

## Research Paper

### The Negative Influence of Social Media on Bahamian Teenagers

Today social media has become the number one source of communication. Facebook, Instagram and Twitter are used to connect with friends or families, to promote a business, it can be used to gather an enormous range of knowledge from any parts of the world, but is it capable of being a negative influence on youths? Due to Social media being the number one source for connecting with the world, young teens that that are not yet fully matured will be swallowed up by the negative impact that are seen on social media. Teens that are from the Bahamas are in the same category. The negative side of social media has the tendency to influence young minds, although most would not think so. Social media has assisted in creating a negative influence on Bahamian teenagers, as it invites cyber bullying, encourages false persona and it distracts youth from engaging in responsibilities.

On Social media sites, cyber bullying has become a negative influence that has caused a great calamity. This new form of bullying has invited a new concept, instead of physically bullying a person it can be done online, where you won't receive any penalty in doing so. On English Oxford Dictionaries, a bully is defined as a person who habitually seeks to harm or intimidate those whom they perceive as vulnerable. However, with cyber bullying, persons use electronics to send hate and threatening acts constantly towards a person (behind a computer/phone). Examples of cyber bullying include posting embarrassing images or comments about somebody. A true-life case of the negative impact of cyber bullying took place on October 10, 2012. The victim was a 15-year-old Canadian girl named Amanda Michelle Todd. She committed suicide at her home in Port

**Comment [1]:** Is the paper focusing on the effects on Bahamian teenagers? Do you have enough research to investigate and support title?

**Comment [2]:** Today,

**Comment [3]:** Number "one" - missing word

**Comment [4]:** Insert: Forms of social media like Facebook...

**Comment [5]:** and to promote businesses

**Comment [6]:** run-on sentence; start new sentence here; "it" is also an indirect pronoun reference

**Comment [7]:** no need to capitalize "social"

**Comment [8]:** use period; no use of comma

**Comment [9]:** support this statement with research; what statistics prove that are youths are actively using social media

**Comment [10]:** what specifically is the negative side; clearly define it before you make the assertion

**Comment [11]:** omit comma

**Comment [12]:** plural "personas"

**Comment [13]:** omit "it"

**Comment [14]:** s

**Comment [15]:** make social media the perpetrator that "invites" cyber bullying

**Comment [16]:** form

**Comment [17]:** "new form" and "new concept" is redundant; change phrasing - i.e. cyber bullying is a new style of bullying...

**Comment [18]:** begin new sentence or change comma to semicolon

**Comment [19]:** no contractions in formal research paper

**Comment [20]:** omit word

**Comment [21]:** a missing word?

**Comment [22]:** Is this a direct quote? If so, you need quotation marks...

**Comment [23]:** Comma

**Comment [24]:** Is this a standard definition?

**Comment [25]:** Your information needs to focus more on how social media itself fosters cyber-bullying; don't just focus on 'the effects of cyber bullying'; you are getting off topic and need to develop around topic sentence

Coquitlam due to the constant battle of cyber bullying from her own classmates in school.

Before Amanda's death in October, on September 7<sup>th</sup> she posted a 9-minute YouTube

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video entitled "My Story: Struggling, bullying, suicide and self-harm," which showed her

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using various of flash cards stating her hardships being a victim of cyber bullying and

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why she doesn't want to live anymore. After her death, the video went viral with more

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than one million views in the month of her death, causing an uproar on media platform

across the Internet. Due to the Internet being a public and free sharing platforms, Amanda

was bullied and blackmailed because of an image of her displaying her breasts had cycled

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the Internet. Peers from her school left disheartening comments and some even sending

death threats.

**Comment [32]:** Again, this supporting paragraph is off topic. Focus paragraph on the negative influence of social media on Bahamian teenagers. i.e. social media fosters or encourages cyber bullying.

Also, keep in mind, the focus is on Bahamian teenagers and so you should have more research that is specific to young Bahamian or allow your topic to have a more general scope. i.e. negative influence of social media on teenagers