

# The iOS 7 Question

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At the moment, iPhone users everywhere are asking themselves the same question: Should I update to iOS 7 or not? The reviews on the update are very mixed, so for those of us who haven't yet updated this is a pressing issue. Should we update? Is it worth it? Is it actually any improvement on iOS 6, or is it just a new, colorful design for your phone? Personally, I'm still debating: I like the old design and I'm worried I'll be too confused by my own phone if it suddenly has a new set-up. I've read all the reviews and researched iOS 7 online, but I decided to ask around MHS and see if someone would answer a few questions for me. I talked with a junior who got iOS 7 almost as soon as it came out, and she helped me understand the pros and cons of the update.

The obvious question to begin with is, "Do you like iOS 7?" Most people respond with either "yes" or "no," however, this MHS student answered saying she liked iOS 7 overall, but strongly objected to certain aspects of it. She went on to explain that the new look is great, but that the update drains battery power extremely quickly. The speed of the phone, in her opinion, may be slightly faster than the iOS 6, but she isn't quite sure. Siri understands more, and voice commands are now more responsive. I would imagine that with the new design, adjusting to using your phone with iOS 7 would be difficult, or at least confusing, but my friend assured me that the new design presents easier ways to access features like timer and controls, though she admits to not knowing how to close apps. I've heard many people say that once you have iOS 7, you can see when someone screenshots your conversations, but, according to my friend, this isn't true. While texting a friend, she had the friend screenshot the conversation, but nothing happened.

Ultimately, this MHS junior feels positive about the update and would recommend it to other iPhone users. According to the Apple website, the purpose of the latest iOS update was to apply clarity and a single system to the entire iPhone. Though some are against the new iOS, it seems that Apple has succeeded in its goal to introduce a system that would be uniform throughout the phone. I don't think I can make a judgment of my own until I, myself, have updated, but from what I hear from my friends and from the positive reviews I've read online, it seems that updating to iOS is the way to go.