media on teenagers

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Is social media more harmful or beneficial?

**Mayo Clinic Staff claim** 

- Social media helps teens who lack social support
- Can cause teens to form unrealistic views
- Exposes teens to predators and/or cyberbullying





Meanwhile, National institute of health, claims

- Social media helps provide a positive community
- Helps form positive relationships with others
- Can even help someone find social support in diverse groups



social media affects teenagers mental and physical health

#### **According to RPA Journals**

- Most teenagers are addicted to social media
- teens are suffering mentally and physical due addiction
- Teens stay up past midnight on social media







 Addiction to social media can cause depression



## Both the positives and negatives according to professionals

#### **According to IEEE, 2017**

- Improves
   Communication and social networking skills
- provides learning opputunities such as using google
- gives user easy access to health information

#### **According to RPA journals**

- teens are more vulnerable to getting addicted
- Most teens have reported cyber bullying
- Private information can be disclosed



#### **According to RPA journals**

- Many social media sites can be used to gain information
- more beneficial when sharing thoughts
- Can help find jobs
- connects people to other in the world
- Allows teenagers to do E commerce
- informs about current political issues



#### According to IEEE, 2017

- Cyber crime: can be used to cyber bully or even hack
- Privacy: improper use can put teen at risk and their private information at risk
- Message other people post may not be appropriate for teens testing

#### How they agree

The articles tend to agree social media can help keep others connected however it can also their health and can put their safety at risk

### According to, Arianna Prothero, 2024, education week

- Allows them to stay connected and make new friendships
- allows them to seek support from different communities
- Allows creative epression, Civic engagement and more

- Can help create community for support
- However content may not be appropriate
- Can help improve communication
- However cyberbullying is an issue



#### **Solution:**

- Create a schedule
- eet a new hobby



**Summary** 

Social media has many harmful but beneficial factors



#### Reflection and AI statement

I learned that this topic is heavily debated, yet it is more genuinely agreed that social media is harmful for teenagers than for a regular person. My thinking definitely did change while I generally agree social media is harmful for teenagers. I learned the different positives, such as how it provides information and learning opportunities that aren't easy to get. However, I still believe it is important for teenagers to be mindful of their social media usage and prioritize their mental health. When gathering my resources, I tried searching for articles that had both perspectives on the matter in order to provide two different points of view on the topic. I didn't change much in my project; all I did was reorganize it. The reason why I chose to research the impact of social media on teenagers is because I am and was a teen who was chronically online. I experienced a big number of predators, toxic people, and more; however, I also experienced friendships that I still have to this day. Social media had a huge impact on my life; however, I was always in trouble when people saw me using social media. So I decided to dig in deeper on what others might have to say on the topic. The visual choices I made were primarily for organizational purposes, but the characters kind of show an idea of what the information was saying.

#### **Al Statement:**

I used AI efficiently and only used it to correct my grammar and punctuation...

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