

How Did The Internet Change Our College Lives?

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Abstract

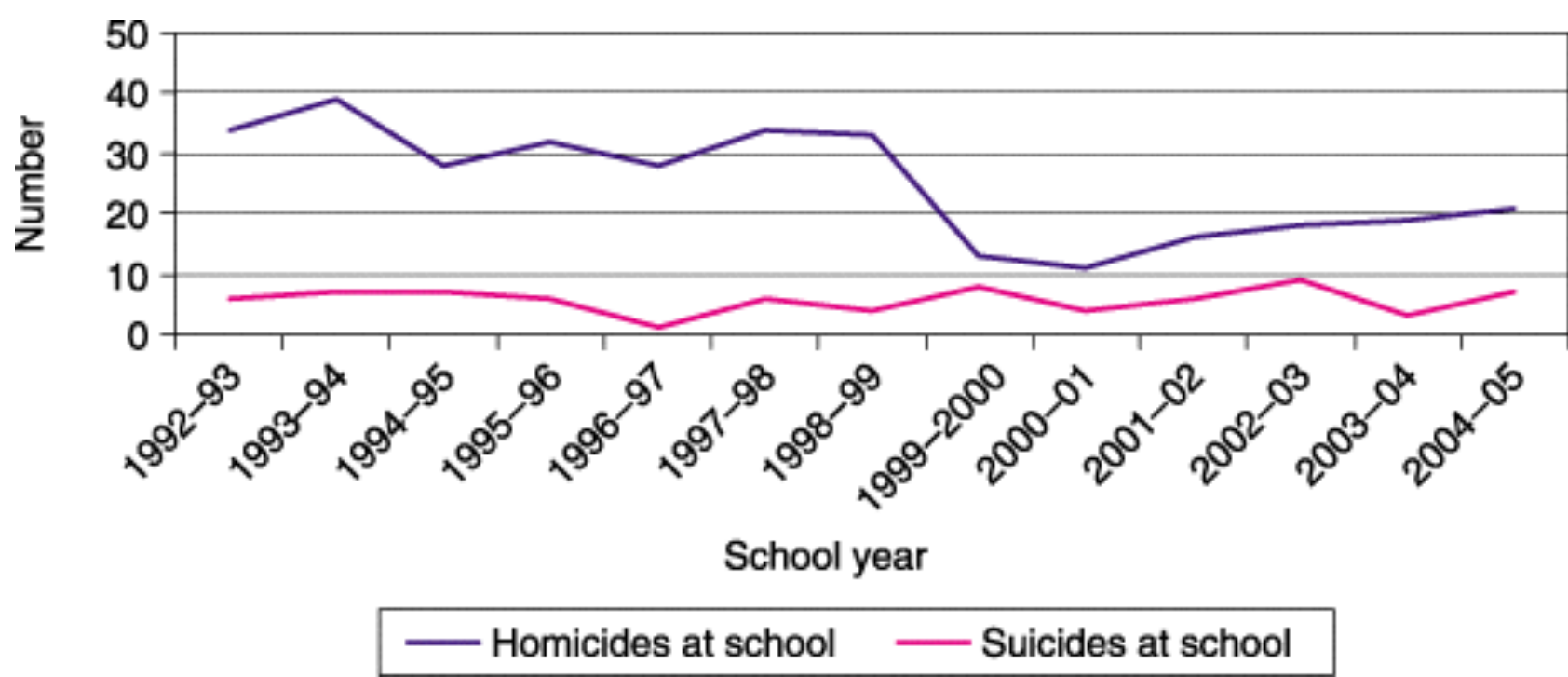
There is no doubt that the Internet now are playing an important role in college education. It has been only 70 years since the Internet was born, and now in the college the usage of Internet is very pervasive that students can do nothing without the Internet. How is such a young technology “conquered” our college lives?In the paper we will discuss the wide usage of the Internet in our college lives, the changes brought by the Internet to our colleges lives, and whether these changes are beneficial or not.

