

Is Google negatively affecting our intelligence?

There are many people in this world, so there are many points of view towards Google, some of which are negative and others that are positive. All information can be found in Source A, an article by Nicholas Carr, Source B, an article by Genevieve Roberts, and Source C, an infographic by Moran and Firth. Google can be used to find answers quickly and for many other things, but it can also be used a lot and have negative effects. I believe that Google is making us less intelligent because of distractions on the internet, lack of memorization, and way of thinking.

First of all, people, especially teens, get distracted quickly while going about on the internet. According to the article, “Is Google Making Us Stupid?”, it states “ If we are distracted, we are distracted, we understand less, remember less, and learn less.” For example, a person is doing their homework online and they see an ad that catches their attention, they will click on it and soon be off topic. Another piece of evidence is, “ When we use our computers and our cellphones all the time, we’re always distracted.” When you are distracted, you will never get done with what you were first doing before getting distracted. When someone gets distracted it is quite difficult to get back on track and avoid getting off topic again.

Second of all, because of Google, we are now lacking memorization skills. In the article, “ Google Effect: is technology making us stupid?” it says, “ More than 70 percent of people don’t know their children’s phone numbers by heart, and 49 percent have not memorised their partner’s number.” This shows that only 1% does memorize their children’s phone number or partners number. People will have to fully depend on their phones because the numbers of their

contacts are permanently, recorded on their phone. Another reason is “These tools have replaced our need to memorize many details; and without these tools we may be lost.” (infographic,pg.3) Once again, this will result in us having to depend on Google and if google just disappears, we might be doomed because we lacked our memorization skills. For example, if you get lost and have no cell phone, you won’t be able to get in contact with your parents because you haven’t memorized their phone number.

Lastly, our way of thinking is being minimized because of Google. In the infographic, it says, “ Our new habits may interfere in the development of deep, conceptual knowledge.” This quote shows that kids way of thinking is getting blocked because of google. Google is not letting us think on our own and it is also not letting us think enough. In contrary of the ideas stated previously, Google can be very useful and can inform us about things we might have not known before. In Source B, it says, “ She gives the example of a new mother trying to work out whether their baby not sleeping is bad—and when to start worrying.” If she asks google, it will give her a quick answer and will have her well informed if she has another baby. Even so, Google is still not allowing us to really think more in depth about things because it has the answer to everything so we can just ask google what we need to know. Also, it creates distractions and lack of memorization skills because Google remembers everything for you. It stores all the information in its memory and you can just go back onto it when you need it, so you don’t need to struggle or even try to remember the information yourself.

In conclusion, Google is now like a source where you can depend fully on it because it remembers everything. In some years from now, we will be considered people with no brains

because Google will have the answer to everything. Google does not help us always, so it is making us “stupid.”