

Why I stayed on Facebook:

Dear Facebook,

I'm sticking with you because I refuse to be a victim. People are constantly complaining about how they mindlessly scroll their feed, feel lonely or depressed when they have no one to chat with or feel like they no longer have "real" friends but these feelings are all personally constructed. You aren't making any one feel this way people are simply not using the tool to the best of its ability. You bring people separated by time and space together and you help spread the word about things happening in the real world. I can choose to message a friend and meet in person or go to an event I saw on my feed. We become victims of Facebook if we stay entrapped by it but not if we use it as a temporary communication medium. You are a social tool and I am going to continue using you like one.



## Why I'm Staying On Facebook

I decided to remain on Facebook because I am an addict to social media. I love seeing what people are doing, reading about drama, and I love knowing about events and parties that are going on. I don't want to be lonely outside of social media and I feel like I won't be connected to everybody that I know. I would miss all the fun of talking to people online. It is a lonely and cold feeling being on the outside of the loop. Our generation is media obsessed and you don't want to miss out on what everyone is talking about.

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Given the inevitable cascading effect of reliance on digital communications, it is increasingly difficult to maintain contact with anyone outside of physical proximity. For this reason, remaining on Facebook is inevitable to keep contact information up to date. Privacy infringements like facial recognition and invasive location services can be minimized by disabling these features and not using any mobile apps for access, using the website solely for the disclosure of contact information. In cases where contact information can be shared, links to encrypted documents or information can be substituted. Therefore connectivity is maintained without a compromise in security.

WHY I STARTED ~~ON~~ FACEBOOK



FACEBOOK ALLOWS ME TO STAY CONNECTED. IT JOINS ME WITH THOSE PEOPLE I MAY NOT TALK TO IN PERSON ON A REGULAR BASIS. I CAN CHAT, SEE WHAT THEY'RE UP TO, AND BE INVOLVED IN A COMMUNITY. NO OTHER INTERNET TOOL GIVES ME THE SAME ABILITY. I FEEL AS THOUGH LEAVING FACEBOOK WOULD BE AN ESSENTIAL WAY OF COMMUNICATING.

-ANONYMOUS



## Why I Did Not Leave Facebook

Though I am aware of the rights I gave up by accepting the Facebook terms of service, I still feel that the social network is worth using. Because I only use Facebook for social interaction, I am not losing anything of value to the corporation. My shared pictures, videos, and thoughts may be subject to distribution by Facebook, but I cannot believe that any harm would come from this.

## Why I Stayed On Facebook

Cutting back on Facebook usage has showed me what it is that I need it for. The majority of my posts from the past few weeks are those of me sharing funny videos with my friends. Since college started, it has been very hard to keep in touch with friends, who are some of the only people who share my interests. Sharing videos between us always ends with a laugh. Another reason, it is a good way to set up small events. Sure, 20+ people events might not happen, but if you are looking for under 10 people you are good to go.

# Why I stayed on Facebook

After deactivating my Facebook account, I found myself craving the virtual environment filled with all of your posts, comments, and messages. It has occurred to me that Facebook is more than noise and drama, but rather that Facebook is the media that makes many of the connections I have with you possible. It is because of this that I have chosen to resign my Facebook account, and I look forward to hearing from you all in the near future.

## Why I joined Facebook

  
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I joined Facebook so I could easily keep in touch with my friends. If I see that some of my friends are going to the same party as me, I can ask them if they want to meet up before. How could I have known they were going to that party without Facebook?



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I stayed with Facebook because it is a prominent way for me to communicate with my friends<sup>s</sup>, family. It is an important way for me to talk with those close to me. Because of this it is worth the possible negatives.

Why I Stayed,

I stayed for my friend abroad and all the fun times I want to share. It makes my day when my grandma comments and shares the picture of me taking shots and all the uncles making fun of me. That is why I stayed.

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I stayed mainly to stay in touch with people over seas. I can communicate with them on a regular basis and stay involved in their lives from afar.

~~Why I stayed~~

# Why I stayed on Facebook

As long as I don't let Facebook get the best of me, I can use it to my benefit. To make sure Facebook doesn't get the best of me, I will only use it to stay in contact w/ people I can't see in real life. Facebook is also a great way to put a face to a name!





facebook provides me with the  
means to communicate with those  
out of reach whether across town  
or across country




## Why I Remained on Facebook

The constant search on Facebook keeps me updated with various sports and world news. If I had no access to any other news outlets, Facebook is a sufficient way to learn about essential information. Facebook is also a fun and easy way to stay in touch with people that I have lost contact with.



