INTEGRATING CHRISTIAN VALUES IN TEACHING

ADOPTERS SOPHISTICATED INFLUENCER
TWEENS POP CULTURES MEDIA
SMART
SOCIAL MOBILE
GEN Z
GLOBAL CONNECT INDEPENDENT FUTURE
VISUAL
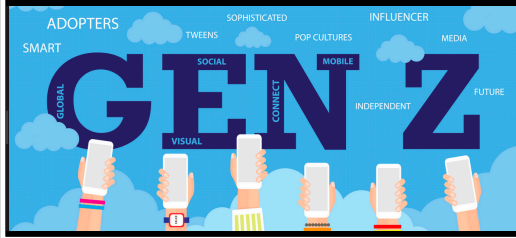
Miriam College
23 October 2019
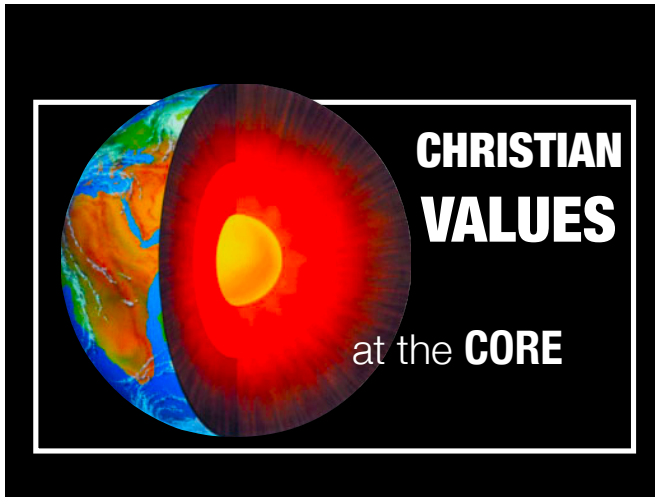07:30 - 11:30 am

---

CONVERSATION
pieces

reflection

CONNECT
to your
CONTEXT

to provoke
TALK+
THOUGHT

REFLECT
on your life

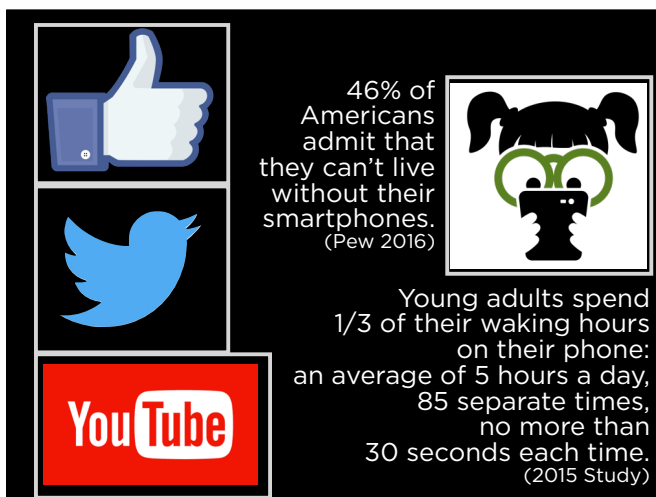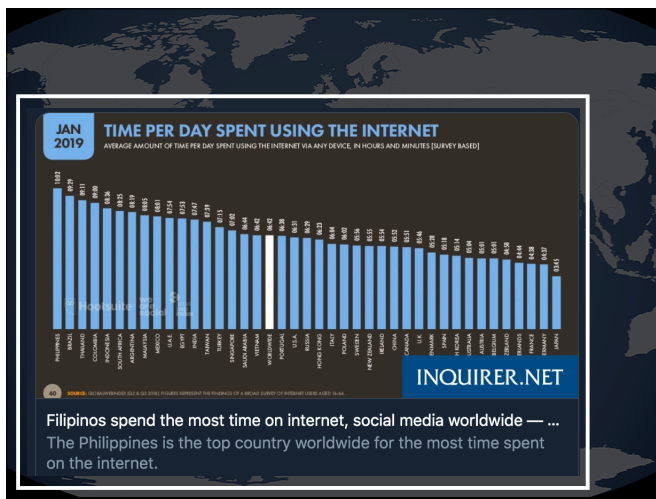Without making
connections
to your life,
you won't learn.

CHRISTIAN VALUES at the CORE

CHRISTIAN VALUES

CHOOSING BETWEEN right and wrong

RIGHT
WRONG

RIGHT

EASY TO CHOOSE GOOD
INSTINCTIVE

HARD TO CHOOSE GOOD
MORAL

PLEASURE

PAIN

HARD TO AVOID EVIL
MORAL

EASY TO AVOID EVIL
INSTINCTIVE

WRONG

The World Is Flat
A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY
Thomas L. Friedman
NATIONAL BESTSELLER

And Fast

---

every single minute every single day...

