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Stop Taking So Many Photos! How Taking Photos Can Impair Memory

The photo-taking impairment effect (PTIE) is the finding that taking photographs of objects results in poorer memory accuracy than simply observing them.

In several experiments, the effect was replicated and potential causes of the memory impairment were investigated.

Taking photographs of events can affect our ability to accurately recall related information, but also modern technology may be contributing to a decrease in attention span and an increase in “cognitive offloading.”



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