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Lucía Rubio: *The dangers of the Internet: Catfishing*

Have you ever wondered if the internet affects you in any kind of way? The main purpose of this thesis was to investigate the topic “Catfishing”. It was my intention to find out how people are misinformed about this and to prove how the internet is dangerous to most of the population, not only the children and teenagers. Through the thesis, I analyzed audiovisual material called “The Circle” in a semiotic and linguistic way to gain more information, I completed a theoretical framework which helped me to refute the information of the document and finally I carried out a survey where I asked people about the topic and analyzed the responses. At the end of the research, I discovered that people are really misinformed about the topic, at all ages. Also, people do not know how to be protected on the internet or even knew what catfish was. To conclude, I answered my question, people do not know what catfishing is but the solution is not blaming people for not knowing about this topic. The media do not cover news about this, they only consider grooming as an important topic and that causes older people to be in danger because they never learned how to be safe and protect themselves.