# Why I Stayed on Facebook:

I fear that when I leave Facebook, I leave the world. How will friends and family that live far away know that I'm still alive and doing well? How will that one person that I met at that party ever get in contact with me since we never got the chance to exchange numbers? If I leave Facebook I can say goodbye to anyone that I know but is not in my iPhone's contact list. Now if I ever want to talk to them again I just have to leave it in the hands of fate, which never works out for me anyway so I think I'll leave it in the hands of Facebook instead.



Why I stayed on Facebook:

Facebook has been a way to interact with people that I no longer see anymore or have no other form of communication with. I remain closer with people that I may have fallen out of touch with otherwise and has bettered many of my friendships.



### Why I stayed on Facebook

I'm staying because if I were to try and accomplish better focus, discipline etc. I would have to leave a great many things. Also, in a way, it keeps me informed. My friends share articles, news, funny pictures that are primarily innocuous. I don't post pictures of the drugs or drinks that I have done. The political nature of my posts may keep me from gaining public favor and thus office but I don't think the capital is where I'm headed anyway. Maybe if I deleted it I would learn how to better relate to people in the here and physical now but I guess I think that learning to do that will stem from abstaining but from a new dedication to what is right in front of me.



Why I did not leave

I like to stay connected  
with my family and friends



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## Why I Stayed on Facebook

There are many reasons why people choose to have a Facebook account. It may be to interact with friends, keep in touch with family, stalk a love-interest (Well hopefully not but let's be real here.), keep tabs on an employee, or even to just feel like their part of the loop. While all these are valid reasons the majority of them are social. I stay on Facebook not for friends, but so that I don't have to wear pants.

That's right—pants. Pants are the worst thing! With Facebook, I don't have to interact with people. No disgruntled workers, no awkward 5 second walk-by social interactions, no obligations, NO PANTS. Facebook, for me, is more of an anti-social network in which I can see what is going on without having to do anything or put pants on. In fact, right now, at this very moment, there is a lack of pants in the room. Did you know that it's estimated that 4 people die EVERY year trying to put on pants? I surely don't want to be part of that statistic.

I feel that by staying in my pant-less home I'm doing a favor to many people. It takes 2 pounds of cotton to make a single pair of jeans, not to mention that over 50% of jeans are made in Asia and other countries where people are underpaid. I'm doing the whole world a favor by not wearing pants. What have people who left Facebook done? Put on pants? Condoned sweatshop labor? Not this guy. But speaking of people who condone slave labor—there are kids that pay hundreds of dollars for a single pair of jeans! Hundreds! Take a moment to let that sink in and imagine what else you could buy with Mr. Benjamin. I'll stick to a pack of boxers for a fiver at Wal-Mart, thanks.

## Why I stayed with Facebook

I'm addicted. Plain and simple. Most of us are. Even if we don't check every two minutes, we still can't leave it or delete it off our phones. Not only is Facebook a "safety" for us in actual real life conversations when we want to escape, but also our generation and society is obsessed with "shock value". Currently I'm obsessed with checking the new updates on drug addicts, single mothers that still party and never finished high school, strippers, and the G.P.A. of my peers. I don't really care about their lives, nor am I helping these people in anyway, it's just honest and true entertainment. It's horrible and I hate it... but I can't leave, even if I wanted to.

I will KEEP my FACEBOOK ACCOONT OPEN AND ACTIVE.  
There are 3 areas of interest for my FACEBOOK USE.

### 1. FRIENDS

- I USE FB AS A PLATFORM TO COMMUNICATE WITH REAL LIFE FAMILY & FRIENDS
- I USE FB TO STAY CONNECTED WITH FRIENDS WHO ARE NOW FAR AWAY
- I USE FB TO CONNECT WITH FRIEND FROM LONG AGO.
- I DO NOT "FRIEND" ANYONE I DON'T KNOW - IF I DO, DUE TO A CLASS OR EVENT, I WILL DELETE OR UNFRIEND AFTERWARDS.

### 2. NEWS (INTERESTS)

- I USE FB TO GET INFORMATION I WOULD OTHERWISE NEED TO SEARCH FOR WITH EACH INQUIRY
- I USE FB TO ADD TO MY EDUCATION

### 3. USAGE

- I USE FB AS SPARINGLY AS POSSIBLE
- I POST PICS ON FB
- I NEVER USE APPS OR PLAY GAMES.
- I NARROW MY PRIVACY SETTINGS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

# Why I Stayed on FACEBOOK

I Stayed on Facebook to provide my friends company and check on how my distant friends are doing. Also so I could continue seeing who my buddies are hooking up with.



