

“We are increasingly connected to each other but oddly more alone.”

Sherry Turkle, *Alone Together*.

Has digital technology, especially cell phones and social media, made people more connected or more detached from one another?

Many people spend hours a day on technology whether it be texting, calling, facetimeing, or on social media. Some people engage in it and others just analyze it, but either way there is some type of communication that is involved. Therefore, digital technology, especially cell phones and social media, have made people more connected with each other.

First, everyone has their own lives and because of this we are not able to see all of our family and friends as often as we would like to. Some people have family members that live on the other side of the world and use social media to keep up with what they are doing and even to see if their have been any tragic events. Some people have family and friends living in the same town as them, but because of busy schedules they aren't able to see them. Digital technology helps people who live their own lives and can't be around people who live far away or even near by to still stay connected.

Secondly, sometimes people aren't very familiar with each other, but they went to the same high school together and want to keep up with someone and see how they are doing. Some people find it hard to approach people who they knew, but weren't very familiar with. Digital technology helps people in these situations to stay connected through social media without having to approach that person.

In conclusion, digital technology, especially cell phones and social media, have helped people who have their own lives and people who are not very familiar with each other to stay connected. Technology of today has greatly impacted our world. It has allowed people to stay connected with each other without having to be in the same place.

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Like the first body paragraph, this one lacks specifics. How can a person stay connected? Through messaging? Through reading status updates?

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