

The problem of the Digital Divide is important to consider. The Digital Divide is a term we use to refer to the fact that not all people in a society will be able to use, afford, or learn how to work with computers. In a society that is increasingly dependent on computers for getting everything done, people who cannot use computers will suffer, either economically, socially, or in other ways. As technologies continue to change, it will become more and more difficult for older people and for immigrants from non-computerized societies to adjust. A divided society is often a weaker society, and this is also true of a Digitally Divided society.

The Internet is stupid. It's full of stupid people saying stupid things, and the result is that more and more stupidity is spread around. The more people use the Internet, the more stupid they become. The Internet makes people stupid, so it's very dangerous!

We are vulnerable because of our dependency on computers for our social stability. We use the Internet for banking, for personal and work communications, and for entertainment, but the Internet also, almost invisibly, is used for thousands of other purposes in our world. Telecommunications, the maintenance of traffic light systems, electricity distribution, air traffic control, and shipments of all kinds of goods including necessities like food and drinking water all now depend on the power of networked computers. An intelligent, well-planned electronic attack on the Internet could have deadly consequences for all societies that depend on it, and a successful attack on the Internet could throw our world into chaos. Although it is frightening to consider, our dependency on the Net is dangerous because it makes our whole society more vulnerable to attack.

The Net cuts many people off from their communities and from healthy lifestyles. Someone once said that the Internet is the new TV, and has all the bad effects of television, too. More than ever before, people tend to stay home, find entertainment online, and keep to themselves. This means that fewer people go out, join real-life organizations or groups, and meet one another face-to-face less often. Not only are people exercising less, but they are also getting less and less used to interacting with other people in the way that we consider normal. The result is a breakdown of community and civil society. The Internet is therefore dangerous because it makes individuals less fit both physically and as members of society.