COM356/ENG310 (This was compiled from papers in my ENG210 classes.)

**Some sentence corrections for later papers:** These are fine-tuning but important details that center on matters of:

* word choice, including repeating words in a sentence
* clutter
* language that is too absolute
* tone (trying too hard)
* clarity
* sentence structure (S-V-O, parallelism, S-V or noun-pronoun agreement, misplaced modifiers
* style

**Word choice/wrong word**

Although a complete calculation of the financial loses to the music industry as a whole is not easy to calculate,

(Although a complete calculation of the financial losses to the music industry is not easy to make)

The act of piracy has been in existence long before the existence of the Internet.

(the creation of the Internet …)

Traditional advertising reaches a limited amount of people

(number)

Ever since the time of Gutenburg, where mass numbers of books could be produced

(Ever since the time of Gutenberg, when massive numbers of books could be produced)

The U.S. does not want to become China, who regulates their Internet providers from allowing illegal information …

(to become like China, which forbids its Internet providers from …)

However, the service has to provide adequate security for their clients. They are held responsible for ensuring there are no safety breaches.

[This suffers from an unclear referent: Who is “they” here? It sounds like the clients, but it’s not.]

(However, the service has to provide adequate security for its clients. The companies are held responsible for ensuring there are no safety breaches.)

What makes this a creditable source is because

[This is also wordy; note the two verbs “makes” and “is.”

(This is a credible source because)

**Clutter**

You are only touching on a portion of the age range in which you are interested in.

(which you are interested in—OK—or in which you are interested)

As it was stated earlier

(As stated)

In the book, *Here Comes Everybody* by Clay Shirky, he discusses how with the evolution of the Internet, it has led to a downfall …

(In *Here Comes Everybody*, Clay Shirky discusses how the evolution of the Internet has led to a downfall … )

In many of the articles they talked about …

(Many of the articles talked about … )

This article is written all about Internet security.

(This article is about Internet security.)

Researchers have written articles that focus on people and how they feel about privacy …

(Researchers have written articles that focus on how people feel about privacy … )

This often leads teens to performing an uninstallation of the apps …

(This often leads teens to uninstall the apps … )

when they are around the premises of that restaurant

[This also has a stuffy tone.]

(when they are near that restaurant)

More people are taking a stance towards being extremely cautious …

(More people are becoming extremely cautious … )

which causes for less wasted time

(which wastes less time)

This idea is based off of an older concept.

(This idea is based on an older concept)

Within this study they found as a conclusion that

(They found that)

Users agree to the apps being able to access personal information

(Users allow the apps to access personal information)

Essentially, what boomerang routing is, is a process …

(Essentially, boomerang routing is a process … )

When learning something new, it can lead to …

(Learning something new can lead to … )

**Absolute language**

Nissenbaum points to a long list of evidence proving this fact.

(supporting)

Everyone is willing to exchange their privacy for fame and money.

(It seems as if everyone …)

Since the Communist takeover, the basic freedoms of Chinese citizens were slowly eroding to nothing.

(strike “to nothing”—they are free to live, work, eat, etc.)

No skill is required to publish on the Internet

(little skill)

The world is being completely taken over by new technology.

(It almost seems as if the world is being completely taken over by new technology.

OR The world is deluged with new technology. )

Germany has the strongest data protection laws in the entire world.

(Germany has among the strongest data protection laws in the world.)

**Tone**

(In addition to clutter examples)

The problem with today’s society involving the Internet is that …

(The [current] problem with the Internet is that … )

**Clarity**

Many statistics are given throughout the article to back up information with hard facts.

[What subject is being discussed? No idea. What does this *say*? Not much … so go to the next level, e.g. : Data on the frequency of hacking over the years supports the claim that this problem is getting worse. ]

This personalized information includes areas such as credit card numbers, passwords, or any other specific data relating to the accounts of the receiver.

[What is an “area” of information anyway? That’s one the weasel words that include “Things” “topics” “ideas,” as well as “very” “really” and so on. We often have a word in the latter case, e.g. very big = huge

(This personalized information includes credit card numbers, passwords, or any other specific data relating to the receiver accounts.)

**Sentence structure/style**

Research shows that authorized users without patient consent, the pressure for medical facilities to curb healthcare costs, and inadequate storage processes for electronic medical records contribute to electronic privacy invasion.

(Research shows that electronic privacy invasion is caused by authorized users … ) [Note that the object has been moved closer to the verb.]

Forty % of music lovers are downloading it for free, as opposed to buy the records.

(Forty percent of music lovers are downloading music for free, as opposed to buying the records.) [Percent is AP style; it’s also a case where you always use numbers e.g. a 5 percent increase.]

By using the cloud, it eliminates the need

Using the cloud eliminates the need