

CMC Technologies

QUOTES

The historical divide between speech and writing has been overcome with the **interactional** and **reflective** aspects of language merged in a single medium.

Mark Warschauer (1999)

[The VLE] takes **dialogue** as the fundamental way of inquiry [...]

E. Christiansen & L. Dirckinck-Holmfeld (1995)

When learners ... share their **multiple perspectives** in a group interactive session, the group environment can help facilitate the creation of **new patterns of understanding** built on the foundation of shared individual perspectives.

France Belanger & Dianne Jordan (2000)

[W]ith students from different backgrounds and exposure to other cultures, there was much sharing of ideas and perspectives – **things that I may never have come across in books, but only through the sharing of personal experiences of others.**

M.Ed. student (EDUC 8689 feedback, 2006)

The 'classroom' as a concept goes **beyond the four walls of a room** – this on-line discussion is a good platform for the **exchange of views around the world** – it is an opportunity for **multi-directional learning** to take place.

UWA/Canterbury student (trial feedback, 2007)

There was an overall
shift from **MUST to MIGHT**.

M.Ed. student (EDUC 8689 comment, 2006)

[Y]ou cannot run *and* you cannot hide. **Online life is
a fishbowl existence.**

Dianne Conrad (2002)

Courseware programs are powerful organizational
and managerial tools that come embedded with
assumptions about teaching, learning, and effective
use. They are **not neutral entities** that can be
introduced into existing courses or the curriculum
without having a significant impact on methodology
and operating procedures.

Samuel Holtzman (2007)

A huge part of identity development is performing
for the public in order to experience reactions. [...]
Blogs let people **work through identity issues** by
testing things out, b[y] giving them a **mirror in which
to reflect on their own performance.**

danah boyd (2005)

A blog is a species of interactive electronic diary by
means of which the unpublishable, untrammelled by
editors or the rules of grammar, can communicate
their thoughts via the web ...

Michael Gorman, President of the American Library Association (2005)

Truth [...] is being 'flattened,' as we create an on-
demand, personalized version that reflects our own
individual myopia. **One person's truth becomes as
'true' as anyone else's.**

Andrew Keen (2007)

The splintering of media makes for a lot of incoherence or selective cognition (look at our country's polarization), but it also **decentralizes power** and provides a better guarantee that the *complete truth is out there ... somewhere ... in pieces.*

Glenn Reynolds, blogger, cited in Thomas Friedman (2006)

[Wikipedia] is the **product not of collectivism but of unending argumentation**. The articles grow not from harmonious thought but from constant scrutiny and emendation.

Clay Shirky (2008)

[T]he Internet – and Wikipedia in particular – is **not a culturally neutral space**, but [...] differences in behavior across cultures can be observed.

Ulrike Pfeil et al (2006)