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This month is all about social networks.

Social Media

In today's society, the use of social media has become a necessary daily activity. Social media is typically used for social interaction and access to news and information and decision making. People can use it worldwide, as well as to share, create, and spread information.

The importance of social media cannot be ignored since it plays a very big and crucial role in our lives today... It also helps you connect with friends, relatives and helps you make new friends as well.

There are numerous websites and apps that make it possible (such as Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Viber and so on). Social media is now becoming one of the largest means of communication and is gaining popularity rapidly.



Instagram

We live in a time and age where information is just a button press away. We are swayed by information all around us. We millennials want to know, read, understand and then speak our minds about it. That is where social media comes into play. It is really one of the biggest elements that we live with and cannot ignore it.

But many psychiatrists believe that social media is a single most factor causing depression and anxiety in people, mostly teenagers. It's also a cause of poor mental growth in children. Increased use of social media can lead to poor sleeping patterns. There are many other negative effects like cyber bullying, body image issues, using fake profiles, etc. as well. There's an increased 'Fear of Missing Out' (FOMO) at an all-time high youth because of social media.

What's also increased is the case of catfishing. Catfishing is the type of activity where a person creates a sockpuppet social networking presence or fake identity on a social network account, usually targeting a specific victim for abuse, deception or fraud. It's also employed for romance scams on dating websites. It's really sad when you get to see what people on the other side of the screen can do to ruin somebody's life. What's really bad about it that people wouldn't stop doing that no matter what. Catfishing someone can take days, months, years even a decade. People ruin each other's lives just because they "think it's funny".

facebook

Today, it is important how many followers you've got, how many likes you get on your photos, how you "influence" other people. People get famous by having thousands of likes,

millions of followers and instantly they're famous and earning money. I personally don't mind people doing that, everyone can earn money on one way or another.

I honestly think using social media a lot can mess up someone's social life, one can close up into themselves and that can be a serious problem. Hopefully, we can stop using social media as often. People would change a lot because of that, for the better ofcourse.

Ena Ajkic III-8

How I use social networks

I'm 17 so it's normal for me to use social media. And I use them quite a bit but I can't say that they had any influence on me mainly because I don't let them get to me. I just have a weird opinion about social media and people on them so I use it as a „defense mechanism“. People on Instagram and social media such as Instagram show parts of their perfect days, their perfect mansions with pools and 30 different cars. It's an infuencer thing as some would say, but others like me consider this to be stupid and pointless.

Something else I can talk about is how I use social medias. The 2 socials networks I use the most are YouTube and Instagram (and I know some of you don't consider YouTube a social media but I do and I'll reffer to it like that). I even use YouTube more than Instagram and video games. Now what do I use it for? Literally, I watch everything on there. From gaming videos, to some serious talk videos, to even some documentaries, to vine compilations and cute animal videos. And when we talk about Instagram I usually use it to view memes (pictures with a photo and a funny caption above them) or I just post things I find funny on my profile.

Now how have I dealt with all the pressure of being perfect on social media? Easily, I realised I wasn't perfect. I didn't edit my photos so much that you can't recognize me even though I have just a few of them. I realised embracing yourself especially on social media gives you an advantage. You are aware of who you are and if you can deal with that and make somebody's day by being yourself or making yourself look funny. That's a power not known to many.



So you might call me below the average social media user but I'm honestly glad it's that way as I don't think I should be obsesed with those.

Stefan Krstić III-4



Lauv & Troye Sivan

I'm so tired of love songs, tired of love songs
Tired of love songs, tired of love
Just wanna go home, wanna go home
Wanna go home, whoa
So tired of love songs, tired of love songs
Tired of love songs, tired of love
Just wanna go home, wanna go home
Wanna go home, whoa

Party
Trying my best to meet somebody
But everybody around me's fallin' in love
to our song
I, I, oh I, yeah
Hate it
Taking the shot 'cause I can't take it
But I don't think they make anything that
strong
So I hold on
I, I, oh I, yeah

Strangers, killing my lonely nights with
strangers
And when they leave, I go back to our
song, I hold on
I, I, oh I
Hurts like heaven, lost in the sound
Buzz cut season like you're still around
Can't unmiss you and I need you now
Yeah, I, I, oh I, yeah

Tako sam umoran od ljubavnih
pjesama, umoran od ljubavnih pjesama
Umoran on pjesama, umoran od ljubavi
Samo želim kući, želim kući whoa
Tako sam umoran od ljubavnih
pjesama, umoran od ljubavnih pjesama
Umoran on pjesama, umoran od ljubavi
Samo želim kući, želim kući whoa

Žurka
Pokušavam upoznati nekoga
Ali svi oko nas zaljubljuju se uz našu
pjesmu
Ja, oh ja
Mrzim je
Pijem jer ne mogu da izdržim
Ali ne mislim da postoji tako jako piće
Pa se držim
Ja, ja oh ja

Stranci, ubijam usamljenje noći sa
strancima
A kada odu, vraćam se našoj pjesmi,
držim se
Ja, ja oh ja
Boli kao raj, izgubljen u zvuku
Onaj dio godine kad svi raskidaju, a ti
kao da si još uvijek tu
Ne mogu da mi ne fališ I trebaš mi sada
Da ja, ja oh ja

For some reason, teenagers seem to like this song!

Try to make as many new words out of this one

C O M F O R T A B L E

(our best score is 78)

Tonuge Twister - Try to say this as fast as you can (and as accurately as you can)

Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers

A peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked

If Peter Piper picked a peck of pickled peppers

Where's the peck of pickled peppers Peter Piper picked?

A few apps for learning and practicing English:

Kahoot!

Word finder

Important dates in November:

- 1st of November - All Saint's Day
- 11th of November – Remembrance Day
- 13th of November – World Kindness Day
- 19th of November – International Men's Day
- 28th of November – Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving is celebrated in the USA only but most people would agree that it is one of those holidays that should be adopted by everyone. We should dedicate at least one day a year to celebrate the things we are grateful for, to count our blessings and say THANK YOU for all the wonderful things we have. As a matter of fact, this should be a daily habit! Just look around and see how many great things surround you.

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