

Writing 2

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### **The Retrograde Effect of Medicine**

Medicine in 2030 crafted a device to enhance our life span. This device allowed for our telomeres to be regenerative, in that our aging is severely decreased. This has created an environment of a new level of competitiveness for jobs and put an even higher emphasis on higher education since time is irrelevant. Experts live longer, not allowing newbies to be the new experts, or taking a measurable amount of time. Medical school itself is longer because there is more time to train better health professionals. The likelihood of diseases is lower because of less inaccurate diagnoses, which lead to treating patients earlier without damaging the body. Costs of living skyrocketed because of the limited amount of space due to healthier people and our exponential growth in population. People are having to work harder to match the previous generation's privilege in not having to work as much to earn a living wage. There has been a shift in becoming doctors to live well because the invest is signified to be "worth it". The medical breakthrough has created a domino effect that has revolutionized modern medicine and is why people work hard to get a living wage like a doctor to provide for themselves and their family.

In 2017, expression was important. It wasn't about making you look great, it was a collective summary of how you felt. Social media was an outlet for emotional grievance and our critical moments -forums and blogs were vital. These liberations are transitioning into a story of only success. Ray Kurzweil was right in his podcast about technology moving in an exponential growth fashion especially the project on expanding the human life span. The current

technological advancements put an emphasis on being superior. In that, you dedicate your time in improving yourself to be better employable - often ignoring mental health.

Social media twenty years ago created a community between us, and it gave us insight on the things we appreciated most. There are vivid moments of questionable conversations and shady words said on Twitter that had to be erased because they're incriminating. With background checks including social media history, it isn't "appropriate" to be rash, at least for professionals seeking employment. We've moved from being a unique person to an investment to a company that doesn't want problems in the long run. The extensive background checks from companies are the result that they want someone in the long run. It's harder to start from scratch and build a reputation for yourself when there are fewer people dying and less job availability for the younger generations – unless you're an entrepreneur. The most missed aspect of 2017 is the community that came out of the internet in the early stages. It was a way to connect with our past friends and memories, but that isn't the case anymore because nothing is private due to corporations.