Billions of Facebook Likes

350,000 tweets

400 hours of new video

46% of Americans admit that they can't live without their smartphones. (Pew 2016)

Young adults spend 1/3 of their waking hours on their phone: an average of 5 hours a day, 85 separate times, no more than 30 seconds each time. (2015 Study)

we live in an increasingly connected world.

more & more lead increasingly virtual lives.

JAN 2019

TIME PER DAY SPENT USING THE INTERNET

AVERAGE AMOUNT OF TIME PER DAY SPENT USING THE INTERNET VIA ANY DEVICE, IN HOURS AND MINUTES [SURVEY BASED]

INQUIRER.NET

Filipinos spend the most time on internet, social media worldwide — ...
The Philippines is the top country worldwide for the most time spent on the internet.

NOMOPHOBIA

"NO MOBILE-PHONE PHOBIA"

CHRISTIAN VALUES
in the Digital World

THE ILLUSION THAT YOU'RE ANONYMOUS

THE FEELING THAT YOU'RE NOT ACCOUNTABLE

THE LICENSE TO BE VICIOUS

TO GIVE VENT TO ANY DESIRE + UNLEASH ANY HATRED

CHRISTIAN VALUES

DIGITAL
DOUBLE LIFE
SCHIZOPHRENIA
SPLIT
PERSONALITY

How **VIRTUOUS** is virtual reality?

CHRISTIAN VALUES

CHOOSING BETWEEN **right and wrong**

can you guess what's going on here?

JON RONSON

FROM THE BESTSELLING
AUTHOR OF THE PSYCHOPATH TEST
AND THE MEN WHO STARE AT GOATS

SO YOU'VE BEEN PUBLICLY SHAMED

"It's the ordinary folks like you and me…"

A bad **joke** on **Twitter** gone wrong and **viral**

THE TRUTH ABOUT
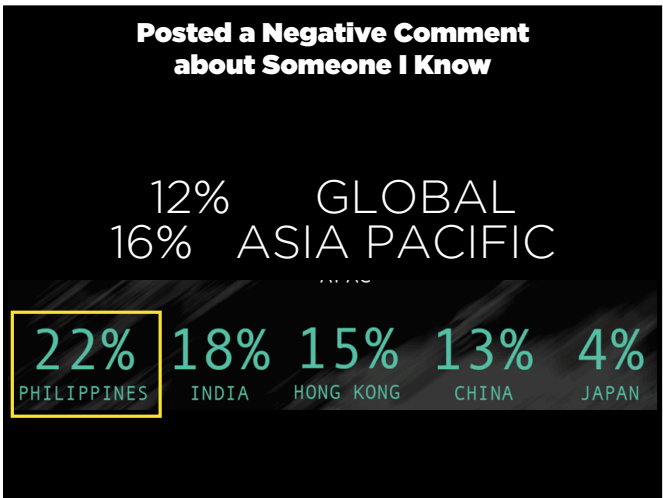YOUTH?

McCANN
TRUTH CENTRAL

METHODOLOGY

McCann Truth Central conducted a global research study with quantitative interview of over 33,000 people (11,000 between the ages of 16 and 30) in eighteen countries including: U.S., U.K., China, Brazil, India, Chile, Mexico, Japan, Spain, Hong Kong, France, Germany, Italy, Turkey, South Africa, Philippines, Canada and Russia.

This study follows an earlier study from 2011 in which 7,000 people between the ages of 16 and 30 were surveyed from seven countries (U.S., U.K., China, India, Spain, Mexico and Brazil).
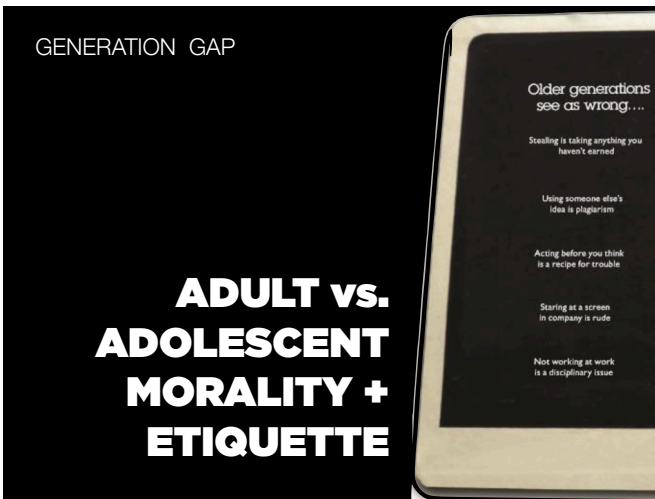
33K respondents
11k between the ages of **16 to 30**

US, UK, INDIA, BRAZIL, MEXICO, SPAIN, GERMANY, CANADA
RUSSIA, FRANCE, CHILE, ITALY, TURKEY, SOUTH AFRICA
CHINA, JAPAN, HONG KONG, PHILIPPINES

Posted a Negative Comment about Someone I Know

24% — 16-20
18% — 21-34
12% — Total
11% — 35-50
5% — 51-69
2% — 70+

%age per Age Range
GLOBAL

Posted a Negative Comment about Someone I Know

17% — 16-20
16% — Total
14% — 21-34
9% — 35-50
4% — 51-69
0% — 70+

Philippines?

