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Social Media

Social Media: Forms of electronic communication (websites for social networking and micro blogging) through which users create online communities to share information, ideas, personal messages, and other content (as videos.)

Every day teenagers are being impacted by different types of social media. The strive to fit in and be accepted is a struggle for most. Everyday people talk about new music, the last gossip, Facebook, and the coolest trends. Even if you could care less about most of these topics you hear other people talking, and it could come up in a conversation.

Social media impacts most teenagers lives in a significant way, who you're friends with, what you talk about, and what you do. Teenager in general are very focused on the latest gossip, the song everyone is talking about, or type of hat or logo everyone is wearing. Look at the people around you. Everyone has similar outfits. Even the people with their "own" style don't wear something so outrageous because they would feel self conscience, different. Even though social media has its down sides, it's not all that bad. It allows us to be informed on what's happening here and around the world. But is there too much information?

I conducted a survey asking people if they like to be updated with the latest music, gossip, news feed and trends. Twenty eight people participated in this survey. 90% like to be updated with the latest trends, 75% for music, gossip 70%, news feed 60%. Then they were asked if they have ever been left out of a conversation due to these types of social media. 100% said they felt left out because of gossip, 80% for music, 80% for news feed and 30% for trends. During one of the interviews someone said that they only listen to pop music, kiss 108, because everyone else does. This proves my theory that people only do certain things because others do it, and they want to fit in. Based on these results, social media has a profound influence on all young people, one way or another. The more people pay attention to social media, the more it affects their lives. Kids today are so addicted to Facebook and learning everything that's happening that it can completely distract them. For example, have you ever been doing something and then wanted to check your Facebook quickly, and when you look at the time a half an hour or hour has passed. I'm not saying this is bad, but that Facebook and every other trend has a way of making people fixate and care so much about it. Whether it be to fit in or enjoy it for yourself, we all take part in social media, and depending on how we use it can effect in various ways.