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Our community has changed a lot since 1995. There are many problems today that we can help with. One of the problems is that people are using so much technology and social media that there is not much face-to-face conversation. There is also more political fighting. I interviewed Casey Gerber, who lived in Weatherford, Oklahoma in 1995. Weatherford is a small town, so you might not recognize the name. Casey has experienced positive and negative changes in the community from 1995 to now.

According to Casey, and reruns of Full House, life in the 90s was pretty cool. Neighbors knew each other and people in the communities were great friends. My dad was raised in a nice community where people seemed to enjoy living, working, and getting together. Neighbor kids played outside together and rode their bikes a lot. Families got together just to eat and play games! Now, because of my dad, I know more about how life was in 1995.

I’ve written about the 90s, but don’t forget, life now is pretty cool too. The quality of life today is better in some ways now than it was in 1995. Today we have a lot of technology. Sometimes that’s bad and sometimes that’s good. Today there is less face-to-face conversation because people are always looking at their iPhones. That is one bad thing about technology. There are better laws in our government today that keep us safe and protected. There is more freedom of expression and diversity currently. The 90s were cool, but things are great today too.

I think there are some things that we could do to improve our lives today. One idea that I have is that everyone in each neighborhood could have one hour of no electronics and have face-
to-face conversations. That would improve people not having face-to-face conversations.

Another idea that I have to improve our lives today is that insurance companies would give a discount on health insurance if people limited their total monthly time on social media. That would help with the social media/phone problem. People could also get together with friends, social clubs or church groups and talk about things (other than politics). Other fun ideas are playing games and having dance parties. If people were involved in fun social activities with other people in the community, that might improve political fighting. These ideas are some ways I can think of to help improve our lives today.

As you can see, life has changed quite a bit from 1995 to now. There are some problems today that we could work together to help fix. Some of the problems are: there is so much social media and technology to distract us, there is not much face-to-face conversation, and there is a lot of political fighting. By working to improve these areas, we could have a more positive, loving community in the future.