

## The Power of Believing

Michael Patrick Lynch's Ted Talk expresses the potential harm that technology has on the intellect of society. Close mindedness is an epidemic rocking the world, disregarding the many advances in technology that has perpetually allowed the access of knowledge in the palm of one's hand via their cellular devices. Despite all of this, Lynch shares his concerns by addressing the idea of people only wanting to accept the truths that pertain to them, and not the truth in its entirety. Accepting that someone does not know everything is one of the best ways to begin the much-needed change. Lynch also shares that one should not compare arrogance with confidence for it will not solve the lack of wanting to accept the truth behind certain things. After viewing his Ted Talk, Lynch spoke in an extremely accurate tone of voice in relation to people losing sight of what the truth should be on oppose to what they believe. Google-knowing and the idea of "fake news" has become coined terms in or society because of the arrogance that Lynch addresses.

It is becoming a serious habit to simply "google" the things unknown at the time in question. Though extremely useful in settling a debate or using an app to make a task easier, a lack of independence has taken away quite a bit of initiative from most individuals. Another issue with this is that being programmed to search for answers instead of physically finding out answers independently, intensifies our lack of use with other resources. An example of this would be the individuals who partake in mobile food ordering, finding out the availability of an item from a store, even finding the exact location of new destinations. It is possible to learn from a google search engine, however retaining knowledge can't erupt from this.

Moving on, fake news, including the belief of it overpowering pure knowledge, divides people. A completely factual and informative article can easily be rebuked by a mass of people who simply don't want to believe it because they don't appreciate the article due to it going against their personal belief. At times, individuals are more willing to accept a poorly written and nonaccredited article only because it sways more toward what they believe already. The dangers of fake news skepticisms are prominent due to the idea of many people being misinformed every day about touchy topics. A personal experience is the constant exposure of exaggerated truths and flat out lies from Facebook pages that have political focuses. Hundreds if not thousands of fake tweets, photoshopped pictures, and edited videos all try to bring out the worst in the politicians in both political parties. Constantly reading opinionated articles will further cloud us from the truth. Learning what a reliable source is and what one looks like can stop this from happening.

To conclude, Lynch's Ted Talk explains that in this forever changing era, using technology responsibly is important and necessary for all people to continue to learn from it. The use of fake news articles and getting people to believe them as well as relying on good knowledge are prime examples of where our society is headed if we do not adjust accordingly.

Knowing everything is not possible, Lynch teaches, but having an open mind makes everything so much worthwhile towards life itself.

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