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The hit mobile app “Pokemon Go” is raising questions about whether the game’s location and mapping features are taking players into danger. There are many perspectives about the phenomenon of Pokemon Go. The article, ‘Pokemon Go’ Craze Raises Safety Issues by Sarah E. Needleman, Pokemon Go: The One Serious Problem Everyone Should Worry About by Bernard Marr, and THE Physiological Pros and Cons of Pokemon Go adapted by Psychology Today explain the negative effect of Pokemon Go because it leads people to dangerous places, takes your information, and has negative psychological effects.

To begin with, teenagers should not play Pokemon Go because it leads people to dangerous places, Pokemon Go is getting people outside, walking more and being more active but people could get lost. According to, ‘*Pokemon Go*’ Craze Raises Safety Issues, by Sarah E. Needleman, she states that, “... players could get hurt searching unsafe areas - a dark alley or along a river, for example - particularly while staring at a smartphone screen.” When I would watch the news with my aunt we would see the reporter reporting that there was another injured person while playing Pokemon Go. Don Boyes said, “The game could be leading people into areas where they don’t belong such as constructions sites or shuttered storefronts.” When I would go out to the store I would see people

looking down at their phones trying to catch a Pokemon. Many people could get hurts or lost while playing Pokemon Go. Pokemon Go may be the new “thing” but it’s not worth getting lost for.

Moreover, teenagers should not play Pokemon Go because it takes your information. In order to play Pokemon Go it would use your phone information but it’s not always protected. According to, *Pokemon Go: The One Serious Problem Everyone Should Worry About*, it states, “It uses a Google Map and your real - world GPS location to direct you to your Pokemon you can catch and that information can be misused.” Giving away your location is really dangerous because you never know who has it or what they can use it for Nebard Marr also states that. “People never read the length terms of service agreements they’re happily agreeing to, and don’t understand the full information they’re voluntarily giving away.” Let’s be honest, whenever we download a game we don’t read the Terms of Service we just click “I agree” and we are done. We don’t realize that all of our personal information can be in others hands. Teenagers should not play Pokemon Go because they never know who may have their GPS information.

Lastly but true, teenagers should not play Pokemon Go because it is creating negative psychological effects. According to, *The Psychological Pros and Cons of Pokemon Go*, it states that, “When players are outside they are distracted by being on their phones, and players are continuously in a heightened “stressed” state, making players less social or willing to talk with others, which can increase the difficulty of separating reality and fantasy.” When my cousin can’t trap the Pokemon, he gets really frustrated. Him like many other people go through the same. When they are about to trap a Pokemon but don;t they stress out a lot. In my personal opinion, I think that Pokemon has increased the stress levels in every person who plays the game. According to, *Psychological Today*, they state that, “... the app can actually help people with depression and social anxiety.” Pokemon Go has helped by

getting people outside, be more active, decrease depression, social anxiety, but injured, stressed, and can be taken information away from you while playing Pokemon Go. Teenagers should not play Pokemon Go because it causes negative psychological effects.

To conclude, teenagers should not play Pokemon Go. Thanks to Pokemon Go people are more active now, but also thanks to Pokemon Go more people are getting injured. The app can help with your depression and social anxiety although it increases your stress levels. Teenagers and people can play Pokemon Go. They just need to be careful while playing, read the Terms of Service Policy, and think about who can have your GPS information before downloading the game. If you don't accept this, then it's better to not play Pokemon Go at all. It's always better to be safe than sorry.