

On Unhealthy Social Media Use / If Epicurus Were Alive Today, Would He Use A Smartphone?

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Ironically, the idea that social media profited a person monetarily is actually one of the issues. On the lowest level, selling handmade clothing on Etsy is probably the most benign thing that social media could be used for...and in a vacuum that in itself isn't a bad thing at all. But on a much larger scale, the person who works at Facebook in their R & D department that contracts out to people who specialize in psychological manipulation for keeping people addicted to things (such as online gambling etc.) as a means to keep people (and kids) engaged on their platform...even if it means that society becomes more dangerous and unhealthy because of it, it doesn't matter to them because the company makes a profit, the dollar is the bottom line. It's ultimately the same principle. But on a macro level, the developers who create these platforms and allow extremely addictive and hostile content to proliferate across them are a huge aspect of this problem.