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Is Google Negatively Affecting our intelligence?

Google is causing us to lose our intelligence or making us “stupid”, it might be degrading our skills of processing and memorizing information. Not only is Google degrading our memorization skills, but it’s also degrading our intelligence, and not allowing us to think independently and creat our own ideas. Google might be giving us a ton of information, but are we really learning from it or just neglecting it because we can just visit the same page again.

First of all, google is degrading our ability to memorize well and our intelligence at the same time. The reason why is because with google we don’t need to memorize something to re-do it again, instead we don’t because we know that the same information will always be there even on a different website. This then stops making us intelligent because we might learn something for the first hour and then completely forgot about it. According to Independent Tech by Genevieve Roberts, Google effect: is technology making us stupid?, “ If we spend all our time online, or experiencing our lives through a smartphone camera lens, we might miss important experiences, and not commit them to long term memory...” This goes to show how if we continue to use google as our main source of memory, once google is gone we won’t have much to remember. If we used to know how to do a certain survival trick but was constantly checking up with google than you aren’t ever going to remember it without google there to help you. Instead of google trying to create long term memories, it creates short term ones as according to Genevieve Roberts, ‘Google Effect: is technology making us stupid’, “ Constantly looking up

information online is not an effective way to create permanent memories. The best way is to make information stick is to sometimes sit back, and mentally refresh what you learn or experienced a minute, an hour or a day ago.” This goes to show how if we continue on relying on google constantly, to tell us where we live, where we work, our friends phone number, where they live, we will rarely memorizing it or place it in long term memory.

Secondly, with google we don't need to use our brains to think for ourselves, instead now we let google and whoever post's on it do the thinking for us. As according to Genevieve Roberts, 'Google Effect: is technology making us stupid?', “ She gives the example of a new mother trying to work out whether their baby not sleeping is bad and when to start worrying.” If we are constantly relying on google, than how will we think for ourselves. If the internet goes out how will most of the people in this world survive without all this information that we don't know. According to Source: A Study of Students Online research Behavior by Moran and Firth(Infographic by by online colleges.net), “ With the internet, everything is just a click away. When we don't know something, we are primed to turn to the computer to rectify the situation.” This goes to show how much we trust ourselves on the internet instead of thinking on our own to solve whatever problem we are dealing with.

Finally, the last reason why google is making us unintelligent is because we aren't really producing any unique or new knowledge of our own to solve a certain problem, or make an idea. The info you find might even be incorrect ,as according to an Infographic by Moran and Firth, “ The internet is filled with incorrect information which may lead to being misinformed.” First of all, it's already bad that you rely on the internet for all of your information and most of it isn't even credible or true. That means if you know everything that is posted on the internet, you're

not always going to be as smart as you would think you would be. According to the Infographic by Nicholas Carr, *The shallows: What the Internet is doing to our Brains*, “ If you’re really interested in developing your mind, you should turn off your computer and your cellphone and start thinking.” This means that you would learn more from thinking than browsing across the web.

In conclusion, google is making us unintelligent because we can easily access the same information again, base most of our “thinking” off what others posted on the web, and the fact that we rely too much on the internet which is not even completely credible. The Internet might give us a lot of information, but should we trust it, is it true or false. Also at one point once you start to rely on the internet for everything you might as well not know anything, because once you get off the computer you just lost all of your knowledge.