%age per Age Range
ASIA PACIFIC

Posted a Negative Comment about Someone I Know

12% GLOBAL
16% ASIA PACIFIC

22% PHILIPPINES
18% INDIA
15% HONG KONG
13% CHINA
4% JAPAN

5 ENDANGERED SPECIES in the Digital Age

GENERATION GAP

ADULT vs. ADOLESCENT MORALITY + ETIQUETTE

Older generations see as wrong....

Stealing is taking anything you haven't earned

Using someone else's idea is plagiarism

Acting before you think is a recipe for trouble

Staring at a screen in company is rude

Not working at work is a disciplinary issue

OLDER GENERATIONS See as Wrong	YOUNGER GENERATION See as Right
Stealing is taking anything you haven't earned.	**DOWNLOADING** isn't stealing as long as you support the artist in some other way.
Using someone else's idea is **plagiarism**.	It's not where you take things *from*; it's where you take things *to*: **REHASH + REMASH + REMIX**
Acting **before** you think is a recipe for trouble	Ask for **FORGIVENESS**, not for permission. "Tweet now, think later."
Using your phone in company is **rude**.	Using your phone in company is socially acceptable.
Not working at work is a disciplinary issue.	"**WEISURE**": Work + Leisure Work and Play can disrupt each other.

DANGER #1:
ENDANGERED VALUES

5 ENDANGERED SPECIES OF THE DIGITAL AGE
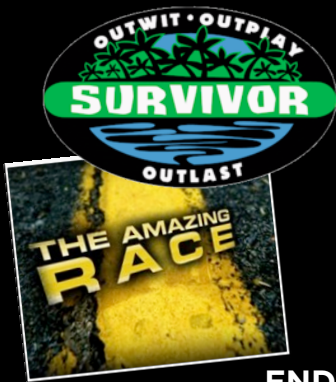
Popular TV shows and their hidden messages

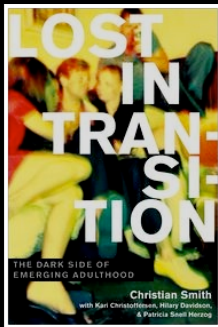**Survivor** and **Amazing Race** - Win at all costs!

DANGER #1:
ENDANGERED VALUES

Love = Shopping?

"Try it on" as much as you want before deciding and **maybe** committing.

Slide 1

Lost in Transition

by Notre Dame Sociologist
Christian Smith

LOST IN TRAN-SI-TION

THE DARK SIDE OF EMERGING ADULTHOOD

Christian Smith
with Kari Christoffersen, Hilary Davidson, & Patricia Snell Herzog

Slide 2

Life Instructions

Have fun	Do not hurt people	Do not accept defeat	Strive to be happy

What: In-depth interviews with 230 young people (18-23 years old) from across America

Topic: Their moral lives

How: Questions about right and wrong, moral dilemmas and the meaning of life.

Slide 3

Rape and murder are clearly wrong,
But with drunken driving, cheating in a test, or cheating on a partner: **"I don't really deal with right and wrong that often."**

"It's personal," they said. **"It's up to me!"**

Respondent X:
"I mean, I guess what makes something right is how I **feel** about it. But different people feel different ways, so I **couldn't speak on behalf of anyone else as to what's right and wrong**."

How many have received a **NUDE** photo or **SEXT?**

A. More than HALF
B. Between **26%** to **50%**
C. **21% - 25%**
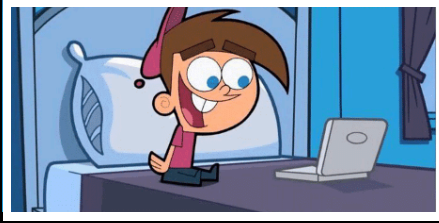D. **16% - 20%**
E. Less than **20%**

Global: **25%**
Asia Pacific: **15%**

India: **23%**
China: **12%**
Japan: **4%**

Philippines: **17%**
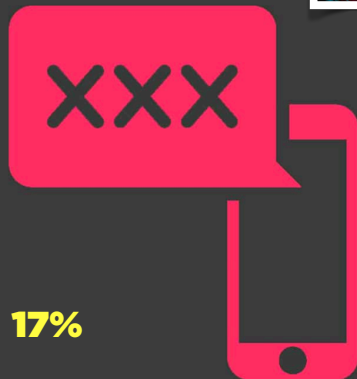
How many have looked at **PORN** on a mobile device?

