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Technology, hailed as a driver of progress, has become a defining feature of modern life, reshaping not only economies and politics but also the most intimate aspects of human behavior. At first glance, its benefits seem undeniable: rapid communication, instant access to knowledge, and the automation of repetitive labor. Yet, beneath this narrative of advancement lies a paradox. The very tools designed to connect us often deepen isolation, erode attention, and accelerate cultural homogenization.

Philosophers like Heidegger warned that technology is never neutral, for it frames human existence within the logic of efficiency and control. When efficiency becomes the supreme value, human relationships are commodified, and ethical concerns are sidelined. Social media illustrates this vividly: it amplifies voices but rewards outrage, narrows discourse into echo chambers, and undermines patient reflection. The supposed empowerment of individuals often disguises manipulation by algorithms that thrive on distraction.

Despite these dangers, technology is not inherently destructive. It has expanded education, medicine, and human creativity on an unprecedented scale. The challenge lies in balancing its transformative potential with an awareness of its limits. Just as Al-Ghazali sought harmony between reason and faith, contemporary societies must pursue harmony between technological innovation and human dignity. This requires not rejecting technology, but cultivating practices of digital responsibility, ethical governance, and cultural resilience. Only then can technology serve as a bridge to flourishing, rather than a trap of dependency.

Precis

Title: Technology: A Driver of Progress or A Trap of Dependency

Technology is rapidly becoming a defining feature of human life with its benefits pervading fields of economy, politics, education, medicine, and human creativity. But philosophers warn that technology comes with controls; it disconnects and alienates too. In search of efficiency, these technological tools manipulate humans, commodify human relations and sideline ethics. The challenge for current society lies in balancing its transformative potential while knowing its limitations. Innovation needs to be balanced with human dignity. Instead of rejecting technology we need to use it as a tool for flourishing. For that purpose digital responsibility and ethical governance are crucial. The technology needs to be used as a driver of progress and not be allowed to become a trap of dependency.

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