

Is Google Negatively Affecting our Intelligence?

Google has always been there to answer our questions, however, I believe this affects our intelligence. In the two articles and infographic written by Nicholas Carr, Genevieve Roberts, and various online colleges, it talks about how and why many researchers believe Google is making us stupid because we can't just run to a computer when we need answers to our problems. We should be able to solve them ourselves without needing help from a webpage. I think Google is affecting our intelligence for three reasons: it doesn't allow us to think deeply, we are not able to remember important items, and it gives us false information.

To begin with, Google is affecting our knowledge because it doesn't allow us to think deeply. Being around the Internet means we are easily able to get distracted and not complete our tasks. According to the article written by Nicholas Carr, it says, "We end up scatterbrained. The fact is you'll never think deeply if you're always Googling, texting, and surfing." When I go home and do homework, it is very easy for me to turn on my computer and search for answers, but I get distracted too. Google shows lots of interesting ads and I get carried away so I forget to finish my work. We should think about our own answers to our questions, not ask a webpage about it. How will I ever learn that way? Genevieve Roberts says, "The best way to make information stick is to sometimes sit back, and mentally refresh what you learnt or experienced a minute, an hour or a day ago." I have always thought that writing something is always better than reading it. On Google, all you will ever do is read. Google doesn't allow us to think for ourselves, instead they do it for us. That is not the way things should be. We were born with the capacity to think and I believe we should be forever grateful for that. A website can't just come

to take that away! I think Google is negatively affecting our way of expressing ourselves because it doesn't allow us to think deeply.

Secondly, technology makes us stupid because we are not able to remember items we should know at the top of our heads. It is important to know objects without having to look it up on the Internet because sometimes, not even that can help. In the, "Google Effect: is technology making us stupid?" written by Genevieve Roberts, it says, "More than 70 percent of people don't know their children's phone number by heart, and 49 percent have not memorised their partner's number." Not being able to memorize one of the most important pieces of information is really bad. For example, one day you can be walking down the street and a group of men take your purse or backpack with everything in it. What do you do? You can ask someone to borrow their phone, but what use is it if you can't even remember your parents' or siblings' number? We should be able to know about our own knowledge. Nicholas Carr says, "We're missing the real danger, that human memory is not the same as the memory in a computer; it's through remembering that we make connections with what we know, what we feel, and that gives us rise to personal knowledge." Humans don't know what their brains are capable of doing. A human man is who created Google. So, if a man can create it without having any help from an internet source, I'm sure we can answer our own questions by thinking deeply. Google is making us stupid because we should be able to remember things at the top of our heads.

Finally, this site is negatively affecting our intelligence because it can give us incorrect information. Google is not always right and this can cause us to be unaware of important things. The infographic provided to us says, "The Internet is filled with incorrect information, which may lead to being misinformed." In the year 2016, the world was full of chaos due to the

elections that were going on. Many people would search the internet for the promises made to America by both candidates but when they searched for them, negative comments would show up revealing information that did not happen in real life. This is a terrible situation because it can cause the voters to view their favorite candidate as an imposter who only cares about winning the presidency and it will change their ideas. Being filled in with the incorrect facts not only causes you to seem dumb, but it can also affect your future ideas and ways of storing memories in your brain. The infographic also has something that says, "These tools have replaced our need to memorize many details; and without these tools we may be lost." I remember a few years ago, my social studies teacher asked us to look up an important date in history and finish taking notes that we had started in class. As I was browsing a site that came up on Google, I noticed that the dates did not correspond with what my teacher was giving a lesson on. So I decided to turn in an unfinished assignment rather than have the completely wrong information on my paper. Many adults argue that Google does not have a negative effect on our way of thinking. Peter Norvig, author of the New York Times Upfront article says, "When the history of our current age is written, it will say that Google has made us smarter- both individually and collectively- because we have ready and free access to information." Although a big group of people say that Google doesn't make us dumb, I believe it does because it fill us in with incorrect facts.

In conclusion, there is nothing we can do to stop Google from thinking for us. It is the latest source of information that can be accessed by anyone with a device. In my opinion, small kids should not grow up asking a site for answers if they were born with a brain that can be so much more useful. Google is making us stupid for three reason: it doesn't allow us to think deeply, we are not able to remember important items, and it gives us false information. I really

hope that in the future, I can be able to find out important details without relying on a web page to do it for me.