

Opinion Essay Example College

There is no doubt that modern advances in technology, especially automation, has led to a decreased need for manual labour. However, I don't think that it necessarily follows hours worked are going to be reduced; in fact, technology has led to increased working hours in my opinion. I hold this opinion for two main reasons, which I will examine below.

My first reason is that modern technology has made it possible for employees to do office work which could previously only have been done in the confines of an office. For example, your typical office worker, who in the past had to commute to work, can use the Internet and a suite of software to do the same activities that prior to the advent of the Internet could only be done on a computer in his office. In a growingly competitive world, most employees feel compelled to work from home to protect their jobs. They may do much more than eight hours a day.

The second reason relates to new technology opening up a world of opportunities in services to and within the technology sector. These days, information technology has created a great many opportunities for people to work online offering services to people all over the world from online product sales and delivery systems to news services and blog sites rating products. My life is a good example. For instance, I use the Internet to offer writing services to people in Asia. This wouldn't have been possible without modern technology.

It is my opinion that new technology and automation will not reduce working hours. Actually, if anything such technologies will lead to an increase in the amount of hours that people work because in many cases they facilitate work and have created more work opportunities. I think this trend will only increase.