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Today there are many views of social media, like if it is making society actually social or antisocial. According to article A, “Teenage Social Media Butterflies May Not be Such a Bad Idea,” by Melissa Healy, article B, “Antisocial Networking?” by Hilary Stout, article D, “Is Social Media Driving People Away From Real Interactions?” article E, “Let's Get social” by Scott Jacobs an infographic, and a class survey, these sources debate whether social media, texting, etc. are positively or negatively affecting society and if social media and texting are making society antisocial. In my opinion, I disagree with Hilary Stout, I do not think texting and social media is affecting face-to-face communication because texting and social media is the way today society connects and communicates together, social media and texting can also positively affect close relationships, and many people still prefer face-to-face communication.

First of all, texting and social media are now used to connect and communicate to each other in society. Most of society uses technology to stay in touch with each other, so I do not think others are less interested in face-to-face communication because they are close since they are in touch. One example of how social media is now used to connect and communicate with others is stated in article A by Hilary Stout, “electronics appear to be to be the path by which kids today develop emotional bonds, their own identities, and an ability to communicate and work with others.” This means that electronics is know the way society expresses many things. Now instead of being on the phone for hours like how Hilary Stout says, today's kids text or use social media because it is how we form our identities, communicate, and work with each other. Since electronics are today's way for many things I think social media and texting do not affect face-to-face communication but will help. Another example that explains how kids today use

texting and social media to stay connected and communicate with their friends and family is said in article A, “ 72 percent of U.S. teens text-message regularly, one-third of them more than 100 times a day. As a means of keeping up with friends daily, teens are more likely to text than to talk by phone, by e-mail or face to face.” Most of U.S teens text-message almost daily and many times in a day. Since teens text-message daily it is they way society communicates and it is more convenient now. I think texting and social media are not negatively affecting face-to-face conversation but are positively affecting face-to-face conversation because since texting is society's new way of communicating, people will talk more, and it is more convenient for many others when they are too busy to talk to each other in person. After all, social media and texting are not affecting face-to-face conversations because social media and texting is the way modern society communicates and connects.

Secondly, text-messaging and social media can positively affect close relationships. Since texting and social media positively affect close relationships that means society will talk more whether if it is through text messaging or in person. In close relationships people talk to each other in person since they are close, so they have many subjects they can talk about when they see each other in person. In document B, the author illustrates how texting and social media causes close relationships, “people who study relationships believe, because close childhood friendships help kids build trust with people outside their families and consequently help lay the groundwork for healthy adult relationships.” Talking through either text or by person will build trust and will cause healthy adult relationships. Texting and social media can also help you future relationships too and can help with being more social instead of only being with your family because you can build trust and relationships through texting and staying connected with others.

According to document D, it also states how social media and texting can for close relationships, “The process of relaying information is so detrimental to how we all conduct business, stay in touch and relate to one another.” This means that staying in touch will pass information, and will allow relationships to relate to each other more. By passing information to each other you can find things in common and also become closer so it can help to talk to others in person. In my opinion, texting won’t affect face-to-face conversations because texting and social media positively affect close relationships since it is healthy to have a close relationship to help their adult relationships, it helps stay in touch, and much more. People will talk to each other more because they are closer.

Finally, many people still prefer to talk to each other in person. Since many people still prefer to talk to each other in person they still most likely do talk to each other in person. In document E, it explains how many people that use social media and texting still prefer to talk to others in person, “Almost two-thirds still prefer in-person conversations to all other communication options.” This means that more than fifty percent of people still prefer to have face-to-face conversations. Because people still prefer face-to-face conversations social media is not negatively affecting their social skills. Another example of how people still prefer to socialize in person was in our class survey, the majority of students in my class period still prefer to communicate in person because in the survey most of the pie chart was filled with people who agreed that they prefer to talk to others in person. Many people prefer to talk in person to others because it is not the same as texting because you can not see them. This means that texting and social media are not affecting face-to-face communication. Also since many people prefer to talk in person that means they possibly will talk to others in person. All in all, today's society is not

less interested in face-to-face communication because the majority of people still prefer to talk to each other in person, so social media and texting are not negatively affecting face-to-face conversations. All though social media and texting can cause more face-to-face conversations it can also cause less face-to-face conversations. One way social media and texting can cause less interest in face-to-face conversations is because social media can cause low self-esteem, so it can cause others to be less social through technology and in person.

In conclusion, society is not less interested in face-to-face communication because of texting and social media. People are not less interested in face-to-face communication because technology is the new way today's society connects, communicates, etc., technology can also cause positive effects on us, and many people still prefer to talk to each other in person. If people avoid texting and social media people won't become closer to each other and won't be connected with their friends and family. If people continue texting it is not harmful but helpful to relationships, yourself, and even your future, since that is where society is heading.