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TOPIC: IS SOCIAL MEDIA ACTUALLY MAKING

PEOPLE ANTI-SOCIAL?

OUTLINE:

1. Introduction

Thesis Statement: The unregulated use of social media has sparked a debate on whether it has made people anti-social. Factors indicate that it has indeed exacerbated social isolation. While social media can foster socializing among masses, its increased use has left individuals more isolated than ever.

2- The tendency of social media to socialize and isolate its users

3- How social media is making people anti-social - (THESIS)

- a) Users are hooked to screens
- b) Physical interaction replaced with digital interaction
- c) Increased social anxiety due to constant online interactions
- d) A way to avoid real-life problems
- e) Filter bubbles attract the users to keep scrolling
- f) Rising online hobbies among users
- g) Online validation from unknown users

4- Social media has fostered socializing among masses - (ANTI-THESIS)

- a) It has enhanced global connectivity
- b) Introverted individuals can communicate with like minds
- c) People sharing similar interests interact with each other
- d) Individuals express thoughts without pressure of physical surroundings
- e) It has empowered marginalized groups

5- Increased use of social apps has left individuals more isolated than ever - (SYNTHESIS)

- a) Global connectivity is replacing real-life interaction
- b) Introverts often become further withdrawn from physical interaction
- c) Interest based communities limit exposure to diverse opinions
- d) Escaping physical setting further confines individuals to loneliness
- e) Empowerment of marginalized groups overshadowed by cyber-bullying

6- Conclusion

ESSAY:

The COVID-19 lockdown led the world closer to social media than it had ever been. However, the feelings of loneliness and isolation were evident from people's posts about their longing to interact with their friends and family in-person. This period revealed a crucial truth that social media cannot replace real-life socialization. Even though everyone was constantly communicating virtually, the feelings of loneliness and isolation never truly left. Such experiences sparked a debate on whether the unregulated use of social media has made people anti-social. Factors indicate that it has indeed exacerbated social isolation. While social media can foster socializing among masses, its increased use has left individuals more isolated than ever. Social media users are constantly hooked to their cell phones thereby significantly reducing their physical interaction. This leads to further their social anxiety and they tend to avoid real-life problems in the mask of online communication. The filter bubbles and digital algorithms also shift individuals' focus towards online hobbies, hence further reducing their real-life socialization. Users claim that social media platforms have actually helped them

socialize by enabling global connectivity, and enabling communication with people who share similar interests as them. They further defend their standpoint by positing that these platforms are empowering and promote their interaction without having to face stress of physical interactions. Despite these claims, most posit that global connectivity cannot replace real-life interactions and social media is actually exacerbating social isolation of its users. Introverts are further withdrawn from physical interaction, interest based online communities limit acceptance of diverse opinions, and marginalized classes are overshadowed by cyberbullying. Thus, escaping physical settings is further confining the masses to isolation.

Social media has the tendency of both, increasing socialization as well as isolating its users to the confines of online interaction. Just like the French proverb suggests, "Every advantage has its disadvantage, and, every disadvantage has its advantage." Similarly, the regulated use of social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and X is indeed quite beneficial. It does not only keep the masses informed, but also provides its users with a

platform to voice their thoughts. However, the users have started exploiting these platforms for their entertainment and useless endeavors. When they use the apps for the latter, they seem to have an addictive tendency. This actually leads to addiction of social media apps which results in isolation among individuals.