A. More than HALF
B. 25% to 50%
C. 21% - 25%
D. 16% - 20%
E. 10% - 15%

Global: **29%**
Philippines: **42%**

I like you!

MORAL INDIVIDUALISM
Morality is personal.
Choose what feels good.
Everyone is correct.

Emotivism

It's impossible to secure moral agreement in our culture because all judgments are based on how we feel at the moment.
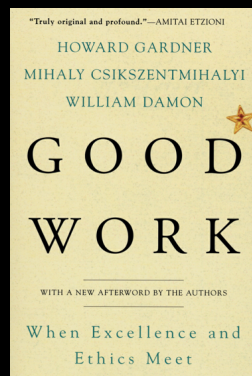

"Depends on whatever makes me happy or how I feel!"

vs. obeying authority

Disturbing findings of **The GoodWork Project**

For young people, the end simply justifies the means.
Do whatever it takes to be successful now.
Be ethical--maybe later?

"Truly original and profound."—AMITAI ETZIONI

HOWARD GARDNER
MIHALY CSIKSZENTMIHALYI
WILLIAM DAMON

GOOD
WORK

WITH A NEW AFTERWORD BY THE AUTHORS

When Excellence and Ethics Meet

CYBER BULLYING
ONLINE BASHING
PUBLIC SHAMING

FAKE NEWS

GOSSIPING
RUMOR-MONGERING

SOCIAL MEDIA

FITTING IN
JUDGING
OTHERS

CAN MAGNIFY THE
BEST OR WORST
IN HUMAN NATURE.

IN GREED WE TRUST
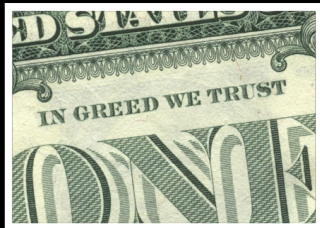
"Never in history have there been so many ways to cut corners."

- Alan Greenspan on human greed

"Americans believe each person should develop his/her own morality and not judge others."
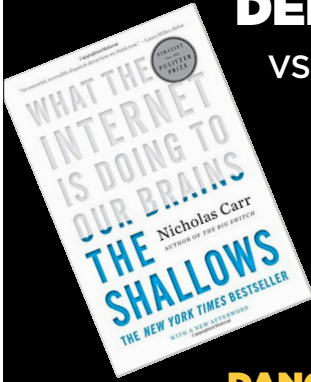
- Allan Wolfe

Respect for + Openness to Other Views

PLURALISM ≠ RELATIVISM

Acceptance of all views as equally correct

Endangered SPECIES in the Digital Age #2
THOUGHT / TRUTH
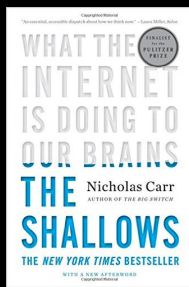
DEEP READING vs. SKIMMING

The explosion of CONTENT (writing, video, & photography)

DANGER #2:
ENDANGERED THOUGHT + TRUTH

WHAT THE INTERNET IS DOING TO OUR BRAINS
THE SHALLOWS
Nicholas Carr
AUTHOR OF *THE BIG SWITCH*
THE *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER

...when we go online, we enter an environment that promotes **cursory reading, hurried and distracted thinking,** and **superficial learning.**

It's possible to think deeply while surfing the Net, just as it's possible to think shallowly while reading a book, but that's not the type of thinking the technology encourages...
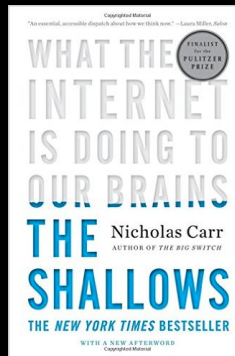
N Carr. The Shallows

WHAT THE INTERNET IS DOING TO OUR BRAINS
THE SHALLOWS
Nicholas Carr
AUTHOR OF *THE BIG SWITCH*
THE *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER
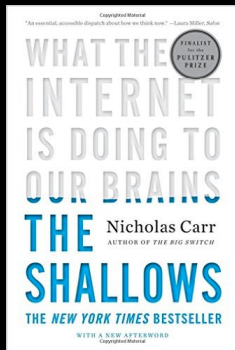
An ecosystem of interruption technologies
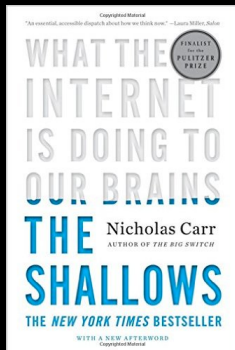
↓

"A DISTRACTION SICKNESS"
A Sullivan

Chipping away our **capacity for concentration and contemplation**

"Whether I'm online or not, my mind now expects to take in information the way the Internet distributes it."

