



## THE INFLUENCE OF THE INTERNET IN SOCIETY

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**Abstract:** *This article argues about the impact of Internet on our society and our lives and how it effects to our society. The influence of the internet in our daily life is huge. It has opened us a magical world of information and we would have never seen the world as it is without the internet. Considering its scope and importance, it would be hard to imagine a world without the internet.*

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The internet has become an integral part of our daily lives, seamlessly integrating into every aspect of how we communicate, work, learn, and entertain ourselves. Appropriate use of the internet makes our life easy, fast and simple. There are many uses of the internet however, the use of the internet in our daily life depends on individual requirements and goals:

*Instant Messaging* - staying connected with friends and family through real-time chat apps.

*Social Media* - sharing updates, photos, and videos, and building online communities.

*Video Calls* - face-to-face communication with loved ones across the globe.

*Online Courses* - access to a vast array of educational resources and virtual classrooms.

*Research and Information* - instant access to a wealth of knowledge and data at our fingertips.

*Collaborative Learning* - ability to connect with peers and experts worldwide for learning and discussion.

*Remote Work* - enabling employees to work from anywhere, boosting flexibility and work-life balance.

*Global Marketplace* - connecting businesses and consumers worldwide, expanding economic opportunities.

The internet has become so deeply integrated into our daily lives that it's difficult to imagine a world without it. However, if the unthinkable were to happen and the global network were to be suddenly obliterated, humanity would be forced to confront a stark reality - could we truly survive without the constant connectivity and access to information that the internet provides?

While it may seem daunting, the answer is a resounding yes. Humans have survived for thousands of years without the aid of the internet, relying on ingenuity,



resourcefulness, and time-honored traditions to meet their basic needs. From growing and foraging for food to relying on face-to-face communication and analog forms of commerce, we would need to rediscover and revive the skills that our ancestors once mastered. The loss of the internet would undoubtedly be a significant challenge on many aspects of society, but it would also present an opportunity for us to reconnect with our roots and rediscover the resilience that lies within us all.

If the internet was obliterated, our lives would be significantly impacted. Our ability to communicate, access information, and participate in various aspects of society would be severely limited. Research by experts such as Dr. Vinton Cerf, one of the "fathers of the internet," highlights the internet's integral role in our daily lives. According to a study published in the *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*, internet usage has become a fundamental part of modern culture, shaping how we interact, work, and learn. For instance, the educational sector heavily relies on online resources for research, distance learning, and collaboration. Furthermore, businesses and economies are interconnected through e-commerce and digital communication. Without the internet, access to these resources and opportunities would be severely restricted. Therefore, it is clear that our ability to live and thrive would be significantly impacted if the internet was obliterated.

Furthermore, the internet plays a crucial role in healthcare, finance, and emergency services. Its absence would impede access to vital information and services, potentially affecting public health and safety. Research has shown that 59% of the world's population relies on the internet for daily activities, emphasizing its significance in modern society (Statista, 2021). Case studies of natural disasters and cyber-attacks also highlight the detrimental effects of internet disruption on communities and economies (DeNardis, 2014).

Without the internet, the ability to access information and education would be severely disrupted. The internet has become the primary conduit for acquiring knowledge, with vast digital libraries, online courses, and educational platforms that would be rendered inaccessible. Students would lose the ability to conduct research, collaborate with peers, and access learning materials remotely. Teachers would struggle to deliver lessons and assignments, potentially reverting to outdated, physical resources.

Furthermore, the lack of internet connectivity would make it challenging for people to stay informed on current events, access news sources, and engage in online discussions. The free flow of information that the internet enables would be drastically curtailed, hampering the ability to stay up-to-date and make informed decisions. This could lead to the spread of misinformation and the inability to verify the accuracy of information, further complicating the process of learning and decision-making.



The impact on education would be far-reaching, affecting students of all ages, from primary schools to universities. The disruption to online learning platforms, virtual classrooms, and distance education programs could set back the progress made in expanding access to education, particularly for those in remote or underserved areas. The loss of digital resources and collaborative tools would make it significantly more challenging for educators to deliver high-quality instruction and support student learning.

Moreover, the obliteration of the internet would have profound and far-reaching consequences for healthcare and emergency services. These critical systems have become deeply dependent on digital infrastructure, from electronic medical records and telemedicine to emergency dispatch and real-time data sharing. Without the internet, hospitals would be crippled in their ability to access patient histories, coordinate care, and communicate with other providers. Emergency responders would struggle to dispatch resources, track incidents, and maintain situational awareness.

Crucial medical equipment and life-saving devices often rely on internet connectivity for monitoring, software updates, and remote troubleshooting. The disruption of these systems could put patients' lives at risk, especially in remote or underserved areas. Additionally, the loss of online resources for medical research, training, and collaboration would severely hamper the ability of healthcare professionals to provide optimal care.

All in all, adapting to the absence of the internet might require changes in habits and routines. While it may initially be challenging, many people have successfully adapted to life without the internet before its widespread use, and it is likely possible to do so again if needed.

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