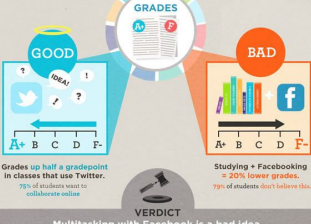




IS SOCIAL MEDIA RUINING STUDENTS?

Social media has become an integral part of our lives, and no group feels its impact more than students. Facebook started on college campuses, and it continues to thrive there the most: **98% of students use Facebook**. There's no doubt that social media has had a huge impact on the lives of students, but what's less clear is whether this impact has been good or bad. Let's break down the **pros** and **cons**.



VERDICT

Multitasking with Facebook is a bad idea.

Stop checking your "Notifications" when studying and hit the books to get that 'A'. Also, educators should integrate social media into classrooms.



VERDICT

Get ON Facebook to get involved, get OFF Facebook to make \$\$\$.

It's completely up to you, though we assure you: you're going to have plenty of time to work 16 hours a week after you graduate... if you graduate.



VERDICT

Using social media alone is lonely... get involved.

Though Facebook use can be a depressing affair, it's clear that it has real college-related emotional benefits. Think less about being alone, and more about being a part of your vibrant college community.



VERDICT

Students are staying current with news with social media; and if they unplug, it hurts.

Students have made social media part of their daily routine. It's not just about photos and gossip - it's about keeping in touch with the world. So when your professors tell you to get off Twitter, threatens to take away their newspaper.



VERDICT

Facebook makes us vain ...for better AND for worse.

The Facebook divas among us are the ones spending the most time touching up their profiles, but students not feeling so hot about themselves should give it a shot.



VERDICT

Ditching Facebook will give you more time to study.

Final Verdict: INCONCLUSIVE

So, is social media good or bad for students? We can't answer this complex question with a simple yes or no. Social media is great for certain aspects of college and terrible for others... but it doesn't have to be this way.

Social media is now a vital part of life, and academia needs to learn how to effectively take advantage. When social media is integrated with academics, studies have shown serious positive impact on students.

And if Facebook is really making you that depressed... why don't you shut down your computer and enjoy the sun.