

YES/ NO: I SLEEP, I EAT, i-PAD?



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YES

The latest gadget from Apple appears to be indecisive and ambivalent, viewed to be something that will outdo itself. It can be quizzically viewed as a mutant of sorts: either an overlarge iPhone or a runt of a computer. However, despite the skepticism that many have generated, the iPad is surprisingly revolutionary.

This is not the first time that Apple has been faced with disdain and condescence. The debut of the MacBook incited scoffs, criticized for its resemblance to a toy rather than a professional piece of equipment designed for business. However, Steve Jobs, the co-founder of Apple, created breakthroughs that transformed the technological landscape. The iPad is expected to do just this once again, like its legendary predecessors.

Apple's improvements upon the iPad are much more subtle than simply inventing new functions or apps. They remain mostly the same: access to e-mail, calendar, Web browsing, office productivity, audio, video and gaming capabilities. However, the difference lies in the actual experience with the iPad. The efforts to facilitate the feasibility of using the iPad actually took countless innovations and experiments; they are simply unseen. The connection between the user and the device has been described as unbelievably close and analogized to that of a person and an animal. In other more rational terms, the user is able to establish a greatly immersive and uninterrupted relationship with the device.

The iPad is gradually becoming renowned and praised for its build and display quality. The pristine LCD (liquid crystal display) screen makes it excellent for viewing videos, checking e-mail, and performing other such tasks. The strong aluminum back feels sturdy and smooth to the fingertips. Another structural advantage includes the thick bezel around the screen, which allows one's thumb or finger to grip the device without interfering with the touch surface. The battery life is a long and dependable ten or more hours.

Apple enthusiasts see the iPad as a symbolic new beacon. It is prospected to change education, publishing (possibly usurping the Amazon's Kindle), and gaming. Apple is not always the innovator of entirely new things—it revolutionizes existent devices and redefines their standards. Although the iPad is not yet wholly refined and perfected, it still introduces a new way of approaching the personal computer. The potential of the iPad is unimaginable.

But this tablet is not only for dreamers of the future. It can be considerably enjoyed in the present by certain types who enjoy casual usage of the computer, which occupies a majority of users. For instance, it appeals to those who predominantly browse the Web, social network, stream videos, and listen to music as opposed to those who need the computer for strict business. The iPad expedites, facilitates, and simplifies these tasks.

Although it is arguably awkwardly cumbersome, its smart design makes it relatively comfortable to handle. Therefore, it provides a different sense of portability—mainly inside the home. Inside the house, it offers transportation with great comfort with its merely 1.5 pound weight and sleek structure (unlike the conventional laptop), while also functioning as eye candy with its generously sized screen (unlike the smartphone or iTouch).

Despite its disadvantages, the iPad is both promising for the future and currently excellently functional. So rather than prematurely labeling the iPad as an equivocal failure of an idea, do what Steve Jobs would tell you to do: first try it out. Then maybe it would be known not as a mutant iTouch that could not decide on its identity, but as a happy medium.



Minji Sohn (9)
“No, because it’s just like a bigger version of the iPod, and I already have an iTouch.”

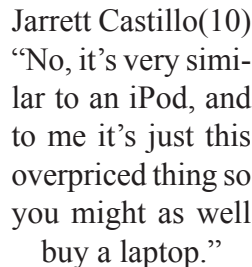
Kajori Purkayastha (10)

“No, it’s too expensive. You can look at textbooks with it, but we’re not in college yet.”



Nakeya Alexander (11)

“Yes, you can research different things on it.”



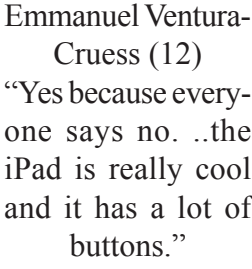
Jarrett Castillo (10)
“No, it’s very similar to an iPod, and to me it’s just this overpriced thing so you might as well buy a laptop.”



Emmanuel Ventura-Cruess (12)
“Yes because everyone says no. ...the iPad is really cool and it has a lot of buttons.”

