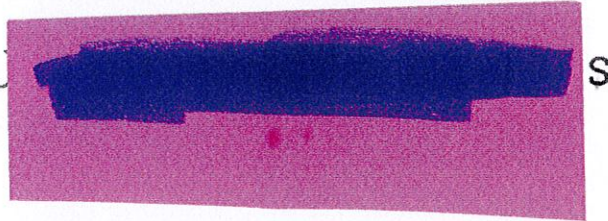


# Technology: Human Connection



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She begins the speech by establishing her side on technology being an important device in the formation of human connection and debunking those who believed otherwise by stating "the people who say technology has disconnected you from others are wrong...Technology is just a tool. A powerful tool". Showing her viewpoint on technology being the tool that can provide human connection rather than prevent human connection. Gates later on describes her encounter in Africa where she spent a day in Kibera in the speech she states " I travelled to Kenya recently and spent a day in Kibera, which many people consider the largest slum in Africa... Most people in Kibera don't have electricity... but everywhere I looked young people were on their phones . And guess what they were doing? Exactly what you do..they were texting". In



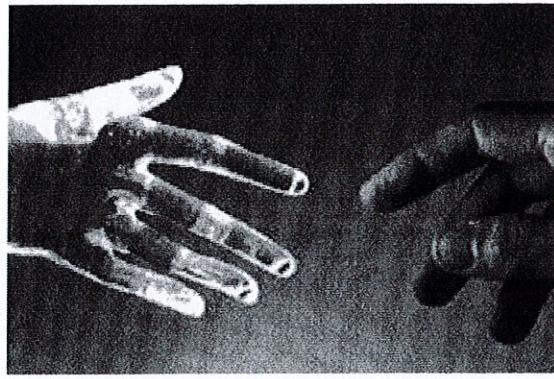
the text she explains how even a place with little electricity there were still people all around using their cellphones to text, to connect with other people.

Another example of her point of view/experiences with human connection would be when she took a trip to India and Thailand to see behind the numbers and what the people were really like. During said exhibition she realized how alike her and her host were and the connection she established. She stated "it turned out my host wanted to show me her stunning view of the Himalayas, and as we sat and contemplated the highest peaks, we talked about our children and the future. Our aspirations were basically the same. We wanted our children to fulfill their potential. We wanted the love and respect of family and friends." This personal anecdote shows how even though the woman lived in a different part of the world and remained in a different social class they still shared simple aspirations and were able to establish a human connection just as those are able to do with the use of technology giving people the ability to connect with those that are not in the same place. She then goes on to explain how human connection is not merely based on status but based on the fact that we are all human beings and should develop the ability to establish something that is an essential part of life. Gates states "Some people assume that Bill and I are too rich to make a connection with someone who's poor, even if our intentions are good. But adjectives like rich and poor don't define who any of us truly are as human beings. And they don't make any one individual less human than the next". Elaborating on her belief of the importance of establishing a human connection and regardless of our social standing we are all human beings and aren't defined by our social standing. So we are capable of establishing connections with other human beings who are on different levels in society just as she was able to with her host in the Himalayas.

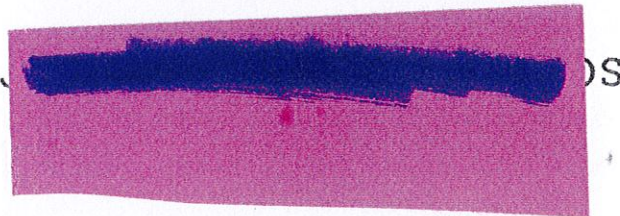
To conclude, Melinda Gates' well developed speech explains the importance of human connection and reveals such through her encounters and her perspective that helps the reader comprehend the concept and the significance of an important aspect in life which is human connection. She even describes a tool that can be key in certain circumstances to developing a human connection. With the widespread adaptation to the new advancements in technology this allows for human connection to be established in different places of the world and with different kinds of people.







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Good use of evidence! Elaborate a little more.

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Why is human connection so important?

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