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Social media is on its prime, being used daily for hours and hours by billions of people. Undoubtedly, the ethical principles are affecting society in ways we couldn't have imagined. Resource A, Teenage Social Media Butterflies May Not Be Such a Bad Idea by Melissa Healy, "Antisocial Networking" by Hilary Stout and Resource C, Use of social media by college students: Relationship to communication and self-concept by Megan Sponcil and Priscilla Gitimu are resources that inform the positive impacts it had on society. Social Media has started off as a text or call but now evolving into group chats or video calls. I disagree with Hilary Stout's complaints of social media's negative impact on interpersonal communication for these three reasons: it allows kids to develop emotional bonds with others, it helps kids talk and engage towards society, and it helps individuals communicate with anyone in a more efficient and useful manner.

First of all, I agree how social media is impacting the society in a positive way because it allows kids to develop emotional bonds with others. Kids start to talk to more people and get to know them better. An example of this is indicated in Resource A, where the author claims, "Far from hampering adolescents' social skills or putting them in harm's way as many parents have feared, electronics appear to be the path by which kids today develop emotional bonds, their own identities, and an ability to communicate and work with others." This means that kids can develop bonds by using electronics in order to communicate and work with others. They are able to talk to a friend about an issue and get suggestions from them and help them in return, making a bond between the two. Kids are very dependent on social media as it is quoted in Resource A, "In fact, kids most likely spend lots of time on social media sites are not the least well-adjusted

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but the psychologically healthiest, suggests an early, but accumulating body of research.” This means that kids rely on social media which makes them have an accumulating body of research. They can spend many hours on social media looking for ideas, thus making the kid more eager to search online more often. These are two sufficient examples on how kids can develop bonds with others and how they adapt a body of research. This is one of the reasons why social media has a positive impact on society.

The second reason why I agree with the positive impact social media has had is because it helps kids talk and engage to a more connected society. Some kids are very shy these days to talk to people face-to-face so rely on social in order to interact with people. From the words of Mr. Wilson in Resource F, “I’m thinking Facebook has for the most part been beneficial to my sons.” “For Evan, the number one reason is it’s helping him coming out of his shell and develop social skills that he wasn’t learning because he was so shy. I couldn’t push him out of the house and say ‘Find someone’”. This shows that Evan has started to engage towards the society due to Facebook, thus allowing him to develop social skills. Kids who rarely talk to people in person would use social media. They can find a person who has the same interest or hobbies with them and start to have a meeting or conversation. Kids who don’t participate in anything after school would go home immediately or just shy away. Demonstrated in Resource B, “Recently when he mentioned that it was a friend’s birthday, she recalled, “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’”--the bulletin board on Facebook where friends can post messages that others can see. Ms. Shumaker said she has since begun encouraging her son to get involved in more group activities after school and

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was pleased that he joined a singing group recently.” This quote explains what Ms. Shumaker said about how she encouraged a mom’s son to join more activities and that he has joined a ‘choir’. For example, a kid who is very shy and hates participating in after school sports, activities or clubs goes home in an instant. He then starts to join an activity which makes him engaging towards society and interacting with new people. This is the second reason why social media has a positive impact on society rather than a negative impact.

Lastly, I agree on how social media’s positive affect has impacted society is because of communication with anyone is in a more efficient and useful manner. People mainly use Facebook as a source to reconnect with those whom they have recently met and those they haven’t met in a long time. It is demonstrated in Resource A, “For Example, Facebook is used primarily by students to maintain relationships with individuals they are acquainted with who live near or far.” This shows that students can keep in touch with those they met or haven’t met through communication. A kid in high school starts talking to his old middle school friend that he hasn’t met with for a long time. Communication through social media has never been more useful in such situations. Social media is not just only for communicating with one person, it is with multiple people at once. An example of this is quoted from Quan-Haase and Young in Resource C,” Facebook makes it simpler to communicate with multiple people at one time. Social media also makes it easier for users to monitor activities of people they have not seen in awhile as well as reconnecting with new and old friends.” In simpler terms, it means that people can monitor activities of people and reuniting with new and old friends through the efficiency of communicating. People can look at photos, text messages, posts, status updates of people and

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can communicate with them, whether it is old or new friends. From a viewpoint who agrees with Stout's statement on social media, kids lack human contact skills but are very good with tech skills. As it is quoted in Resource B," Even though young digital natives are very good with tech skills, they are weak face-to-face human contact skills." This is the last reason of why social media has a positive impact rather a negative.

To Conclude, the three main reasons why the positive impacts of social media exceed the negative impacts of social media are because it allows kids to develop emotional bonds with others, it helps kids talk and engage towards society, and it helps individuals communicate with anyone in a more efficient and useful manner. When kids start to develop emotional bonds, they will learn to trust the person more, interact, and get to know them better. By encouraging kids to participate in more activities, the kids will talk and engage towards the society and be more connected. With social media, it helps many individuals communicate with people that live near or far in a more efficient and useful manner.