Donnie Sproal (12)

“No, it’s basically an oversized iPod.”



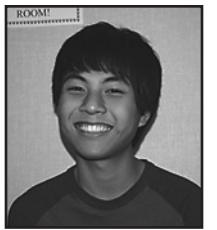
Sonali Patel (11)
“I think it is cool but everyone already has an iTouch so it’s unnecessary. It’s overrated but still innovative.”

Chris Henry (Staff)
“I’m so for them I’m scared to turn one on because I might want one.”



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Reporter

NO



With its futuristically plain-looking outfit – the iPad, another new Apple product, has already made its approach within the market in early 2010. Now there are numerous praising comments about this new product spreading around the world, from people who have some sort of experiences with it. At the same time, there is a large segment of people who do not seem to like it at all.

One of the most “revolutionary” features of the new iPad is to work as an actual book, while the other Apple products such as the iPhone, seem to be way too small for that. Now people can conveniently download all kinds of reading materials, in a very wide range, easily from applications that Apple Company and other users provide. But until someone wants to record important notes from a text by highlighting parts and parts, he or she realizes that there is no such function with this new iPad. Also, the traditions and wonderful things that we once built is going to furnish with this abundance air of commercial and so-called prestige that this piece of work brings. And the saddest part is that the history of human beings, to write with our very own hands, is swiftly dying.

Are we really ready for that?

Comparatively, an iPad is not as capable as a laptop and it can not yet be called a laptop. Firstly, one of most disappointing and sad challenges of using this thing is its incapability to multi-task. While a cheap normal, regular laptop or netbook can provide you at least a decent amount of multi-tasking ability, this iPad further shows its inconvenience. One more time, iPad maybe very close to being a netbook, but never a laptop computer.

Though, some people rely on this quite thin product for visual entertainment, or only social-networking. But so soon, they realized that this little fellow cannot stand by itself. Especially while you want to enjoy a relaxing video, you would definitely have to hold it, with one of your hands for the entire time. I believe everyone can now hear how distractive and fallacious Apple’s new product is, despite its claims. But, it is very true that not only one company occasionally does this to its customers, but many other organizations do so, too. It has somehow become part of the pattern of how the industry now works under today’s systems of advertising and promoting. We all know that no customer can now have better shopping experience and spending without careful, critical thinking.

Oh, the name iPad can sound so powerful, and this new Apple family member recently gained so much more popularity for the company. This is what the company of Apple good at, making people feel belonged. It has been almost 35 years that Apple has been serving various groups of people around the world, making great product, surprising anyone with bold ideas. But the truth is that this brand has used itself to manipulate people for a period of time with its only prestigious, high-class looking product. So many prices of its products are unreasonably inflated. And all of this is allowed to happen because the beautiful brand name Apple. But do you also know that it charges you something close to \$100 if you return certain products?

It is universally acknowledged that the advance of technology benefits and enriches our lives. But now it seems like there is a divide between necessity and redundancy in products. And there are also the games of advertisement and profit-gaining that all kinds of companies play. Just like everything else in the human world, the industry for higher levels of technology and technology itself are getting more complicated.

So after all, maybe this “revolutionary”, good-looking, skinny product is not all that perfect.

HIPSTERS: HYPE, HYSTERIA, AND HYPOCRISY

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Question: How many hipsters does it take to screw in a light bulb? Answer: Well, you probably don't know, because it's such an obscure number.

Many of you may have heard the ever-elusive term 'hipster' being used to describe various people. Yet few can explain in detail what it means exactly. To find out, we must journey into the interior of the hipster habitat and observe them in their natural environment.

