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Ms. Dell 'Antonia is a columnist in the New York Times, who has written about how Facebook is taking away the joy in different families. I agree with Dell 'Antonia's opinions on how Facebook has taken away critical aspects of our lives. The first thing to consider is that before the proliferation of social networking sites like Facebook, social interactions and reactions happened face-to-face. However, that type of reaction has been replaced by exclamations marks and emojis instead of actual hugs and exclamations (Dell 'Antonia, 2019). This paper aims to summarize Dell 'Antonia's arguments. To be precise, the paper highlights how there is a shift in the use of Facebook in an attempt to bring back the family's joy, the driving force behind this shift, and the need to embrace face-to-face interactions.

People are pulling back from social media. For instance, in America, two-thirds of adults are active Facebook users. 40% of these individuals have reportedly taken a break from Facebook for weeks. In comparison, 26% have told researchers that they have deleted the Facebook application from their mobile devices last year (Dell 'Antonia, 2019). This change is happening because of privacy issues, while others are concerned about how the platform makes them feel and act. From this context, it is clear that there is a psychological issue with the continuous use of the platform. Irrespective of the driving factor, pulling back on social media helps protect sensitive family data. A further reason is that a majority are ready to return to the intimate old days when face-to-face interactions had a significant meaning.

Also, many families realize that the online space no longer offers them satisfaction when they deliver good news to families and friends. On the contrary, it eliminates the moments we would rather spend interacting with friends and family and seeing them excited about delivering the good news. During one-on-one interactions, people yield solid responses than anything they

can do online. The amount of time people takes waiting for virtual interactions takes them in a virtual realm, drawing them to their mobile devices. In this realm, the mind is fixated on responses. We wait for Facebook followers to respond to our posts. This is a distraction that takes people away from reality. For instance, once a person posts a video of their child dancing, they are no longer focused on the child. They are taken to a virtual world, where they wait for their delight to be validated virtually.

In conclusion, social media has taken away a crucial aspect of our daily lives; our family's joy. However, people are determined to revert to the old days when face-to-face family and its interactions. Though virtual validation in social media sites is gratifying, it is not accurate. It takes us to a different realm, where we do not focus on the life occurrences but are fixated on the responses we get virtually. This is not to say that Facebook and other social media sites are useless. On the contrary, and as highlighted by Dell 'Antonia, it can be used for professional purposes, promotion, seeking parental advice, and providing quick updates during calamities. Face-to-face interaction remains the best way to create memories and seek validation because the experience it offers cannot be matched by what is offered in a virtual realm.

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