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Social Networking

Should children (below 15 years) be allowed on social networking sites?

Social media like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and WhatsApp plays a significant role in our lives in today's society. These social networks are responsible for communicating with our families and friends who are near and those who are far away. Also, we connect with new individuals who have the same interests as us through social websites, and we make new friends and meet the old ones through social networking. Although social networking is not suitable for children under the age of 15, and with increasing tech, children access it without any difficulties. They have become addicted to social media, which is not a good sign.

Thesis Statement. Should children (under 15 years) be allowed on social networking sites? Social networking unites lost friendships and makes new friends, but how effective is it for children below 15?

Children who are addicted to social media always display signs of communication problems. Compared to those children who are not on Facebook, those on Facebook happen to be more egotistic, inconsiderate, and violent. Social media are also identified to distress children's social skills because they prefer texting to face-to-face talk. The reports from teachers talk about how social media is distressing children's understanding levels. Children lack real talk, like how they should use their body language and tone of voice since they communicate primarily through the screen. Since social networking has age restrictions, they should be able to enforce it so that our children are protected.

Arguably is another most essential reason, and it is the risks that children express whereas on the social internet. Children do not understand the dangers of giving out personal info, especially to strangers, and we all know that secrecy is the primary concern of anyone using

social networking. A child can be abducted at their school because of the details they disclose on social media. These young souls are always targeted as they know nothing about privacy. It is not easier for adults to be manipulated because they understand about privacy, and they cannot disclose them to strangers. Children are also unable to understand the consequences of their actions, and this naivety has become one of the primary reasons for them to be the target since they accept everything they see in front of them. This reason has made me say that children should not access social websites.

Smartphones and tablets have become the latest touch screens for many young children. Cyberbullying is the leading bullying of this age, and children act differently behind the screens. Before social media, once the children were bullied, it would end until the next day, but nowadays, it is different with social media, and it has become hard to escape. Most children deal with school bullying, and at the same time, they deal with it at home. There are many suicides and suicidal attempts due to cyberbullying because these children are tired of being bullied and seeing hurtful comments on the social internet. The methodology on bullying and suicide is frightening. The outcome shows that suicide is the 3rd leading death amongst children. It results in about 4500 demises p.a. individuals need to understand and see the linkage between social media websites and bullying sites. It is unfortunate to see an eight-year-old child taking their own life just because they are tired of the bullying. Bullying is not good at all, and that's why I strongly suggest that children be allowed on social networking sites.

However, despite being against young children using social networking sites, there are various benefits to using specific social networking sites. If children want to access social networking sites, there are safe ways to be monitored, like club penguins. Penguin club is where children can design their club and chat with their other children. The best thing about the sites is

that when these kids are chatting, they follow strict scripts chosen by the website's inventors to maintain maximum fortification. The websites are very advantageous because they describe how social networking works for young kids. The reason looks genuine, but always they are individuals who hack into these accounts and manipulate them, thus abducting them. So, I still propose that children be denied these social networking sites until they are old enough.

To conclude. Social networking sites play a big part in our lives. Facebook and Twitter are the central part of social networking sites. Each day over than 1.4miliion individuals use social interacting sites. Social interacting sites benefit us in making new friends, interacting with our lost friends, among others. I am against young children using social networking for many reasons. Social networking sites affect children mentally, thus making them lack social skills and authentic communication in life. Children encounter a lot of dangers in their lives through social networking sites as they disclose their personal information to social media websites. Also, cyberbullying is another reason brought by social networking sites. Many children are taking their lives due to cyberbullying, and all of these reasons make me believe that children should be allowed to use social networking sites until they are old enough. Children should be forced to grow fast. They should just be allowed to be children.

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