Let us examine one of the closest hipster havens in Southern California – Silver Lake, a prominent Los Angeles neighborhood, where famous hipsters such as Jenny Lewis, Karen O, and Tom Waits reside. If you recognize one or more of these names, you might just be a hipster. But don't go jumping to conclusions - there is a plethora of other requirements in order for one to be considered a true hipster. Observe exhibit A: a pale, thin man in his twenties, clothed in skinny jeans, a plaid shirt, slip on (and eco-friendly) shoes, Ray Bans, and a fedora, perched atop a fixed-speed bicycle. Notice the lumberjack-esque full beard, as well as the mandolin case strapped across his back. There you have it - a living, breathing hipster. At first glance, you may think that

you are looking at a homeless man, but upon closer inspection, the overpriced Urban Outfitters wardrobe and the shiny lamé American Apparel wallet, containing his mother's credit card, would prove otherwise. If one were to approach said hipster, topics of interest would include generally unknown indie music and films, intellectual literature, liberal political opinions, and any other elitist esoterica that may be floating around in the

Hipsters represent a growing counter-culture movement, mirroring those from the 1960's and 70's, only with less of a purpose. Their source of pride and status: complete and utter originality and taste in popular culture trends. "Originality within trends?" you may ask, "How can that be?" Congratulations! You have just spotted one of the multitudes of ironies that exist in the hipster lifestyle and mindset. In addition, any respectable hipster knows to shun all corporate brands and products (besides the essentials: Starbucks, Apple, American Apparel, and Urban Outfitters) as well as the majority of mainstream interests, unless taken with a dose of irony (example: 25-year-old man crashing on his friend's couch in a High School Musical sleeping bag). So why be a hipster? Well, because it's cool, of course. Despite all the effort required in researching band trivia, growing your own organic produce, learning obscure instruments, and traveling to distant thrift shops to purchase distinct clothing, the reward of being viewed as a hipster is well worth it. Besides, all that matters is what people think of you in the long run.



HIPSTERS BUSKING ON A STREET CORNER. PHOTO BY: MADISON TANG.

universe of hipsterdom. Listen in on a hipster conversation, and chances are, you will overhear ruminations such as, "Passion Pit is overrated", "I'm running out of pages in my Moleskine notebook full of sentimental prose and sketches of people I saw on the subway", and "I dunno, man, I think I might be having an existential crisis after that nihilistic phase I just went through".

Our generation's youth will someday have the pleasure of relaying stories of how much of a hipster they were to their grandchildren, a sure fire way to make their descendants jealous. If all of this isn't enough to convince you to abandon your current way of life and convert to hipsterdom, don't worry. After all, in the words of musical hipster-darlings Yeasayer, "It's easier said than done."

Silence is Golden... Or So They Tell Me

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I told you they will come after me, they threatened me today. Who is they? Well, they read this so I can not say. I have already wasted your time, let us begin my crazy little rant.

I went to my doctor the other day. He claims I am slightly overweight. He blamed electronics because they keep you away from exercise. I then opened up my internet browser, from my handy dandy telephone (cellphone, actually, but telephone sounds hipster - read the hipster article to know what that means,) and opened up the Weight Watchers website. Weight Watchers and Jenny Craig are both iPhone apps now, which means that electronics are good, because they help me with my diet (insert asterisk here to imply a phony lie.) Yay to modern technology.

By now most of us have heard the Allstate commercial about breaking up with your previous insurance agent. Well, my question for them is will they break up with my girlfriend (providing that I ever get one?) They claim in their commercial that "Breaking up is hard to do, so Allstate will do it for you" so that means they could... right? How much will it cost--theoretically for them to... I might get slapped for this.

The internet is making me less creative! Well, it makes us all less intelligent because we multi-task too much. We are like a single core CPU processor--we can only process one item at a time. So when we are reading three text messages while changing the music on our flypods and checking our friend's new relationship status AND twittering, we immediately begin to lose IQ points. I don't know about you, my readers, but I don't have enough IQ points to waste on these shenanag... oh, lookie! I got a new photo comment.

What will happen if Bill Nye the Science Guy participates in a drinking game? You know how they root you on when you drink--well you shouldn't because you are all children under the drinking age... well combine that with his theme song and you get "Bill! Bill! Bill! Bill!" If you don't get it just give up trying.

