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Facebook - sign up or not

Since Facebook was created it has been gathering more and more users by the minute. This social phenomenon that is spreading around the globe at an astonishing rate was initially formed as a communication tool for a small group of students. Now the number of people using it has increased immensely and its uses even more so.

Although it has been made ridiculously easy for virtually anyone, signing up to Facebook should not be done without careful consideration. The uses of Facebook are extremely wide, some of them good, some of them bad.

At first the sole purpose of Facebook was communication. This feature in particular is, and in my opinion will be used for communication for a long time to come, because of its simplicity. By using Facebook you can easily get in touch with your family, friends, colleagues from across the world and so on.

On the other hand people have started using Facebook with intentions which are not as innocent as simple communication. By making fake profiles people can now easily fool the average Facebook user in revealing all sorts of personal information, thus putting themselves and those around them in great danger.

In my opinion signing up into Facebook is not a bad thing if a person is mature enough to handle the responsibility that it holds. I also believe that the authorities should work with parents to raise awareness of the dangers of Facebook, especially for children under the age of 13.

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