



The Effects of Internet Usage During Childhood on a Students Future Social Abilities

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Abstract

Social activity is something that everyone in the world makes use of whether it be through online use or in person. However, the modern world also makes it so a person does not have to be highly social or do many things in person, which could lead to them being anti-social, introverted, or fully shut-in(a person who never leaves the house). This can be seen in younger generations with easier access to technology and social media. This study was inspired by personal experience in order to see if there is a correlation between the age students are given access to the internet and how much time they spend to their future social activity. To see the correlation, a survey was conducted and sent out to a group of students that would provide quantitative data along with making sure that data is going to the right audience and does not have any inconsistencies due to outside interference.

Goal

Identify the relationship between early access to the internet during childhood and the effects of it on the social abilities of future students and reach a conclusion to stop current and future issues caused by the internet.

Limitations

There could have been more responses to my survey and I didn't find as much information about my topic as I would have wanted.

Conclusions

There is a correlation between the age someone is exposed to the internet and their future social abilities as students.

Implications

My results can be used to see that limitations and management should be applied to the internet usage of younger audiences.

Methods

Quantitative/Qualitative Survey

Results

Throughout my research, I have gone through and talked about things such as internet addiction and harmful things that children can find on the internet without proper limitations being implemented. While some children may be able to break out of the habit of overusing the internet through means of parental controls or new responsibilities or any other means, some children will still have unrestricted access to the internet which could cause addiction and if they are online very often, could cause physical issues in the future. These physical issues also leading to social issues due to possible lowered self-esteem.

