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My understanding of the *digital divide* goes beyond the mere gap between people who have physical access to technology (computers and Internet connectivity) and those who do not. The key to defining the *divide* lies in the access to the resources needed for knowledgeable use of this technology. As Warschauer mentions in his article, problems with attempts to bridge this *divide* "too often focus on providing hardware and software and pay insufficient attention to the human and social systems that must also change for technology to make a difference." For this technology to successfully bridge the gap, issues surrounding the content and context for this technical inclusion, literacy, and leveraging existing community / social networks and resources for a meaningful fit with the intended community must be examined and met.

Throwing technology at a situation, whether it's an underdeveloped community or a school classroom in the United States, will not yield a solution / positive results unless adequate and continuous social supports and vehicles (resources and intervention) are there to focus on the transformation process supporting this technology.

The most problematic aspect I see with the *digital divide* is the continuation of the short-sighted perspective that it is simply an issue centered around the physical access to computers of the Internet. Despite the fact that the issue has matured far beyond this over years of experience and examination on what works, it is not uncommon for people to still cling to this old notion as a solution and/or source of blame. Until people are able to shift their thinking on this issue, the same problems of dumping money into technology without a socially inclusive gameplan will keep occurring and failing. A secondary concern stems from the black-and-white oversimplification from this perspective which furthers an inaccurate stereotype of disconnected minority groups. The intent of helping to bridge a divide is only worsened and patronized under this pretense. The greatest underlying problem I see is the lack of deeper understanding about these problems in general, a common symptom to many social issues we face repeatedly and listen to like a broken record.