Kids, when you reach the legal gambling age, keep in mind that the casinos care about you. They now provide a caution when they promote their business. "Gamble Responsibly 1-800-GAMBLER." This makes me laugh. Think about it, when you are doing the paperwork to join one of those Gambler groups that were made to help those addicted, will they provide a "from my local casino" check box in the "Where did you hear about us" question?

Huggies, also known as Little Movers, now provide a fashion-forward trend--diapers in the form of jeans. Now when you take your kids out they don't have to have on pants because they are already dressed! Thank you Huggies. Now if only they made a matching bib to look like a shirt... hmm, ideas anyone?

Well that's all I have room for. Don't play in, on, or around, the highway over the summer break. Try not to have too much fun because you do have to come back in 3 months. On the bright side, I will be here. This rant has now ended. Goodbye.

ARIZONA IMMIGRATION LAW

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The U.S has strived to live up to its standards of equality and freedom. These are the foundations on which America thrives. The passing of the Arizona immigration law is a step backward for our country. This law not only makes it legal to take part in discrimination, it also allows people to sue Arizona if they believe the law is not being acted upon. The law makes it legal for police officers to approach someone, with justified suspicion, and ask them whether or not they are legal citizens or immigrants and if so they must provide their immigration documents. It is considered a crime to not carry your immigration documents, which gives the police the power to detain anyone suspected of being in the country illegally.

The problem with this law begins with the power to approach those suspected of being an illegal immigrant. Of course there must be a good reason for suspicion. This not only opens a window of opportunity for people to target a minority, but makes it legal. With this law being passed, citizens also gained the power to sue Arizona if they feel the law isn't being enforced. Does this sound familiar to anyone? These are the things we learned about back in history class. The purpose of learning about the past is to learn about our mistakes and try not to repeat them. It's unbelievable that this law was even considered in Congress. let alone passed.

As the strictest immigration measure taken in generations, the Arizona law being passed has brought groups across the country into clashes of controversy. On one side we have The Governor of Arizona Jan Brewer and the Arizona State Representative Russell Pearce. These two political figures happen to strongly support the law

and its effects. It's interesting to know the intertwined history Mr. Pearce happens to have with illegal immigration. Pearce was shot in the chest as well as the finger while serving in his twenty-three year career as a cop. The man who shot him happened to be a gang member. Also, in 2005, his son was shot and injured by a man who was an illegal immigrant. Pearce claims that he believes Arizona's crime rate is highly due to the actions of illegal immigrants. He also admits he is uncomfortable with the society in Arizona, and what it's come to be. Could this personal history have ignited a personal vendetta against illegal immigrants? Brewer's argument states that she believes we need increased border protection. This, apparently, is her solution.

On the other side of this controversy we have citizens, as well as illegal immigrants who recognize that this law is unjust and unconstitutional. Thus, protests



MOTHER AND CHILD PROTESTING AGAINST THE ARIZONA IMMIGRATION LAW. PHOTO COURTESY BY: [HTTP://WWW.NYTIMES.COM/2010/04/24/US/POLITICS/24IMMIG.HTML](http://www.nytimes.com/2010/04/24/us/politics/24immig.html)

have erupted in and around Arizona. The fight to repeal this law has only begun, and it seems that day after day, the opposition to this law grows in number and spirit. It is understandable to say that stronger border protection is necessary to prevent things such as human trafficking. Such actions should undeniably be terminated, but how does the Arizona Immigration Law contribute to such? How is it that spotlighting those who are already here stops people from coming?

President Obama expressed his disapproval of the law. He said the law would inflame the debate instead of providing a solution. Yet, even with the president's disapproval, the law passed, much to the dismay of many.

All in all, the Arizona Law will surely go down in history as one of the greatest mistakes of our generation. In time, perhaps people such as Brewer and Pearce can come to realize, like the rest of us, that discrimination should be obsolete. Why damage the core of what you're trying so hard to protect? To protect the people, you have to treat them as people.