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Facebook- sign up or not

Facebook- a social network or should we say- a synonym for an addiction? It seems as if everybody is drawn by the facebook concept without regarding to the severe consequences it leads to. In this essay I would like to explain why I believe facebook has a negative impact on the lives of many individuals.

In the first place, we have to take into account that the privacy is harmed by the use of facebook. Opening an account means exposing yourself to the world. The problem is- we may be exposing ourselves to someone who is mentally ill, which could put us at stake as a victim of criminal behaviour.

Secondly, we simply share too much information with people who are strangers, while there is a lack of communication with our truly friends. Suddenly, we realize that our 'virtual friends' are the only ones who are able to value us as a person.

Next, take your job, for example. Before hiring you, your future boss will search the Internet for your personal information. Pay attention! Even if you remove something , it, anyway, remains accessible to the rest of the world.

I would like to draw your attention to the problem of obesity. Was it not for the games available on facebook, we would not be staring into our monitors for hours. Not only it can damage your eyesight, but it also reduces our physical activity.

To sum up, it is my belief that signing up to facebook means posting your identity on the Internet. Therefore- always remember- do not post any pictures that should not be seen by your cousins or closest relatives! Think twice before these actions!

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