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Facebook – sign up or not?

Facebook is one of the most popular social groups on the Internet with over 600 million active users all over the world. The number of people signed in there is increasing every day and it has tendency to grow even more.

Many Facebook users claim that they created their profile in order to renew relations with old friends or relatives with which they lost contact because of distance. People who are in favour of Facebook believe that users of it can easily develop their social life by meeting and communicating with other people, that they are able to expand their circle of people they know. On the other hand, many other people wouldn't agree that spending time in front of computer is possible to name as a social life.

Also exchanging personal information with unfamiliar people can be very risky, especially if people aren't aware of the fact that behind nice photos and even nicer stories there can be hiding mentally sick people with no good intentions. Unfortunately, we are witnesses of many tragic stories that happen to people who become victims of psychopats and cybermaniacs.

In addition, what psychologists classify as the main problem is addiction problem which happens in almost every case after certain time: users of Facebook become so dependant of this social network, that they feel afraid to step up in a real world because they usually start to feel insecure and lose their self-confidence. After all this, the question is – sign in or not?

My answer is - no. I like to enjoy real life, all benefits and advantages it gives, and I would never change it for an imaginary world. From my point of view, everybody should consider all these facts before deciding to sign up.

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