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What Are Smart Homes' Implications for Cultural Lifestyles?

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Smart homes have established themselves as some of the best modern marvels of our time. You can be able to control a lot of things with the sound of your voice or even the touch of a button on your smartphone. However, there seems to be a challenge regarding cultural lifestyle. This guide will explain the implication of such and whether or not such modern innovations either help or harm cultural norms.

While we live in a more digitally-reliant world, many might not be on board with it for cultural reasons. Let's get started with what you need to know.

Blurring Lines Between Tradition and Convenience

Homemaking is a skill that is passed down from one generation to the next. As such, there is a sense of pride where someone has the ability to perform the usual duties like cooking meals, maintaining a garden, or repairing things around the house – all of which carry a heavy cultural significance. What makes automation with smart home technology a challenge with cultural lifestyles is that it automates numerous tasks – especially the tasks where it is in our cultural nature to perform ourselves without the use of such technology.

For example, we live in a time where smart homes can have technological features such as ovens that can automatically calibrate temperature and calculate cooking times. Also, we also have lawn mowers that are not operated by humans as well as irrigation systems that can water our plants based on the weather conditions. Though there appears to be a certain amount of convenience to smart home technology, it seems as though the tasks associated with cultural pride may seem a bit diluted.

The Impact on Home Design and Aesthetics

Smart home technology has also given way to the way we view living spaces and how they are designed. Home remodeling is typically associated with craftsmanship and aesthetics. However, the view is a little different today with integration and functionality taking a more prominent role. As such, minimalist designs are gaining popularity for the purpose of prioritizing space that will be occupied by smart home technology such as hubs or devices.

For those looking to remodel, homeowners may want to consider hiring a professional that can put together a design for the purpose of both making the home look aesthetic while providing accommodating space for smart home devices. Finding the best one can be a challenge, especially

one that uses reliable **software for remodeling estimates** that provide contractors more control over the accurate quote they can give you on a project.

Social Connections and Smart Homes

A home is where families come together day in and day out. Whether it's a home cooked meal, a fun game night (whether virtual or in-person), or a place where the whole family calls home, it's a place where plenty of familial connection takes place. Nonetheless, there seems to be a valid concern of whether or not smart home technology can cause disconnect from such dynamics.

Understandably, there still is the convenience factor in allowing everyone in the household to use technology to their advantage. However, the idea of over-reliance could harm the personalized touch that is embedded in hosting guests and social interactions. Also, the idea that automated devices can prepare and cook meals could also take the graciousness out of the hosting aspect – such as the host cooking dinner for themselves and their guests.

Nevertheless, there is still some potential where smart home technology could strengthen social bonds. For example, family members can get together and play games on smart home devices such as **Amazon's Alexa** and Google Home. It can revolutionize the way families can have fun on any given day.

Final Thoughts

Smart homes may seem like they might stand in the way of cultural norms. Which may give a reason why many might eschew the idea of using such devices because they can perform the necessary tasks themselves as opposed to relying on automation. Nevertheless, it is entirely one's choice to utilize such technology if it best suits them on the kind of tasks they want the devices to perform. More importantly, smart home technology may have the potential to synergize with other cultures, allowing people to focus on priority tasks around the house while allowing smart home devices to perform other tasks in order to save time and peace of mind.

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