

## **Case Study: Brave New World?**

**Philosophy Question: How can teachers act responsibly and still be open-minded about the use of social media in the classroom?**

As a future teacher and someone who has used their fair share of social media, I believe you can be open-minded about social media and also choose not to have it in your classroom. When I become a teacher, I am going to choose to keep my social media fairly private and I am going to ask my students to keep their social media use outside the classroom. To help them understand why, I would teach them about the positives and negatives of social media. Raut et al (2016) say that the more students spend on social sites, the less time they will spend in-person socializing. This would lead to lower social skills and not as deep connections with potential friends. I would also try to teach them how to navigate social media and what to watch out for. I think it is important that students understand how dangerous social media can really be. They need to understand that they can't believe everything they see on the internet, especially with how much AI has been evolving. They also need to be taught that not everyone on social media is as they seem and might not even be who they say they are. Social media can be a positive thing, but if it is not being used properly, then it becomes more of a problem.