

Technology & Society

1968:

1974

The first Internet Service Provider (ISP) is born with the introduction of a commercial version of ARPANET, known as Telenet. I chose this as a pivotal moment because people needed internet to communicate with each other and it impacted people by allowing them to actually pay and own their own internet service.

1991

CERN releases the world wide web to the public allowing users to explore the internet world wide. It helped the world to get information faster without even having to touch a book. It helps people also share their lives on there too.

1998

Google was introduced changing how people use the internet today. (People need google to search up information like how to type a paper or any important information you need to search up. People basically rely on google for topics they need to know and it made the web more organized).

2016

Google releases the google assistant a voice activated personal assistant program marking the entry of the internet giant "smart" computerized marketing place. I included this as a pivotal moment because it improved the usage of the internet and made it easier to browse the internet. It could have an impact on people who can't get around. They could use their voice instead to activate the internet or people who have problems with spelling and reading.)

2022

SpaceX ends up launching 1,9000 starlink satellites over all now providing service in select parts of the world why (I chose this as a pivotal moment because it provides internet to certain places that need it, which would have an impact on people who didn't have service or access to service in those places.)

I BELIEVE THAT TECHNOLOGY CAN IMPROVE OUR LIVES IN CERTAIN WAYS, AS SOME OF THE EXAMPLES IN THE TIMELINE DEMONSTRATE, BUT I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT ALWAYS DOES. THE INTERNET, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS HAD AN IMPACT ON ME AND MANY OTHERS, BUT IT CAN ALSO HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON PEOPLE; TOO MUCH USAGE CAN BE HARMFUL, AND WHAT YOU LOOK AT CAN BE DANGEROUS. TECHNOLOGY CAN ALSO TRACK YOU, WHICH CAN HAVE SOME BENEFITS, BUT IN SOME CASES IT CAN HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON PEOPLE. IT CAN EVEN LEAD TO PEOPLE THINKING EVERYONE AGREES WITH YOU OR HAS THE SAME OPINION WITH YOU IF YOU ALWAYS SEE WHAT YOU WANT. MY CONCLUSION IS THAT TECHNOLOGY CAN IMPROVE OUR LIVES IN MANY WAYS, BUT IT IS NOT ALWAYS BENEFITING OTHERS.

I DO FEEL AS IF TECHNOLOGY JUST SHAPES SOCIETY AND CULTURE BECAUSE PEOPLE ARE SO SUCKED INTO TECHNOLOGY AND IT CHANGES EVERYONE'S OPINION ON THE WORLD AND WHAT GOES ON IN THE WORLD. PEOPLE BELIEVE ALMOST ANYTHING ON THE INTERNET. THERE ARE ALREADY SHARED WAYS OF DOING THINGS, OR SHARED PRACTICES, WHICH GIVE MEANING TO THE TECHNOLOGY. IN THIS SENSE, CULTURE SHAPES TECHNOLOGY JUST AS MUCH AS TECHNOLOGY SHAPES SOCIETY. BUT CULTURE SHOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD AS A KIND OF SEPARATE THING OR AS HAVING NOTHING TO DO WITH TECHNOLOGY. IT ONLY EXISTS IN LIVING PRACTICES AND ALSO IN OUR USE AND INTERACTION WITH NEW AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES. TECHNOLOGY IS CULTURAL, AND TECHNOLOGY IS HUMAN JUST AS MUCH AS HUMANS ARE TECHNOLOGICAL.