

Does your smartphone make you any smarter?

No, I wouldn't say it's made me smarter, but it actually helps me a lot professionally.

Oh gosh. No... no. I don't think so.

Well, maybe. Maybe. It makes me seem like I really know what I'm talking about when I'm giving directions, even though that's not the case.

It's a tool you can utilize to maybe present yourself in a smarter way. You can prepare easier, but I think all that stuff is available in other ways.

I think so, I think being on Twitter actually is really important in the sense of whatever, well I don't think necessarily Twitter is important as much as finding news updates for yourself.

You know I can get on the Internet, you know, that much faster or get on email and remind myself of something or my calendar to remind myself of something, so I know that I'm not necessarily any smarter, but the people around me might think that I am because I have the information.

Umm... probably. I mean, I use it look things up... on Google. Which I guess technically Google is making me smarter, but whatever.

God no, dumber, if anything.

I would like to say yes, but probably not.

Because it does all the research for me, with Google and social skills are not as good, because I text everybody.

It depends on what you define as smart. It's what is is. What your definitions of is is.

No... umm... no.

It kind of, I don't know, your brain is a muscle. We don't remember phone numbers any more – I'm trying to kick myself of that of having to relax and oh, it's on my smartphone.

I don't think my actual intelligence changes due to having a smartphone, I think just my access to database knowledge changes. So, think of it as, is a person with an encyclopedia any smarter because they have an encyclopedia?

It's the same, it would be an extension of the same argument for computers making people smarter, which is they are if you use them the right way.

No. It makes them dumber.

No, I think it's made me, uhh... more distracted.

You don't have to know anything, you just look it up, look some random fact up. And all the stuff they look up online now is just random crap.

I think that it has helped me to appear smarter to my friends, because whereas they used to think that I was just making things up, now they can verify my claims on their phones. So it makes me appear smarter, um, because I am right most of the time.

I think yes, in just like learning how to use it I feel creates neurons in the brain whenever you have one of those challenges.

I guess I would understand smarter as either having more knowledge or having more critical skills, and it gives me away to pass on or quickly acquire knowledge but I don't necessarily retain that knowledge. And I don't think it's made me smarter in terms of critical reading skills or analytical skills. No.