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Parents worry about their kids were-being all the time every where they are, especially online. Why shouldn't we? In these 3 article, Anti-social Networking by Hilary Stout, Is a Social Media Driving people away from real interaction by Right Knight and Teenage social Media Butterflies May Not be such a bad Idea by Melissa Healy, the authors explore just how much social networking affects kids negatively. Adolescents who use social networking have had negative effects on the way they interact with each other, social networking has changed the very nature of kids friendships and parents are concerned about the dangers online.

First off, social media/networking is driving kids away from any real interaction. The only reason why why kids might use social media to hide from social gathering or from having to have any face-to-face conversation. In article D it states, those who rely on social media for their social and cultural stimulation find it increasingly difficult to not only socialize in situations where its is called for, but they are generally more depressed and anxious in actual situation.”The main purpose for social media was to help people share important, not to become a couch potato like we have become. The article states, “ This is the main cause for “trolling”... It’s a social response, for instant gratification, much like a prankster at school with with poor grades.” Kids “troll’ because they have nothing better to do. They don’t talk to friends or go outside to have some time away from their phones. Since they are so busy on social media they “ don’t have time” for these activities

Secondly, this issue of social networking, is changing the nature of kids friendships.

Back then people would be on the phone with their buddy for hours, now a days they are all texting and dm- ing on their phones. In article B it states,” for today’s teenagers and preeteens, the give and take of friendship can be conducted increasingly with abbreviated snaches of cellphones...” So kids don’t really have face-to-face conversations among themselves. Also with having all these conversations over the phone “today’s youth is missing out on experiences that will help them develop empathy understand emotional nuance and read social cues” says Stout. The kids brains eventually may be rewired and those skills will fade away. This generation of kids and technology has taken back then and now. Many skills that children should have learned observing society are rapidly fading away.

Finally, there are many dangers online like, cyberbullying, inappropriate content, sexting and harassment. Many kids are the victims and many kids are the predator. In article A Melissa Healy says,” Mikami's research found that they ( adolescents) were more likely to harass, bully and take online risks such as “sexting or MIRLing a stranger one has chatted with online, or be vulnerable to others who harass, bully and coerce.” Kids who use social media are vulnerable to many dangers online even with parent supervision. In my experience parents are scared that Anyone can see your profile and some how attack you if they know the right information. For example, how in the article Anti-social networking, Stout state,” the bulletin board on Facebook where friends can post messages that others can see.” If someone posted something private they can be exposed to people online who could harass or stalk them. Of course you can that this wouldn't happen if the account was private but their (adolescents) “friends” can harass and cyberbully them online. Overall this can happen to anyone at any time, so be careful is what I’m saying.

To sum up, the implications of social networking include, no real life interaction between kids, social media is changing the very nature of kids relationships with others and there are many dangers online. The point that I have argued is superficial but can be seen as correct and well thought through. It is important to know how social networking is affecting people (mainly kids) of all ages in a negative way and these points should be taken to heart.