

# Technology & Society

**1965**

## FIRST COMMUNICATION

In 1965, at MIT two computer communicate with each other using packet- switching technology. This event was a precursor for the evolution in sending data. This impacted the world of technology and while compare to now days it might seem small this showed scientists that it was possible to create a system to share data using packet- switching.

**1980**

## Internet Service Provider

The first network email is launched and communication increases. As technology slowly evolves it improves people's lives. The first Internet service provider is born which was the precursor to the the technology we see today.

**2000**

## Social Networking

As the 40th anniversary of the internet approaches many things have changed. Many big name social media platforms have just been released like Reddit, Youtube, Wordpress, etc. With the rise in Social networking it has been easier to connect with people than every. With the rise of social media we see the amount of privacy people have being less in the age of sharing.

**2010**

## PRIVACY

In the 2010's we start to see the the risks of Social media and how it effects people privacy. The NSA reveal that they have access to people communication which causes some people to worry more about privacy. The access provided by certain social medias play a large part in some revolts.

**2022**

## SPACE - X

Space- X plans on launching 1,500 Starlight satellites thanks to new low-orbit technology. This would provide broad-band service to many places across the world, which is a long way from those two computers at MIT in 1965. As the use of being online has become more and more needed in how we, as a society function providing a broad access to it could improve many peoples lives.

Technology can be shaped by society or society can be shaped by it. Although if I had to pick an answer I would say society is shaped by technology. Technology has been created to solve problems like expanding access to information, the internet, the printing press or if you really want to go far back papyrus scrolls. The ability for people to share ideas and information with others is a key factor in how society and culture functions. Technology can be used with caution or complete carelessness, but is it always helpful? In my opinion technology isn't always helpful and doesn't always improve our lives. For example in the article "High tech school monitoring: Safety vs privacy" it states "In cafeterias, for example, schools can replace traditional student ID cards with machines that can read small portions of a fingerprint." Which shows how technology can be making the work safer and help people have more security. On the other hand an article called "Media multitasking disrupts memory even in young adults,says scientists" argues that "The participants who reported more media multitasking had more lapses in attention during the test" which shows how technology is hurting people and the effects it has on our brain and how they can remember information. Technology and advancements are a double sided coin and can be good or bad depending on the intention of the person using it. The internet, weapons are both examples of technology that can have a negative impact. Sure technology can improve people's lives and make the world a safer place. Although the internet can be used to spread hateful messages like cyberbullying which can be really harmful to people.