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Many teenagers are losing their social skills. People don't talk in person anymore, instead they have group chats. The article, "Antisocial Networking", Hilary Stout argues about the perspectives on social media. In the article, "Is Social Media Driving People Away From Real Interaction," Righ Knight discusses about social media having positive and negative impacts on students. In the infographic, "Teenagers on Social Media: Socialization and Self-Esteem," John Jay introduces us on how social media can lower the self-esteem on people. Technology may be changing the nature of kid's friendships. Studies have proven that social media has taken away skills from people. Social Media affects teens negatively in a way of changing kid's nature of friendships, driving people away from real interactions, and lowering their self-esteem.

To begin with, Social Media is affecting kids nature of friendship. Children are forgetting to communicate with each other. Children used to actually talk to their friends. According to Resource B, "Those hours spent on the family princess phone or hanging out with pals in the neighbourhood after school vanished long ago." This shows that their emotions are going to fade away from not expressing themselves in person. Expressing your emotions is an acceptable movement, but sometimes you can express yourself in a abrupt way. Social Media is taking away the friendly part of friendships. According to Resource B, "Today's youths may be missing out on experiences that help them develop empathy, understand emotional nuances and read social

cues like facial expressions and body languages.” This means that kids are not going to know how to express their emotions when they become adults. People are timid from speaking to others in person because they didn't regulate in doing so. The use of social media will damage the social skills of the kids if being misused. Social Media is affecting the nature of kids friendships and relationships with one another.

Furthermore, Social Media is driving people away from real interactions. Many people are using social media to escape from their negative lives. Many times when you're in a social gathering, 80% or more have their heads down at their cell phones or electronic devices. According to Resource D, “How many times have you asked a friend to “hang out” and they reply with something along the lines of “Na, I'll just message you on Facebook.” This shows that the users of social media can have a better conversation in chat then when with them. They feel more confident talking by chat then in person. They are wanting to use social media for everything. According to Resource D, “It seems that not only are we using these devices to hide from social gatherings, but the use of social media on a lone basis find it increasingly difficult to not only socialize in situations where it is called for, but they are generally more depressed and anxious in actual social situations.” This states that those who rely on social media find it hard to have a social gathering or conversation face to face. In fact, when using social media you can talk all day and spend your whole day chatting or liking photos. But when it comes to talk with your friend you act different and more timid. Social Media is affecting the users because when they are together they are more distanced from each other than when on a group chat. Social Media is affecting the way we see things. We're going to end up very upset because we're going to lose our interactive skills.

Lastly, Social Media is lowering the self-esteem of teens. Many teens get their self-esteem lowered by being cyber bullied and threatened. Many teens are receiving impolite comments on social media. According to Resource D, "The use of social media leads to cyberbullying, which leads to depression, and thoughts of suicide and sadness." This infers that teens get very aggressive, offensive messages that can develop the desire of not wanting to live anymore. Cyberbullying can include inappropriate language, or embarrassing photos of them that can harass the victim. Teens are comparing themselves to others on social media when looking at random people or their idol. According to Resource D, "A study just published by the Public Library of Science, conducted by Ethan Kross of the University of Michigan and Philippe Verduyn of Leuven University in Belgium, has shown that the more someone uses Facebook, the less satisfied he is with life." This shows that their self-esteem is lowered by looking at other people's accounts. When young people see others they become envious or aggressive that they start to bully them so they feel better. People bully other people so they feel better about themselves. The people using social media can cause people to have their self-esteem lowered. People say social media is important because you can contact family or friends from far away. According to Resource D, "The purpose of social media was intended to help people share information and do business much faster." Social media can be positive in some ways, but it depends if people are going to use it for positive reasons or negative reasons. For example, contacting family, and for school purposes or to cyberbully people. Social media is lowering the self-esteem of many and should be used for positive purposes.

To conclude, Social Media is affecting many people negatively. I agree with Hilary Stout on Social media negatively affecting teens. Social Media affects teens in a negative way of

changing kids nature of friendship, people fading away their social skills, and lowering their self-esteem. This matters because teens, users can be in danger. The young users can have a negative effect like not having a typical conversation because they use abbreviations while texting. Also because they are going to end up knowing nothing when they need to interact with someone in person.