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MY SAFE VIRTUAL WORLD

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Ever since its appearance, the Internet has proved itself to be one of the greatest inventions of the humanity, and it is now used by more than 40% of the world's population. But is it really a safe space, or are we just being deluded by the so-called "virtual world"?

I personally agree with Lionel Mallecourt's statement concerning the internet's safety ("...we must not forget that our actions are now engraved in the WWW world forever"). It is known that, once an information or a message reaches the online world, it can never be erased . Even though Internet users may delete it, the data bases will save it for further references.

A good example is represented by social media platforms, such as Facebook. While you can delete statuses and photos, you can only deactivate your account, not delete it permanently, which means you can retrieve it anytime, if needed. Moreover, Facebook has access to all of your information, including private messages, phone number, and it is said that it might even track your browsing history.

Another thing to keep in mind is that everything a person may write on the Internet can be used against them, just as in the real world. A status or a photo can even be used in court as evidence. There have been cases where people got fined based on a post, as the Internet and all social media sites are considered to be public places.

On the other hand, the most common danger regarding the virtual world is the phenomenon known as "bullying", which implies harassing people online, and it mostly affects children and teenagers. Even though there are many websites and programs that are trying to educate the youngsters on this matter, bullying is still a real problem, with about 42% of kids reporting having been bullied at least once.

In conclusion, I agree with Lionel Mallecourt's affirmation and I think that people should be more careful when browsing the virtual space, especially when it comes to sharing personal information that might do harm in the future.

My safe virtual world- Are we living in a safe environment?

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Lionel Mallecourt once said “ Using the internet, we don’t have the right to forget..that our actions are now forever kept in the WWW world” and he was right about the technological memory which nowadays, remembers everything for us but, especially, it keeps there even some things that don’t need to be kept. All of our actions are forever stocked on the internet and that’s the main reason for every single person to be careful about whatever they are showing or searching on this dangerous environment.

First of all, internet surrounds us everywhere and sadly, more and more teenagers and even the elders, are addicted with internet and because of this addiction they are prone to be bullied. Actually, cyberbullying is seen more and more, youngsters tend to be too busy with using facebook, instead of getting out frequently, so they “meet” many strangers that in the most cases, just want to ruin somebody’s life just for fun. Using virtual social media also includes the danger of being stalked or even the fact that somebody can use your profile picture in order to steal your identity. What’s their purpose though? To affect your personal appearance, of course, and to make you feel bad about yourself. The “WWW world” will always remind you about your past online actions. For example, on Facebook, you can see thing you’ve shared many years ago or photos that you’ve posted without thinking for even a second. Life, changes with in an instance, with in a jam of a button, once you pressed that button, your life could changes in so many ways, pressing “Send” or “Post” can definitely affect something in your mind, you never know what it’s about to happen, you just have to be ware about your actions. It seems to be easy, but it depends on how transparent you want to be on the online space, but, in my opinion, it’s a lot better to be transparent when you see someone face to face. That “someone”, on facebook, could be anyone, physically, it’s the one you can see and speak with.

Due to cyberbullying, the teenagers become introvert and depressive, the virtual world is responsible for this, that is how it’s said to be, but actually the ones who use the internet and the ones who give personal informations are responsible. The only solution to stop this is to change our thinking, we must develop our approach to the virtual environment and finally, we’ll get rid of the abuse. Unfortunately, it takes too much to get there, campaigns have been made, but still people

don't get it. They don't take the usage of the internet as a danger, they think that internet can't control a person and that they are safe. The WWW World is turning into a huge empire of personal data and we don't accept it and then, change it, it keep getting bigger and bigger. As an example, online shopping is common these days, so when you buy something you can end up tapped out. Why? Because the company detains all of your data from that moment.

In conclusion, the online environment has become frightening and we need to take a stand against this, because it will soon affect us more drastically than now .