DANGER #2:
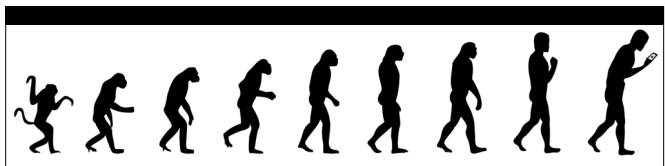**ENDANGERED THOUGHT + TRUTH**

An appetite for soundbites & info-nuggets

From a **LINEAR** MIND (Calm, focused, and undistracted)

To a new kind of mind that wants and needs to take in and dole out **information** in short, disjointed, often overlapping bursts-- the faster, the better.

N Carr. The Shallows

A reversal of the early trajectory of civilization

Evolution from
being cultivators of personal knowledge
to **being hunters and gatherers in the electronic data forest**

N Carr. The Shallows

Are you more a
cultivator of personal knowledge
or just
a hunter/gatherer in the electronic data forest?

1 2 3 4
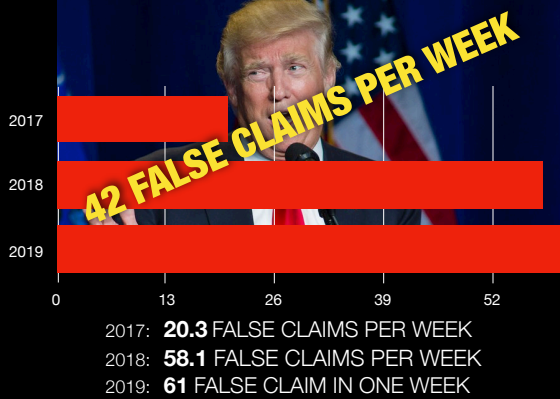
a cultivator of personal knowledge

**a hunter/ gatherer in the electronic data forest?**

According to POLITICO's five-day analysis, Trump averaged about one lie every three minutes & 15 sec. over nearly five hours of remarks.

5,276 FALSE CLAIMS SINCE HIS PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION
(January 2017 to May 2019)

42 FALSE CLAIMS PER WEEK

2017					
2018					
2019					
0	13	26	39	52	

2017: **20.3** FALSE CLAIMS PER WEEK
2018: **58.1** FALSE CLAIMS PER WEEK
2019: **61** FALSE CLAIM IN ONE WEEK

*

A VERY BRIEF HISTORY OF EDUCATION

	Limited Access to Information	High Access to Information
Minimal Quality Control of Information	ORAL TRADITION	INTERNET
High Quality Control of Information	PRINTING PRESS	
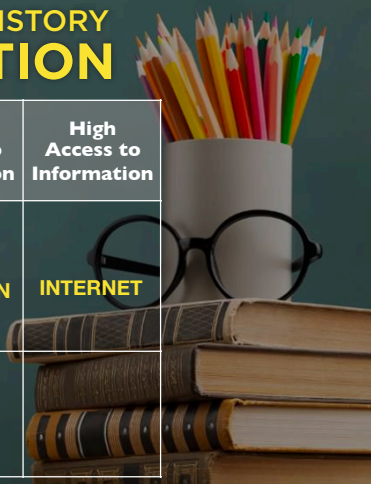
a facebook experiment

70%

What percent of readers
share articles without reading them?

A news article with first paragraph intact
but the second and succeeding paragraphs
are **gibberish.**

A "POST-TRUTH" AGE?

"Never in history
have there been
so many accounts
and claims to
truth."
- **Howard Gardner** on
the digital media

Truth
NEXT EXIT

"Everyone is right as long as
it **feels right!**"

What's happening to thought?

a highly developed
**allergy to nuance and
complexity**

an addiction to
**simple answers
summarised neatly in slogans**
untestable by argument

John Sexton

Standing for
Reason The
University in a
Dogmatic Age

New York Times best-selling author of
Baseball as a Road to God

POST-TRUTH

The need more than ever for **CRITICAL THINKING**

"ALTERNATIVE FACTS" WHEN REAL FACTS PROVE YOU WRONG.

THINKING OUT **LOUD** rehearsal for **IDEAS**

SAFETY ZONE

NO SUCH THING AS A STUPID IDEA OR QUESTION

THE INCENTIVIZATION OF VICTIMHOOD

DANGER MINES

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS AT THE EXPENSE OF CONVERSATION

Your comfort is **not** a criterion for our discussions.

