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Living with Care: The Older Person

Assessment 2

Is the use of technology necessary for the elderly UK population or an older person's life?

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Debate

Topic: Is the use of technology necessary for the elderly UK population or an older person's life?

Position: For

Conclusion/ introductory sentence:

The use of technology is increasing day by day and it has both positive sides and negative sides. This debate will explain the impact of technologies on an older person's life to lead his life happily comfortably (Hoxmeier et al, 2020).

Premise 1:

Technologies always support people by doing or performing their activities easily in the case of older people technology increases the capability of the old people and supports them to lead a comfortable life in their last stage of life. Technologies are not always effective for old people as they can make them dependable on the technologies and can make negative impacts on the health of the old people. In the case of the United Kingdom people around 75 years, old can react properly in any situation in this case technologies like sending a notification or using any platforms that can alert them to take their medicines will not be effective (Ibrahim et al, 2019). People who think that only technology can support older people are totally wrong because old people required love, sympathy, family etc. that technology could not provide to them. Technologies are some supporting systems that can just make the day to day life easier but for better care of the older people, close ones can make a better impact to lead the life happily. Besides this older people also do not have the capability of operating technologies successfully which can raise difficulties in their life and even can create pressure on the old people. Technologies are developing very rapidly and with this, the operating system of technologies is also changes that can create difficulties to adapt to the changes quickly and support themselves to make their life easier (Henderson et al, 2017).

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Premise 2:

Technologies greatly support people to communicate with each other very easily and quickly that greatly develops the life of people by making the world smaller. Mobile phones, computers, and laptops are some technologies that play a huge role in the life of people by developing communication systems (Han et al, 2019). But in the case of older people, these technologies keep them away from their family members they just see and talk with their loving ones over a mobile screen when they required them physically with the old people. This situation can break down the people in their old age when they do not have any job or work outsides. In the case of the United Kingdom, around 70% of people stay away from their parents and just communicate with them through technology (Ku et al, 2017). Besides this, a lot of employees in the United Kingdom also cannot use the technologies to communicate with their family members because of the complicated operating system of technologies. Nowadays maximum mobile phones are touch screens that are new to the old people because they have used button phones to communicate with others (Dehghani et al, 2019). The changes in mobile phone technology also can create issues to contact with friends and family members. Internet is the technology that has changed the world by bringing everyone together (Livingstone, 2011). Old people of the United Kingdom are now spending more time on different internet platforms that greatly reduced their activity and make negative impacts on their health (Fitzgerald et al, 2014). In the United Kingdom people who are over 65 years old have their own mobile phone but the main thing is only a few of them used smartphones which shows that people who are old cannot ensure the best use of technologies in their daily life. Furthermore, elderly individuals do not have the capacity to efficiently use technology, which may cause problems in their lives and even put them under stress (Blackwell et al, 2014).

Rebuttal:

Summary of opposition point:

- **Topic Sentence:** The use of modern technologies will support the people more to overcome the issues that the old people faced in their day to day life
- **Evidence:** the positive impacts of technologies are the evidence of using technologies by the old people. The majority of mobile phones nowadays feature touch displays, which are unfamiliar to the elderly who previously communicated with others via button phones. Aside from that, due to the sophisticated working system of technology, many workers in the United Kingdom are unable to interact with their family members. The positive impacts of technologies are (Finney et al, 2010).
 - Developing the communication system to increase connection (Dehghani et al, 2019).
 - Increases the strengths of the old people
 - Supports an old person to quickly overcome the issues of their day to day life (Dhanake et al, 2018).

Counter-argument

Technology not only has negative sides it has huge positive sides that can support an old person to get all opportunities in life with the support of technologies. Some people cannot walk in their old age because of joint pain in that case technologies like wheelchairs can support the old person to easily move from one place to another (Majumder et al, 2017). Some people in the UK have family members staying abroad where modern technologies support the people to easily communicate with them. Besides this, technologies in the medical sector also greatly support the old people by ensuring proper treatment of the people. Modern technologies provide quick services at a very low cost that can support the old people to take proper support from the technologies to spend their life happily. Technologies are certain assisting devices that can simply make day-to-day living simpler, but for better care of the elderly, close relatives may have a greater influence in ensuring that they live a happy life. Technologies are continuously evolving, and the operating system of those technologies is changing as well (Livingstone, 2011).

Conclusion

Thus, it can be concluded that People who believe that only technology can help elderly people are completely mistaken; older people deserve love, compassion, family, and other things that technology cannot supply. In the case of elderly individuals, technology boosts their capabilities and helps them live a pleasant life in their last years. Technologies are not always beneficial to the elderly since they might make them reliant on them and have bad consequences for their health (Blackwell et al, 2014).

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