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Nowadays, almost everyone uses Google, either for research or just to explore the web. The problem with Google is that, in order for us to use it, we use our electronic devices, and when we use them all the time we get distracted. In the sources of *The Shallows* by Nicholas Carr, *The New York Times Upfront* by Peter Norvig, *The Independent Tech* by Genevieve Roberts, and an infographic by online colleges.net, they explain more in depth about what negative effects Google has on people. Some may say it is a great way to get quick and easy information, but others believe it is making us less intelligent. Personally, I believe that Google is negatively affecting our intelligence. For example, it is making us remember less, making us believe it is the only “reliable” way to do research, and it is interfering with the way we develop knowledge. This leads to the question, ‘Is Google negatively affecting our intelligence?’

To start off, to prove Google is negatively affecting our intelligence is by making us remember less. In the article of *The New York Times Upfront*, it states, “Will create forgetfulness in the learners’ souls because they will not use their memories.” With this being said, most learners do remember less and do not mind because they know they can just search it back up on Google. Most people would go on Google and forget about what they just learned due to the fact that they do not think deeply about what they are researching. In the article *The Shallows*, the author mentions, “If we’re distracted, we understand less, and learn less.” Meaning

we do not learn as much because we get too distracted, either with ads or social media notifications. If we are getting distracted commonly, our brains do not soak in as much information as reading more in depth.

Secondly, Google is negatively affecting our intelligence by making us believe it is the only “reliable” way to do research. Although Google is a good way to find information, it is not the only way, or the best way. In the article Google Effect that talks about the “Google Effect” and causes it states, “So the Google Effect, makes us good at remembering where to find a given bit of information, but not necessarily what the information was.” In other words, this means we remember more on where to find the information rather than remembering the actual information. This article also says, “If we spend all our time online, or experience our lives through a smartphone camera lens, we might miss important experiences, and not commit them to long-term memory.” This means that we rely too much on Google. So much that we technically live our lives through it. Google is negatively affecting the way we think and changing our knowledge about life.

Furthermore, Google is negatively affecting our intelligence also by interfering with the ways we develop knowledge. It has many negative and positive effects. Although a good effect it has is being a great source for innovation, it is slowly making us less intellectual. In an infographic, it shows, “Our new habits may interfere in the development of deep, conceptual knowledge.” This explains how the more we use Google or technology the less knowledge we collect, especially more deep and conceptual thoughts and knowledge. The more we use Google, the more knowledge we lose. It also states, “The internet is filled with incorrect information,

which may lead to being misinformed.” Google makes you believe you are getting the correct information but you may not be. It make you less intelligent with the misleading information.

In conclusion, the best way to find accurate information is by looking it up on books. It is also a better way to become smarter, less reliable on others, and have better effects on your intelligence. It is making us remember less, making us believe it is the only “reliable” way to do research, and it is interfering with the way we develop knowledge. Because the easy way out of doing research on Google has many negative effects on our knowledge.