Truth—and the painstaking search for it—brings **discomfort**.

Endangered Species in the Digital Age #3
RELATIONSHIPS

Fast forward to today, and the statement still rings true for online socialization. As recent as 2000, Norman Nie, director of the Stanford Institute for the Quantitative Study of Society, found that:

"... for every hour people spent using the internet, their face-to-face contact with friends, co-workers, and family fell by 24 minutes."

DANGER #3:
ENDANGERED RELATIONSHIPS

"Alone together"

Sherry Turkle

The loss of true intimacy

PHUBBING

PHONE + SNUBBING

DANGER #3:
ENDANGERED RELATIONSHIPS

"If you're watching a football game with your son while also texting a friend, you're not fully with your child--and he knows it."

"Truly being with another person means being **experientially** with them, picking up countless tiny signals from the eyes and voice and body language and context, and reacting, often unconsciously, to every nuance. These are our deepest social skills."

DANGER #3:
ENDANGERED RELATIONSHIPS

Communication technology can **supplement** relationships-- especially for people we can't relate to face-to-face.

Communication nurses our **relationships**.

But communication technology should not **substitute** personal interactions.

We remove or drastically filter all the information we might get by being with another person. We reduce them to mere outlines--a Facebook "friend," an Instagram photo, a text message... **We become each other's "contacts," efficient shadows of ourselves.**

A Sullivan

DANGER #3:
ENDANGERED RELATIONSHIPS

MY FRIENDS ARE MORE LIKE
MY FAMILY THAN MY ACTUAL FAMILY

46%

62%	52%	41%	41%	32%
INDIA	HONG KONG	CHINA	PHILIPPINES	JAPAN

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE GUIDELINES
YOU WOULD SUGGEST FOR YOUR RELATIONSHIPS
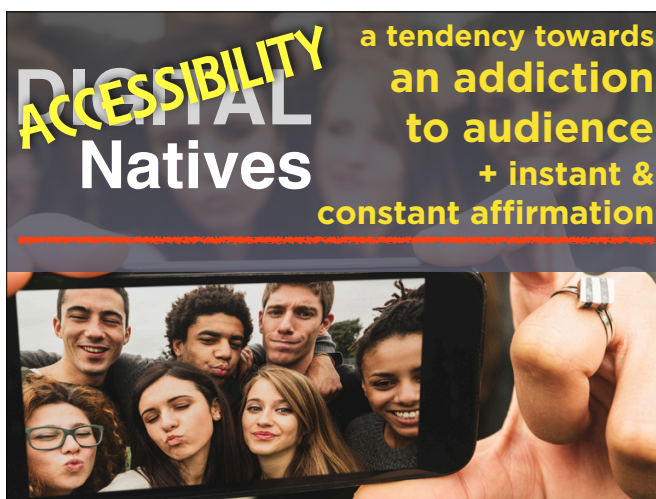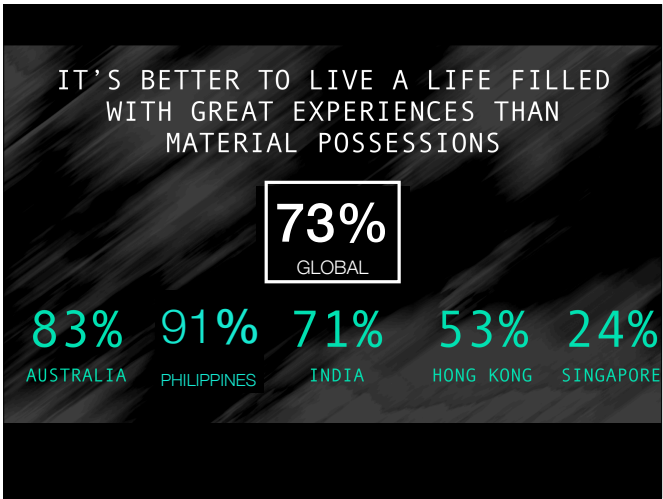SO THAT THEY FLOURISH—AND ARE NOT ENDANGERED
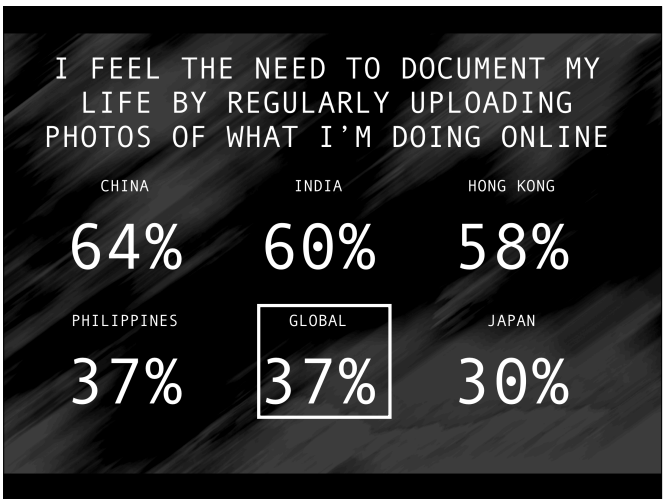BY TECHNOLOGY?