### Why I Stayed on Facebook:

Over the past 5 years, my Facebook profile has turned into an archive of photos that have been lasted through 3 computers. A majority of my adolescent and (brief) adult life has been documented (in great detail) on my profile. There is the option to hide whole albums from your friends and the public, so it acts as an easy and free place to store your photos online. I also have people and friends from back home that are linked to my Facebook, and living so far away from most of them, Facebook is a great way to keep in touch with and updated about their lives. Also, because of the popularity of Facebook, it is a great way to be able to connect with people if you lack their contact information.

## Why I stayed on Facebook


Facebook is easy. It makes organizing and hosting events easier. It makes remembering birthdays easier. It makes sharing photos easier. It gives a sense of validation when someone "likes" some content you have contributed. It allows you to establish a manufactured ego tailored specifically to the image you want. It allows me to see what my friends across the country are doing. And it amuses me, particularly when intoxicated.



## ~~Why~~ Stayed on Facebook

Dear friends,

I have decided to stay on Facebook because of the fact that it is one big hub for all our social networking. I can contact nearly any of my friends instantly in a way that would otherwise be impossible. I also enjoy staying updated, and being part of groups that keep me in the loop. I also enjoy the group messaging feature that my friends and I put to good use. I have decided to share my time between ~~twitter~~ and Facebook!



I stay on Facebook because I really like group chats, and since Facebook has such a huge monopoly of social networking, it's the easiest format that I know all my friends use. I also love seeing pictures of my close friends who live far away in an easy to view, updatable format. Ever since I went to college, I left a lot of friends at home and a lot of my friends went far away for their education. In a time before Facebook, it would probably be nearly impossible to keep in touch with some of these people, but Facebook allows users to have larger social circles. This is not always a hollow social circle, either—I coordinate in-person hangouts with my friends on Facebook.

I also love how I can follow businesses and famous people on Facebook. I follow a famous singer, and I always appreciate the updates he puts on Facebook. The ads, despite how creepily they're targeted toward me, are typically things I'm interested in.

Why I stayed on Facebook

WHY I STAYED ON FACEBOOK ...

ITS ONE OF THE FEW WAYS I CAN SEE  
MY NEWBORN NEPHEW, TALK TO MY COUSINS  
WHO I ONLY SEE EVERY FEW YEARS, VIDEO  
MY FRIEND WHO SEEMS TO UNDERSTAND  
ME THE MOST, AND ONE OF THE FEW WAYS  
I CAN CONTACT THE PEOPLE I MISS AND  
LOVE THE MOST.

## Why I stayed on facebook

It is a good online service as a ~~data~~ data storage site. I store many pictures on facebook, so leaving facebook means throwing those pictures away.

There are many friends facebook is the only connection between me and them. So if I left facebook I would no longer be able to keep in touch with them.

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The main reason I would leave Facebook is because the news feed that was once a collection of friends' statuses has become a montage of shared photos, videos, and websites. It has pretty much turned away from simple social chatter and into a way to display your favorite music, pictures and videos you think are funny, and political websites you support. This is probably what will end up steering me towards the simplicity of Twitter.

Why I'd  
Leave

## Why I Left Facebook.

Dear Facebook Friends,

Today I'm deciding to de-activate my Facebook account. I felt as though the culture on this social medium has degenerated into a complete & utter mockery of what a representation of one's identity should look like, please contact me via mobile phone.



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### Why I Stayed on Facebook

I stayed because I know that the people I know are on it often, so it often provides immediate communication for me, which makes it better than most other forms of communication convenience wise.

# Why I Stayed On Facebook

Right now, if you don't get distracted with Facebook noise, the Facebook events function is moderately efficient at organizing and planning events. My close friends are scattered at different colleges, and one is across the country. Our schedules for school/family/free time vary wildly, so having a main page everyone can refer back to at any time is very convenient in contrast with playing phone/text tag, trying to communicate between class ~~is~~ through several conversations, keeping everyone up to date on plans.

## WHY I STAYED ON FACEBOOK:

DEAR FRIENDS,

I DECIDED TO STAY ON FACEBOOK BECAUSE I LIKE HAVING A PLACE ONLINE WHERE I CAN CONTACT ALL OF MY FRIENDS. FACEBOOK ALLOWS ME TO CREATE EVENTS, SHARE PICTURES, SHARE LINKS, AND TALK TO FRIENDS WHO DON'T OWN A CELL PHONE. ~~PEOPLE~~ FACEBOOK ISN'T A WASTE OF TIME IF YOU KNOW HOW TO USE IT ~~MORE~~ EFFECTIVELY, FACEBOOK SHOULD BE USED TO CONNECT AND COLLABORATE WITH FRIENDS RATHER THAN WASTE TIME OBSESSING OVER ONE'S SELF.

~~Why~~ I Stayed On Facebook

I use Facebook to stay updated with my friends who go to other schools. Other than that I don't use it.

