Annotated Bibliography for Technology and Social Isolation

Introduction

Technology has accorded the world with new ways with which people interact, and communities are now online, as opposed to some years back. Communication has been revolutionized as well, both business and personal, not to mention the custom-tailored delivery of news and updates to personal gadgets. As such, one-on-one interactions have been cut down a huge deal, as people strive to keep up with the latest trends. The disintegration of personal relationships in one’s vicinity has led to profound social isolation, as people lose contact with their families and friends, as well as the society.

Annotated Bibliography

Khosravi, P., Rezvani, A., & Wiewiora, A. (2016). The impact of technology on older adults’ social isolation. Computers in Human Behavior, 63, 594-603. doi:10.1016/j.chb.2016.05.092

This article looks at the adverse health effects of social isolation. It targets senior people and the manners in which they become the victims of negative technology usage, an element that is supposedly reserved for the younger generation only. The contributors of this resource go ahead and recommend remediating measures for this menace. Ironically the means of intervention are technology-based as well, but luckily, they work. The article proposes technologies that can be applied to lessen the presence of social isolation among technology users.

My assessment: This article addresses the same point in the compositions and will help in understanding the variance in the setting; the erosion of social interactions by technology is a recurring issue. It points out the seclusion that society has suffered, owing to the prevalence of these technologies that allow for online societies. In both articles, technological elements as a hindrance to social interactions are prevalent and the misconception of multitasking.

Marthandan, G., & Tang, C. M. (2010). Information technology evaluation: issues and challenges. Journal of Systems and Information Technology,12(1), 37-55. doi:10.1108/13287261011032643

The article evaluates the negative issues revolving around the use of technology. The authors discuss social isolation as one of these challenges and outline the ways through which social structures are compromised with continued use of technology. This source is reliable because the information it discusses is obtained from existent research. More so, it handles the topic from a subject’s approach; thus, makes it more reflective of the situation on the ground.

My assessment: the article highlights a very important point of the necessity to reduce our dependence on technology, which will help in developing a basic knowledge of the problem. The importance of avoiding the overdependence on technology, which despite having many advantages, has various disadvantages that affect mostly the social lives of many individuals. For instance, people nowadays hardly have time to meet new people, travel to new places or even, spend time with their family. This move is because most of their time gets consumed when using technologies such as phones television or even computer.

# Rosen, L. & Hampton, K. (2015, May 10). Is Technology Making People Less Sociable? Retrieved from http://www.wsj.com/articles/is-technology-making-people-less-sociable-1431093491

This article discusses the two aspects of technology from the point of view of Dr Rosen, a psychology professor at California State University and Dr. Hampton, a professor in Communication and Public Policy at Rutgers University’s School of Communication and Information. They both expose different points in the effects of technology in society. Dr Rosen supports his points in studies that he has performed for over 30 years among 50,000 children, teens and adults in the U.S. and 24 other countries. He exposes that the total effect of technology is that while it allows connecting more with the people in our virtual world, it is also reducing communication in real life on a deeper level. People are developing higher levels of anxiety, depending more on technological devices. People are connecting more and communicating less with the kind of human interaction that is so essential to the emotional health. Dr. Hampton on the other hand, exposes the benefits technology brings to people, when it enables to keep social ties with older friends and family. He supports that technologies don’t replace in-person interaction, they supplement it. Different studies made by him, have found that the informal support and the  social sharing we find online contribute to lower levels of stress. Dr Hampton recognizes that there are individual cases for which the use of technology is problematic but for the majority, the persistent contact and awareness made possible by technology provide benefits they were not able to enjoy before.

My assessment: The article shows different points of views supported by studies on the effects of technology in society. It could be helpful to present readers different opinions on the subject, presenting an argument with supported evidence while at the same time presents a counterargument. It will help the research presenting two sides of the problem and exposing that at the end it all depends on how it is used and how much control you allow technology to have over your life.

Tolentino, J., Chen, A., Costa, C., Cassidy, J., Crouch, I., & Borowitz, A. et al. (2017). As Technology Gets Better, Will Society Get Worse?. The New Yorker. Retrieved 28 January 2017, from <http://www.newyorker.com/tech/elements/as-technology-gets-better-> will-society-get-worse

The source looks at the repercussions of an extensive use of technology, and what awaits humanity if things proceed at this rate. It addresses the ever-growing reach of technology, and what that means for contemporary society. It outlines the ways in which humankind is losing track, especially socially. The credibility of this source lies in the manners through which the information used on the site is obtained. It is based on extensive research into the alterations inflicted upon human society due to the constant technological evolution.

My assessment: The article will help me to understand these advanced information technology systems, the process of carrying out lengthy and complicated undertakings in the corporate world becomes quick and efficient. Business executives find the processes more manageable and free of tedious hurdles with the application of systems such as automated teller machines, printers, and copiers. Another evidence for the argument about the significance of information technology to the business world is the communication aspects of the environment that get enabled by inventions in internet and connectivity technologies. Such techniques help in fast transmission of information across individuals and organizations in the corporate environment

Turkle, S. (2011). Alone together: Why we expect more from technology and less from each other. S.I.: ReadHowYouWant.

In this resource, the author looks at the many ways through which technology has created social barriers between people, leading to isolation. Turkle looks at the way people are increasingly cherishing simulations, instead of actual social relations with other people. Human connectivity has become a thing of the past as people are becoming socially isolated. The resource discusses this aspect in details and cites any relevant research whenever factual claims are mentioned. Sherry Turkle uses research findings from the infamous, MIT Technology to support her arguments, rendering the information credible, since the results have been studied.

My assessment: The main article support points for the stand in the importance of information technology to the field of business include the current evidence of development and growth in business as a result of systems developed using software and hardware components. Hence, it will help me in gaining a good knowledge of how such systems have been able to make the process of trade and business transactions possible in a fast-moving environment.