"Alone together" ?

ENDANGERED **SPECIES** IN THE DIGITAL AGE #4
SELF

DANGER #4:
ENDANGERED SELF

How high is your SELFIE worth?

SELFIE - worth =

Getting lots of **LIKES** on my Facebook posts

TRENDING worldwide with my

Going **VIRAL** with my You Tube video

IT'S BETTER TO LIVE A LIFE FILLED WITH GREAT EXPERIENCES THAN MATERIAL POSSESSIONS

73%
GLOBAL

83%
AUSTRALIA

91%
PHILIPPINES

71%
INDIA

53%
HONG KONG

24%
SINGAPORE

I FEEL THE NEED TO DOCUMENT MY LIFE BY REGULARLY UPLOADING PHOTOS OF WHAT I'M DOING ONLINE

CHINA
64%

INDIA
60%

HONG KONG
58%

PHILIPPINES
37%

GLOBAL
37%

JAPAN
30%

KNOW **SHOW** THYSELF

I am more likely to trust people who post good quality images

CHINA	INDIA	HONG KONG
68%	68%	58%

PHILIPPINES	GLOBAL	JAPAN
61%	49%	36%
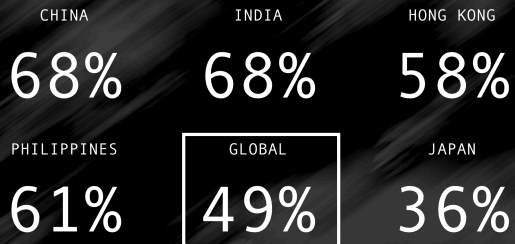
I judge people based on the photos they post online

CHINA	HONG KONG	INDIA
69%	67%	66%

PHILIPPINES	GLOBAL	JAPAN
54%	54%	34%
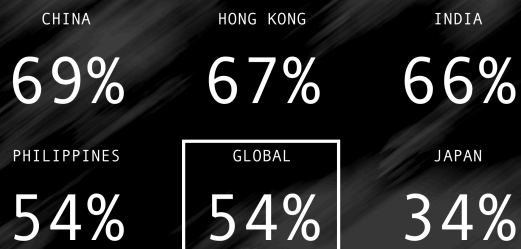
IDENTITY & SOCIAL MEDIA

What %

of young people feel inadequate when seeing
what their friends are posting on social media

MCCANN

SOCIAL MEDIA ENVY

Seeing what friends are posting on social media can make me feel inadequate

CHINA	INDIA	HONG KONG
67%	66%	58%

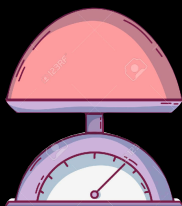| PHILIPPINES	GLOBAL	JAPAN
50%	50%	44%

The Guardian

The age of envy
"When everyone else's life looks better"

HOW WILL YOU MEASURE YOUR LIFE AND YOUR SELF?

VOTING MACHINE

WEIGHING MACHINE

YOU want to be part of a group. often at the cost of **authenticity**
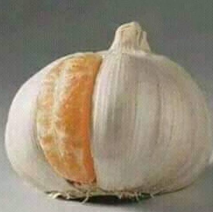
fitting in

VS.

belonging

OTHERS want you to be part of their group.

DANGER #4:
ENDANGERED
SENSE OF SELF

Just because you fit in

Prayas: HelpUourself

Doesn't mean you belong there

OUR SENSE OF SELF
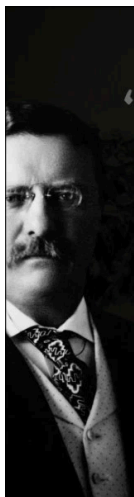
	WHAT OTHERS SEE	WHAT OTHERS DON'T SEE
WHAT I KNOW		
WHAT I DON'T KNOW		

IDENTITY & SOCIAL MEDIA

SOCIAL ME IS MY
DRESS REHEARSAL

MCCANN

" It is not the critic who counts;
not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles,
or where the doer of deeds could have done them better.
The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena,
whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood;
who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again,
becausethere is no effort without error and shortcoming;
but who does actually strive to do the deeds;
who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions;
who spends himself in a worthy cause;
who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement,
and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly,
so that his place shall never be with those cold and
timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

- Theodore Roosevelt

Unforgiving
"CALL OUT" culture
of social media
No Second Chances

discourages

risk
transparency
mistake
growth

IT IS
THE NOT
CRITIC
WHO COUNTS

Crisis of the

SELF

Healthy | Harmful

GUILT | **SHAME**

"I | "I

MADE | **AM**

A MISTAKE!" | A MISTAKE!"

