***What are the good and bad points of modern technology?***

There's an old saying: ***Everything can be good if you use it, bad if you abuse it***. Modern technology is a great example of that. A good example of that is the internet and phones. A whole world of information is at our fingertips, and that information is not always correct. A good example of the Yin and Yang of information is that people can use their phones to mobilize people for government protests, and governments can track data to find the people who were protesting. As they say, it's a **double-edged sword**.

**THE GOOD NEWS**, about technology is that it's great for **communication**, **business**, **education** and **entertainment**. First communication. It's instant. There is much more collaboration in business and it's easy to keep everyone informed. Many industries such as banking, tourism and real estate have been transformed. Working from home is one of the great benefits. Also, everybody has a phone on them, and an added benefit is that people who are lost in a snowstorm or whatever, can be located. University degrees can be achieved totally online. Students can learn at home and discuss in class. Entertainment has been transformed. Music is downloaded instead of sold in stores. Movies and how they are viewed has been changed for ever. Instead of three or four major TV companies, there are many companies, such as Apple TV, HBO, Nexflix, Amazon, and even TikTok. It's a whole new world, and constantly changing.

**THE BAD NEWS** about communicating is that it can be tracked. Every email or text send leaves a paper trail. There is no wireless privacy. A very basic example that is a **drunk text** message. It's there forever. In business, knowledge can be so quickly spread that it can cause stocks to fall and banks to fail. And that might be based on good or false information. With so much knowledge available, many middle class jobs in the banking, insurance tourism and real estate have vanished. Those people must now find jobs. The new **AI Chatbot** technology has created all kinds of problems for higher education. All kinds of written assignments can be artificially made. This may fundamentally change higher education The **flip side** of education is the lies and fake news that can be instantly spread. Pornography has a whole new world of viewers, and porn producers.

Over Six hundred years ago, the printing press offered knowledge to the masses. It changed everything. However, all that knowledge led to religious wars that wracked Europe for over 100 years. Instead of uniting the people, the knowledge divided them. In the same way today, too many people are talking to each other in echo chambers. They're only communicating with like-minded people. As are their opponents. The result is that the world is turning into two radical camps, with little common ground in between. Modern technology is bringing out the best, and worst, in people. Instantly.

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