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Employee Expectations, Demands, and Behavior of the Next Generation's Workforce—Is Your Company Ready?

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The Way We Socialize And Entertain Ourselves: Times Have Changed



Methodology Timing and Sample Qualifications

THE SECOND ANNUAL CISCO CONNECTED WORLD TECHNOLOGY REPORT



- The survey was translated into local languages and fielded in 14 countries to gain approximately 100 completes for each subgroup in each country
- Countries: United States, Canada Mexico, Brazil, United Kingdom, France, Spain, Germany, Italy, Russia, India, China, Japan, Australia

Overview and Summary of Key Findings

- Social life is less about personal interaction and more about being connected
- Social media is growing in influence—in some cases, more important than friends and dating
- One in three college students and young professionals consider the Internet to be as important as fundamental human resources like air, water, food and shelter
- More than half of the study's respondents could not live without the Internet and cite it as an "integral part of their lives" – in some cases more integral than cars, dating, and partying

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Food, Water, Shelter...or Internet?



CONSIDER INTERNET A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RESOURCE 555%OF COLLEGE
STUDENTSAND62%OF YOUNG
EMPLOYEES

SAY THEY COULD NOT LIVE WITHOUT THE INTERNET

Internet's Importance in Daily Life



4 out of 5

COLLEGE STUDENTS AND YOUNG EMPLOYEES BELIEVE THE INTERNET IS VITALLY IMPORTANT AND PART OF THEIR DAILY LIFE'S SUSTENANCE.



CONSIDER THE INTERNET AN "INTEGRAL PART OF THEIR LIVES"

The New Way to Get Around



COLLEGE STUDENTS GLOBALLY WOULD CHOOSE AN INTERNET CONNECTION OVER A CAR



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The New Social Life: Internet Over Love and Friendship?





*Within certain countries, updating Facebook was ranked as the highest priority, even more than hanging out with friends.

Mobile Devices as the "Most Important" Technology



SMARTPHONES ARE POISED TO SURPASS DESKTOPS AS THE MOST PREVALENT TOOL FROM A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE



The Use of Mobile Devices for Accessing Information... and the End of TV and Newspapers?



TV'S PROMINENCE IS DECREASING IN FAVOR OF MOBILE DEVICES LIKE LAPTOPS AND SMARTPHONES



OF COLLEGE STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES SURVEYED GLOBALLY SAID THE NEWSPAPER IS THEIR MOST IMPORTANT TOOL FOR ACCESSING INFORMATION





HAVE NOT BOUGHT A PHYSICAL BOOK (NOT TEXTBOOKS REQUIRED FOR CLASS) IN A BOOKSTORE **IN MORE THAN TWO YEARS—OR NEVER AT ALL**

Influence of Social Media—and Distractions in Daily Life

91%	AND	88%
OF STUDENTS		OF EMPLOYEES
HAVE A	faceboo	K. ACCOUNT
81%	AND	73%
OF THOSE STUDENTS		OF THOSE EMPLOYEES
CHECK THEIR FACEBOOK PAGE AT LEAST ONCE A DAY		
1 out of 3 STUDENTS	AND	3 out of 10 EMPLOYEES
CHECK AT LEAST FIVE TIMES A DAY		

Influence of Social Media—and Distractions in Daily Life



COLLEGE STUDENTS REPORTED **CONSTANT ONLINE INTERRUPTIONS** WHILE DOING PROJECTS OR HOMEWORK FROM IM, SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES AND PHONE CALLS.

IN A GIVEN HOUR...



OF COLLEGE STUDENTS SAID THEY ARE INTERRUPTED AT LEAST ONCE



24%

(1 OUT OF 4) SAID THEY ARE INTERRUPTED THREE TO FIVE TIMES AN HOUR 12%

SAID THEY LOSE COUNT HOW MANY TIMES THEY ARE INTERRUPTED WHILE THEY ARE TRYING TO FOCUS ON A PROJECT

Social Media's Impact on Blurring Work and Personal Lives

7 out of 10 "FRIENDED" THEIR MANAGERS AND/OR CO-WORKERS ON FACEBOOK, INDICATING THE DISSOLUTION OF BOUNDARIES SEPARATING WORK AND PRIVATE LIFE

IN THE UNITED STATES...

23% FRIENDED MANAGERS AND CO-WORKERS

40% FRIENDED CO-WORKERS





Summary

- The Internet is integral in the lives of the world's next generation of workers
- Online communications are challenging face-to-face contact as the primary method of interpersonal communications
- Attitudes toward information access, mobile devices, and social media will influence the future of work – from business communications and work lifestyles to corporate cultures and talent acquisition
- As a result, increasing demands for information access will put new demands on businesses and their networks



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