DO I **DEFINE** OR **DIMINISH** MYSELF?

ENDANGERED **SPECIES** IN THE DIGITAL AGE **#5**

SILENCE

DANGER #5:
ENDANGERED SILENCE

DANGER #5:
ENDANGERED SILENCE

HORROR VACUI

* A fear of empty spaces

* An **addiction** not only to validation, but also to information, entertainment, and every form of stimulus.

AN **ARMS RACE** FOR **ATTENTION**

- T Harris

We are like "lab rats constantly pressing levers to get **tiny pellets of social or intellectual nourishment**."

N Carr. *The Shallows*

I AM BORED IF I ONLY DO ONE THING AT A TIME

46%
GLOBAL

55%
INDIA

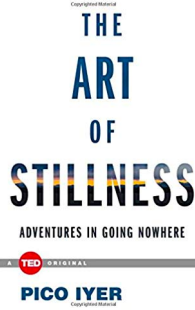**60%**
PHILIPPINES

42%
JAPAN

39%
HONG KONG

38%
CHINA

Feeling my feelings alone,
by myself and with myself.
Being alone with my feelings
without instant distraction
or digital support

The loss of solitude
An American Comedian

THE ART OF STILLNESS

ADVENTURES IN GOING NOWHERE

A TED ORIGINAL

PICO IYER

In an age of speed,
nothing could be more invigorating than
going slow.

In an age of distraction,
nothing can feel more luxurious than
paying attention.

In an age of constant movement,
nothing is more urgent than
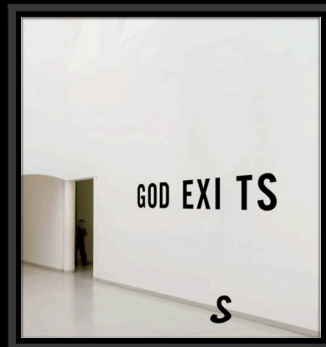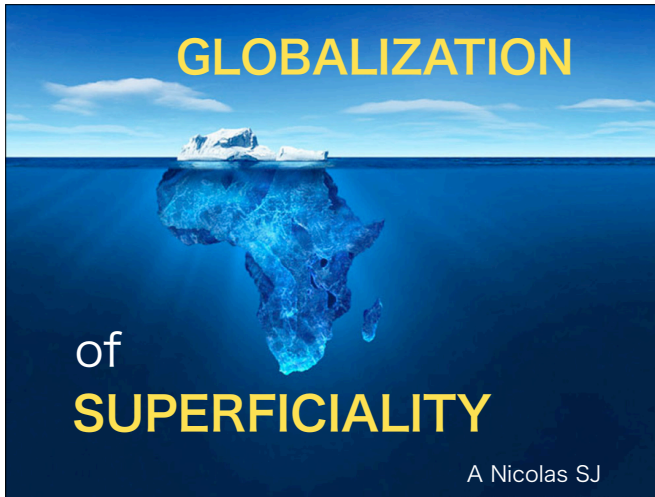**sitting still**.

The loss of our sense of the sacred

"The reason we live in a culture increasingly without faith is **not** because science has somehow disproved the unprovable...

...**the white noise of secularism has removed the very stillness in which faith might endure or be reborn.**"

Andrew Sullivan (2016)

GOD EXI TS

S

GLOBALIZATION

of

SUPERFICIALITY

A Nicolas SJ

The greatest threat to faith today is not hedonism but **distraction**.

A Sullivan

How about some kind of **Digital Sabbath?**

UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES

ENDANGERED

VALUES

THOUGHT+TRUTH

RELATIONSHIPS

SELF

SILENCE

5

ENDANGERED SPECIES
in the Digital Age

UNINTENDED NEGATIVE
TENDENCIES OF

SOCIAL MEDIA

THAT NEED TO BE
RECOGNIZED + MANAGED

1 **VALUES**

2 **THOUGHT + TRUTH**

3 **RELATIONSHIPS**

4 **SELF + IDENTITY**

5 **SILENCE + SACRED**

QUESTIONS FOR
PRAYER, REFLECTION, & SHARING

Among the **endangered species of the digital age**, which one do I feel needs my most immediate attention in my **personal life**? Why? What baby steps can I take to help **preserve** it in my life and to enable it to **flourish**?

Based on what I know of my colleagues and students, which ones ought to be **prioritised by the school**? Pick two at most. In what way can the school be a **sanctuary for these endangered species**?

PINS OF LIGHT