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**Neo 133: Independent Task**

**Dr. Gupta**

Next week, we'll look at the factors involved in consumer acceptance of new technology. Let's start by discussing why some people reject technological innovations. As we know, many people love using the latest high-tech products. But there is also a significant number of people who prefer either older technology—like older versions of software—or old-fashioned mechanical products instead of electronic devices. In your opinion, what is one important reason that people often reject new technology? Explain your answer.

**My Answer:**

This is a challenging topic, but I think that people do not accept new technology because of learning curve barier. Individuals, especilly elderly population, find leanring new technology difficult. They mostly did not have followed the changes in everyday tools which causes them to not adapt to this much of new changes. For example, imagine one day, simple calculators were the edge devices on electronics, but now the computers with tons of various features have emerged. It is totally understandable for their unwillingness to work with new computers, if they have not worked with early computers with fewer features. While I appriciate Paul's perspetive regarding high price of new tools, I believe that he has overlooked a crucial point. Most of the elderly people we mentioned, are retired ones and they can afford the new devices.

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**Neo 132:** **Independent Task**

**Dr. Diaz**

Next week, we will be talking about environmental protection. Let's start our discussion by reflecting on whose responsibility it is to preserve the environment. Some people believe that industries, especially those that pollute a lot, should do more to protect the environment. Others think that all people should change their behaviors to help the environment. In your opinion, who should be mainly responsible for protecting the environment—industries or individuals? Why?

**My Answer:**

This is a challenging topic, but I think that industries should undertake larger responsiblity. Therefore, I find myself more aligned with Paul mentioning that enurmous industries like energy, farming and fashion have a lot more share in polluting the enviroment, especially nature. Besides his perspective, I would like to add that these large industries mainly have a lot of resources to take care of this issue. For example, the energy companies can spend part of their revenue to filter their waste which most of them are realesed to rivers and seashores and different kind of poisons. These harmful outputs largly exaccerbate the condition of enviroment we live in. On the other hand, Claire mentioned a valid point about the effect of influence of people to each other in purpose of protecting enviroment. However she neglected the fact that most of the people are not influenced easily by seeing each others acts.

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