## Why I stayed on Facebook

I decided to stay on Facebook because I think it is the easiest way to connect to someone you just met or don't know very well. Facebook, to me, doesn't seem very personal, so that's what I give people who I just met and want to get to know better.

# WHY I STAYED ON Facebook ...?

I decided to stay on Facebook because I was receiving far too many e-mails and phone calls. Leaving Facebook ended up costing me more time to reply to your messages and calls than it was to mindlessly "like" and "comment" on everything you do. Time is more important to me than leaving the internet emotionally drained from all of the false identification we all shared, so I'm back!

... Please stop calling me and e-mailing me.

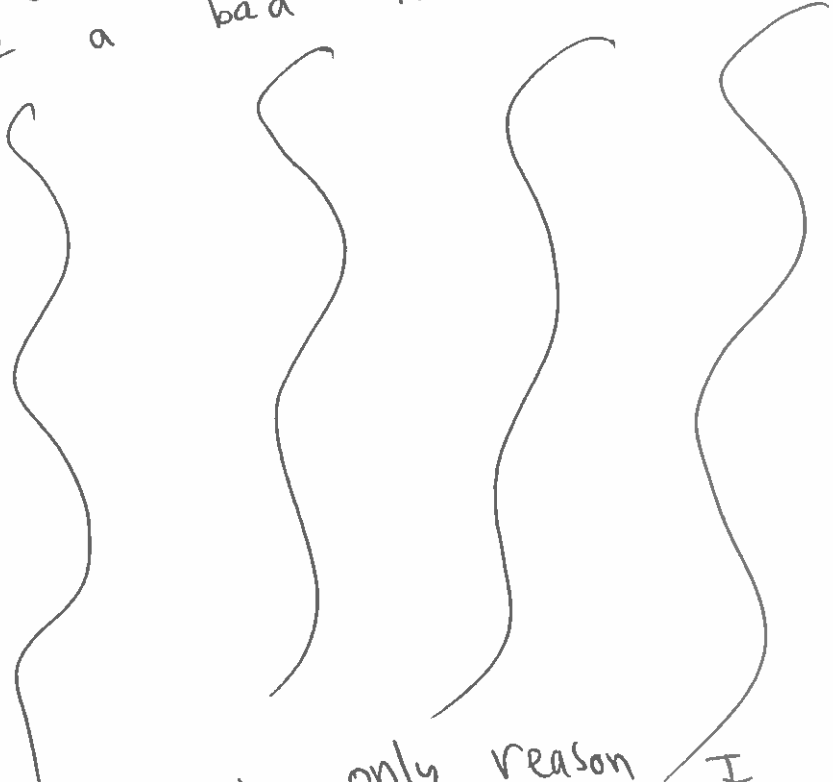
Thanks!

# Why I Stayed on Facebook

First off, leaving is too much effort. Secondly, lots of people might want it in the future. I've heard that employers generally want it. Thirdly, if I ever want to contact someone it might be a good tool.

# Why I Stayed On Facebook, ... ... for as long as I did, ...

I belonged to a few groups at my university and Facebook was one of the only ways you could directly keep up to date on things. I also blindly convinced myself that I needed Facebook to be able to contact people, although I had their contact information on my phone. One of my excuses for this was the fact that if you were on Facebook, and the "friend" you wanted to talk to was on Facebook, then neither of you were busy and a conversation would start 99% of the time, as opposed to calling/texting someone when it could be a bad time.



This is the only reason I can think of, ...



Why I stayed on Facebook.

I decided to stay on Facebook because being away from home and at college is a good way to stay in touch with friends from back home and familiar faces as opposed to the people in college I may or may not know but see everyday.

 Why I remained on Facebook

I stayed on Facebook because there are certain people that are old friends who I don't really socialize with anymore, but I still care about what they are doing. I like to share and look at pictures of other people's lives so that I can see how it's going wherever they are. It is nice to keep in touch with people far away, and pictures are a nice way of seeing if you can't in reality.

## WHY I STAYED ON FACEBOOK:

I have decided to stay on Facebook for various reasons. It helps me keep more up-to-date with events going on in the world and interesting things I didn't know about before. It helps me keep up-to-date with life happenings of people I might not be close with, but whose lives I find interesting to follow. It also helps me quickly communicate with large groups of people & share things I want to share with large groups of people.

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# Why I Stayed on Facebook

To stay connected to everyone who uses Facebook... which is everyone I know. There are alternative ways to stay connected, but none with the huge user-base of Facebook. Not having a profile is seen as odd or suspicious in modern society.

## Why I stayed on Facebook

Facebook creates a network that promotes interaction and keeping in touch between friends and family. It creates an easy outlet for sharing life events with others. Facebook is an integral part of today's society, and it is nearly impossible to live in this generation's culture of social media without it.