Introduction

The Internet is a relatively new technology. It first began with the development of the very first computers in the 1950s, and it is nearly 70 years old now. In the 1992 only less than one percent of the whole population were the users of the Internet, and now there are more than 40 percent of people using this powerful tools. Because the Internet has brought profound changes to people’s lives, it is the mark of people stepping into the era of the information. And some computer scientists would like to mark it as “the technology doesn’t belong to this century”. It brought connectivity for all human beings, and with that kind of connectivity, our college lives become safer, more convenient, and more interesting.

Advantages

1. The Internet help make the regulation of the universities much more efficient.
2. Since the Internet was widely used in the universities, the crimes at the schools has dropped obviously.
3. With the Internet, the researchers are able to get all kinds of information online and produce better academic researches.
4. The Internet creates more choices for the extra-curriculum lives of university students providing all kinds of social medias and social softwares.



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Potential Problems

1. The usage of Internet may pose potential threat on the privacy of the students. Through the Internet others may have some accesses to some privacy that they don’t want others to know.
2. Sometimes the appliance of the Internet actually bring people further from each others. It may distract the students from the communication from people, but on cellphones and the Internet instead.
3. It sometimes even cause family conflicts because the disagreement in the usage of the Internet between parents and children.

Year	Internet Users**	Penetration (% of Pop)	Total Population	Non-Users (Internetless)	1Y User Change	1Y User Change	Population Change
2016*	286,942,362	88.5 %	324,118,787	37,176,425	1.1 %	3,229,955	0.73 %
2015*	283,712,407	88.2 %	321,773,631	38,061,224	1.7 %	4,642,081	0.73 %
2014	279,070,327	87.4 %	319,448,634	40,378,307	4.5 %	12,041,883	0.73 %
2013	267,028,444	84.2 %	317,135,919	50,107,475	7 %	17,392,468	0.74 %
2012	249,635,976	79.3 %	314,799,465	65,163,489	14.6 %	31,807,857	0.77 %
2011	217,828,119	69.7 %	312,390,368	94,562,249	-1.9 %	-4,322,107	0.81 %
2010	222,150,226	71.7 %	309,876,170	87,725,944	1.8 %	4,015,534	0.86 %
2009	218,134,692	71 %	307,231,961	89,097,269	-3.2 %	-7,175,434	0.91 %
2008	225,310,126	74 %	304,473,143	79,163,017	-0.4 %	-931,839	0.93 %
2007	226,241,965	75 %	301,655,953	75,413,988	9.8 %	20,233,843	0.94 %
2006	206,008,122	68.9 %	298,860,519	92,852,397	2.3 %	4,727,778	0.92 %
2005	201,280,344	68 %	296,139,635	94,859,291	5.9 %	11,194,860	0.89 %
2004	190,085,484	64.8 %	293,530,886	103,445,402	5.9 %	10,543,491	0.87 %
2003	179,541,993	61.7 %	291,005,482	111,463,489	5.9 %	9,963,241	0.88 %
2002	169,578,752	58.8 %	288,470,847	118,892,095	20.9 %	29,307,602	0.94 %
2001	140,271,150	49.1 %	285,796,198	145,525,048	15.1 %	18,402,034	1.03 %
2000	121,869,116	43.1 %	282,895,741	161,026,625	21.5 %	21,589,192	1.13 %

Conclusion

In conclusion, the Internet has brought a lot of changes to our university lives.It brings both benefits and new problems to our college lives. Though abusing Internet actually increases the distance between people, under most situation the Internet is a powerful tool because not only can it provide us more information, but also because of the deeper understanding and connectivity it brings to the campuses. There is no doubt that the Internet has a profound impact on every aspects of our college lives. In the 1992, only tiny percentage of people become the users of Internet, and in the 2004, more than 80 percents of university students begin to use computers at their very early ages. With carefully use, the Internet is the greatest helper, in both academy and social, of our college lives. Because people now have already had the awareness of the potential problems, it is likely that they will come up a solution for those problems and reduce the negative effects of the Internet.

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