

## TRANSFORMATION OF THE 21ST CENTURY LEARNERS THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

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The continuous advancement in technology has a substantial influence on the youth's everyday living. People can observe the impact on how the child does and learn things and how they communicate with other people and the community. It has become a critical part of society since we live in an innovative and digitalized era where human power is insufficient to accomplish many tasks. The daily discovery and inventions made by scientists and inventors drive the world differently from before. Innovative innovations like appliances, machines, and mobile devices made life much easier. However, sometimes using these technologies excessively, people generally rely on these things, not knowing the positive and negative effects on the whole self and how they interact with people.

Regarding communication in today's generation, we tend to use mobile devices like phones, laptops, and computers instead of having actual face-to-face chats, given that people may remake their images to suit others' perceptions of how people want to be perceived by them. However, these things might dazzle the youth's ability to self-reflect and build healthy relationships and communication with other people, which may immensely result in us feeling uncertain. Turkle from TEDTalks expressed how people, especially the youth, value the devices only to display the defined self rather than having actual conversations and connections with people.

Technology plays a vital position in our day-to-day living, especially in our communication, as it allows us to give and get information much quicker, easier, and more efficiently. It brings a profound task that does not require a lot of human power and

effort. Due to this, people, especially the youth, become more and more hooked on using devices without knowing that it might significantly impact their wholeness. For example, how the child shows their digital self to other people in which they try to manipulate, modify, and edit to reflect on how they want to be perceived. Moreover, it can also affect the connection with family and loved ones. For instance, when there is a family event, most people always choose to use mobile gadgets to play online games instead of spending time together with family members.

Another example is when colleagues are together; instead of building a solid relationship and enjoying togetherness, people always choose to use their mobile phones because they know that it is the only way that will pave boredom. On the other hand, these technologies have also contributed to the youth, especially when they feel sad and alone. They serve as the savior from darkness, for it allows the child to belong in an environment where everyone is accepted and free to express their thoughts.

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