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In this century, there is technology roaming around everywhere we go. Technology is our rope, connecting us to each other and giving us a glimpse into each other's lives. This is how we communicate, and how trends start. In “Use of social media by college students,” (Document C) by Megan Sponcil and Priscilla Gitime, “Teenage Social Media Butterflies May Not Be Such a Bad Idea,” (Document A), by Melissa Healy, and “Antisocial Networking?” (Document B) by Hilary Stout, the authors show how social media has an impact in today's society in terms of helping students communicate, being more efficient, and be more connected. Stout Believes social media is taking over and not allowing kids interact how they “used to.” I completely disagree with this statement. I think kids express themselves the same, or even better, and then they used to. Communication and interaction with others help us express ourselves and build strong relationships especially the technology.

To begin with, social media helps college students communicate with people who are far away from them. College students usually live in a campus, far from their home, friends, and family. They need a way to communicate and social media that answered. For example, in Document C it states, “Many of these young adults use social media networks to communicate with family, friends and even strangers.” College students are very busy, they need fast and efficient way to contact each other. Social media helps them by giving them a better way to communicate with each other. It helps them in tricky situations when they have low signal but

have a good Wi-Fi connection. It is no doubt technology has risen immensely. Another quote stated in Document C says, “Social media sites have created a new non-personal way for people to interact with others and young adults have taken advantage of this technological trend.” Social media has given us a chance to interact and meet new people. This could be good for introverted people who do not speak up. This highlights the fact that social media has a positive impact on us. As you can see, it lets us communicate and contact people who are not with us at the time.

Secondly, social media might be safer than face-to-face interaction. Your friends might be more dangerous than anyone on social media because of the impact they have on you and social media friendships can be stronger and safer. A quote relating to this in Document A states, “The dangers are the old dangers of who they hang out.” The author is trying to say that the real threats are their friends. Friends can hurt you even more than strangers can on social media because of the things they know relating to you. Another example in document A states, “Subrahmanyam has also found that children’s online worlds and friendships strongly resemble their relationships offline, with overlapping casts of characters and similar hierarchies of closeness.” Online relationships can sometimes be more stronger than offline ones. Extroverted people want to tell their friends their secrets but it is hard for them and on social media it is easier for them. This leads us back to the main idea that social media has a positive impact on us by giving us a safer environment to interact in.

Lastly, social media helps kids interact and helps them express themselves. People are sometimes introverted in real life, but when they are on social media they are completely different person. For example, and in Document B it states, “Mr. Wilson suggested Evan to sign up and give it a try. The other day he was pleased to find out and chatting through Facebook with

a girl.” A lot of people are just like Evan and are not extroverted. Social media gives them a boost and helps them express themselves in different ways. It also gives them the freedom to communicate and meet new people. Another example, in document B states, “But she also uses it to check up on friends who may be upset about something — and in those cases she will follow up with a real conversation.” people also interact with friends they have offline. Social media is the perfect tool for checking up on friends and seeing how they're doing. Although some people say that social media can lead to suicide through a series of events because of a quote in the article “Teenagers on Social Media : Socialization and Self-esteem,” saying, “There use of social media lead to cyberbullying, which leads to depression, thoughts suicide, and sadness,” I believe social media has a positive impact on today's society. This connects to social media having a positive impact on us by helping kids interact and meet new people.

To conclude, social media is a useful tool used by the many that has a promising impact in our lives. Because social media helps students communicate, is more efficient than face-to-face interaction, and helps people stay more connected, I believe it has a positive influence on our society. Social media helps college students video chat and communicate with family members far away, let’s people interact with people other than their offline friends, who could potentially hurt you more than social media users, and gets us to break out of our shell and meet new people.