

My name is Colin. We are aware that phones have been a topic of opposing views in recent years, and they should have been taken care of years ago. Here is why, from a kids perspective living in this situation each day at school.

During my sixth grade year I was highly addicted to YouTube. I watched thousands of YouTube videos during my school day and essentially skipped that entire year of school.

In 6th grade I was told by another student to take the “gay test” online. I did and was brainwashed for months thinking I might, indeed be gay, due to the surveys influence on me.

In 7th grade, I was shown a video of XXX pornography on kids personal cell phone at the lunch table. This same student, because of Discord and other social media platforms, was influenced by the “trend” of saying, “Just kill yourself”. This student repeatedly told me I should kill myself daily. This lead to suicidal ideations. I was lucky, I told my mom and asked for help. Not everyone is able to do that.

I no longer have these extreme ideations. These negatives experiences, with the help of certain teachers and my parents, have lead to a profound emotional and spiritual growth in my life. I cannot say the same for some of my peers I see each day. Please help us, as children, to end the addiction. Give us a place to be kids and socially interact with each other again.

Thank you for your time.