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“Is Google negatively affecting our intelligence?”

Various essentials have changed over the past decades. One such example is technology and the internet, as it has improved over time. Perhaps the most well known and most used search engine of the internet is Google. With this new technology, people are able to find numerous topics with a click of a button. However, multiple studies and research claim this advanced innovation to be a negative impact on our intelligence. Yet, from various sources of evidence found, it can be proven that the intelligence of others is not being negatively affected or impacted by Google as it allows people access to various essentials, it restores the memories of people by saving their information, and allows people to find informed solutions.

To begin with, Google allows people to access various sources, which is why it is a positive impact to one's intelligence. One quote from a column in “The New York Times Upfront,” Vol. 143, mentions a real life example of looking for sources. The author writes, “My local library has no books on that specific subject-just 18 books about the Apollo mission in general. I could hunt through those or turn to Google, which returns 45,000 pages, including a definitive encyclopedia article and instructions for building a unit. “ This quote shows that people can find and acquire a wide variety of sources using Google. With Google, one's intelligence is not affected, like some people would argue, as people can find a vast amount of information for their well being. The author continues to explain, “ The Internet contains the

world's best writing, images and ideas; Google lets us find the relevant pieces instantly." The quote shows Google does benefit our intelligence as it allows the public to quickly find great pieces of writing, images, and other ideas on the internet, even if those objects are no longer around in the world today. With these sources, people are able to find solutions and gain knowledge of past artifacts. Thus, proving that Google positively affects our intelligence.

Google not only allows the community access to millions of sources but it restores memories of past events. According to an infographic by "colleges.net," people can easily forget an event and think something else happened. The infographic states, "Our recall is flawed. Everytime we recall a memory we also remake it. Google acts like a fact-checker, helping us avoid many errors." Meaning that people will remake the memory instead of accurately recalling the event. Fortunately with Google, people can know exactly what happened and learn from their errors. This corrects people's knowledge, making them more intelligent. The same infographic also indicates, "We've stores information in our computer-based memories and they've become more accessible than ever before." Additionally, this information also proves Google to be a positive impact rather than a negative one on our intelligence as people can recall certain events. A person gains knowledge as they remember more events and occurrences or if they fix an error on that memory. Essentially, people's brilliance is not being negatively affected by Google.

Lastly, Google gives many solutions and answers to the public and assists them with complex situations. According to the column in "The New York Times," Volume 143, it explains, "By considering a wider range of information, we can arrive at more creative and informed solutions." Meaning that multiple answers to challenging situations can be found to assist us. There are certain times when people need assistance and from being helped, people can

become smarter. An article adapted from “The Independent” newspaper provides a real life example in which the Internet assists the knowledge of others by answers provided from the Internet. The author writes, “She says technology “helps us live smarter” as we’re able to access answers. She gives the example of a new mother trying to work out whether their baby not sleeping is bad- and when to start worrying. ‘These are all questions that technology may be able to address quicker than calling your own parents,’ she says. ‘This isn’t making consumers more dumb, instead it’s helping them to think smarter.’” From the example in the quote, it can be read that it is a positive impact on our intelligence when we are provided with answers, as people can later know what to do and what not to do. In other words, with the essential of accessing solutions to problems on Google, it should not be considered a negative effect on one’s intellect. Though some people disagree and say Google negatively negatively affects us as it is a distraction, as long as people are on task, this tool can assist us in countless ways.

Ultimately, Google does not affect our intelligence negatively as it provides a wide range of resources, it restores the memories of many, and it provides multiple solutions to certain problems. If the world did not have access to the Internet, looking for solutions would be difficult to do and people would not gain much knowledge. Which is why it is important to acknowledge the fact that the Internet has shaped society in multiple ways. And it will continue to do so in many positive ways for the future.