

Often times major transformations come from minor adjustments.

In 500 – 750 words, ***describe a minor adjustment that you feel could positively transform your community, state, country, or if you are feeling ambitious, the world.***

It is significantly arguable that in today's era, money is not what makes the world go round anymore, but rather social media fame is the new axle for this wheel. During this century, something much more valuable than money is sacrificed to get that extra like, an additional comment, and a new follower. Time, without doubt humanity's most indispensable type of currency, is now readily spent on the institution which encompasses social media, such that countless hours are taken away from family's special and unique events in the quest to find the perfect hashtag or filter. Furthermore, it is common to adhere to the notion that the time spent in exchange for the opportunity to be the next trending sensation predominates that of solely living in the moment. One may think that this is not a problem, but they fail to see how comparable the addiction people have to social media is to the one drug addicts have to narcotics. However, if a simple five minute expense is made at the next family, friends, or loved one's reunion what can be gained can be far more rewarding than one million subscribers.

Change and adjustment, unfortunately, are mostly seen like impossible missions that only trained soldiers are equipped to handle. Though I am not suggesting that we all delete our social media accounts and revert back to the 50's where interaction was commonly limited to relatives and neighbors, I am proposing a minimal regulation of time spent trying to become famous via the Internet. This minor adjustment would resolve this notable issue that I have personally witnessed in my community. Given its stance as a border city, that is so closely related and influenced by Mexico, the need to showcase this concern to the public in my community becomes more imperative due to the fact that a slight transformation from this habit can result in a two nation alteration. Both of these communities are heavily driven by Mexican culture, where the youth are raised with the ideology that family unity is a high priority. Thus, this should serve as strong evidence that this social trend should not affect this population so greatly, yet those primacies have been slowly disappearing. The minor adjustment proposed may seem difficult and receive an intense level of skepticism considering the small population targeted. However, consider "often times major transformations come from minor adjustment" like throwing a tiny pebble into a peaceful lake that causes the water to be disturbed and continue waving out until it reaches the shorelines and return to its calm state. Therefore, the proposition at hand is not without merit.

Coming from a victim and survivor from this highly contagious disease, reformation is in fact possible. The clarifying process, with which I finally opened my eyes, was spurred on by a significantly lamentable incident. It commenced when I preferred to attend a common friend's celebration, an event that provided numerous boomerang videos so I could demonstrate to my followers and cyber crushes the amount of fun I was partaking in, over spending time with my parental grandfather in a familial quiet dinner. The option of being present at the gathering and still making an appearance at my friend's festivity existed, yet I negated its logic since I conquered I would waste too much time having a boring conversation with relatives. It was dreadful to hear a week later that night was the last opportunity I had to converse with him in person. A precious opportunity was wasted all because I decided those 24-hour stories I filmed that evening would get me the attention I craved from my virtual supporters. There is no need for anyone else to reach a similar climax to mine in order to hop out of the bandwagon and begin their renovation.

In conclusion, let's pick up a small stone and jumpstart that ripple effect. Initiate the revolution with a minimal step; shut-down the media for a family meal, restrict the amount of videos allowed in a gathering, attend more relative happenings. Keep this in mind, simply sacrificing 300 seconds can give you the opportunity to get that relationship advice you always wanted from your parents, or indulge and share a laugh with loved ones before they are departed and the option no longer exists.