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Résumez le texte suivant en 60-80 mots en indiquant impérativement le nombre de mots utilisés:**Why texting might be bad for you**The Washington Post, By Stephen L. Carter Published: March 2, 2012

If you've suspected lately that your family's mobile-phone bill is driven entirely by your 15-year-old, you are probably right. A recent Nielsen report shows that children aged 13 to 17 average an astonishing 3,417 text messages a month - some 45 percent of all text messages. This breaks down to seven texts "every waking hour," or roughly one every 8 1/2 minutes.

But those who look at this data and worry that young people are over-texting may be asking the wrong question. The more pertinent concern may be not the amount, but the function. Many observers argue that the social world of teenagers and even young adults is nowadays largely constituted by text messaging (...)

The phone, in other words, is not merely a tool through which teens keep in touch with friends. It is the technology that defines their social circle. If they cannot text someone, that person may as well not exist (...)

The worry is that the ubiquity of texting may accelerate the decline of what our struggling democracy most needs: independent thought. Indeed, as texting crowds out other activities, it must inevitably crowd out inactivity -- and there lies a danger. For inactivity and thinking are inextricably linked.

Already we live in an era when there is little time for idle thinking. We are called upon constantly to respond rather than reflect. As young people increasingly fill their free hours with texting and other similarly attention-absorbing activities, the opportunities for sustained reflective thought will continue to fade.

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