

# TECHNOLOGY & SOCIETY

## 1980'S

THE FIRST PERSONAL COMPUTER WAS RELEASED IN 1981, THIS HAD POSITIVE IMPACT ON SOCIETY BECAUSE PEOPLE COULD NOW HAVE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET WITHOUT HAVING TO GO TO SERVER BUILDINGS. IN 1980 RONALD REAGAN WAS ELECTED FOR PRESIDENT AND THAT HAD A VERY LARGE IMPACT ON SOCIETY AND THE CHANGE OF ENVIRONMENT MIGHT HAVE CAUSED THE INVENTION TO BE PUSHED TO BE RELEASED SOONER.

## 2000'S

IN 2004 FACEBOOK WAS RELEASED AND SOCIAL MEDIA BECAME A BIG PART OF SOCIETY. THIS POINT IN SOCIETY HAS SHAPED THE WORLD NOW. THIS DOESN'T ALWAYS HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE WORLD BECAUSE IT OPENED UP NEW THRESHOLDS OF INFORMATION. IN 2006 TWITTER LAUNCHES ITS PLATFORM AND I THINK THAT FACEBOOK LAUNCHING SETS A ROLE MODEL FOR OTHER PLATFORMS TO RELEASE THEIR SOCIAL PLATFORMS TO GIVE PEOPLE A BETTER SOCIAL LIFE.

# SUMMARY

TECHNOLOGY DOES REFLECT ON SOCIETY, IT HAS A VERY LARGE IMPACT ON SOCIETY BECAUSE IF WE DIDN'T HAVE TECHNOLOGY WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HAVE AND USE THE RESOURCES THAT WE HAVE TODAY. THE FIRST COMPUTER MADE LIFE MUCH EASIER FOR PEOPLE IN LARGE CITIES BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO BUY A COMPUTER TO BRING HOME SO THAT THEY WOULD HAVE BETTER ACCESS TO THE INTERNET AND WOULDN'T HAVE TO GO TO THE SERVER SITES. ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF HOW TECHNOLOGY SHAPED SOCIETY IS THE EMAIL NETWORK. THIS IS A CHAIN OF SERVERS THAT GIVE PEOPLE THE ABILITY TO SEND AND RECEIVE MESSAGES TO ONE ANOTHER WITHOUT BEING IN THE SAME FACILITY. NO, TECHNOLOGY DOES NOT ALWAYS IMPROVE OUR LIVES. WE SAY THIS BECAUSE THERE ARE WAYS THAT PEOPLE CAN ACCESS OTHERS' PRIVATE INFORMATION AND USE IT IN AN UNJUSTIFIED WAY.

## 1970'S

IN 1972, BBN'S RAY TOMLISON INTRODUCES THE EMAIL NETWORK TO THE WORLD. IT DIDN'T REALLY IMPROVE PEOPLES LIVES SINCE THEY COULDN'T ACCESS IT BUT IT DOES IMPACT TODAY'S SOCIETY BECAUSE PEOPLE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CONTACT PEOPLE WITHOUT IT. RICHARD NIXON WHO TRAVELED TO CHINA TO MEET THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA COULD HAVE A TAKE IN THIS BECAUSE THEY COULD'VE THOUGHT TO MAKE EMAILS SO LEADERS COULD TALK TO EACH OTHER THROUGH THE INTERNET.

## 1990'S

IN 1991, CERN INTRODUCED THE WWW (WORLD WIDE WEB) TO THE PUBLIC. IT DID IMPROVE THE SOCIETY BECAUSE IT HELPS THE PUBLIC USE THE INTERNET AND HAVE AN EASIER WAY TO ACCESS IT. IT STILL HELPS US TODAY SINCE THE INTERNET IS THE WAY I'M ABLE TO VIEW AND TURN IN THE PROJECT. I DON'T THINK ANY SOCIAL EVENTS MADE THE WWW GO PUBLIC BUT I DO THINK THE GOVERNMENT MADE THEM GO PUBLIC DUE TO SOMETHING.

## 2010'S

IN 2013, EDWARD SNOWDEN, A FORMER CIA EMPLOYEE AND NSA (NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY) CONTRACTOR REVEALS THAT THE NSA HAD HIM TAP INTO THE COMMUNICATIONS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE INCLUDING U.S. CITIZENS. I THINK THIS HAD A NEGATIVE AFFECT ON SOCIETY BECAUSE THEY ARE INVADING PEOPLES PRIVACY AND TAPPING INTO THEM WHICH MEANS THEY CAN LISTEN ONTO THEIR CONVERSATIONS. WHAT I THINK COULD'VE SHAPED THEM INTO DOING THIS IS DUE TO THE 9/11 ATTACKS AND OSAMA BIN LADEN WAS KILLED.

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