

The Internet has connected people around the world in some unusual ways. In 2012, Korean pop singer Psy posted a video of his song *Gangnam Style* on YouTube. It soon became the most-watched YouTube video of all time with over one billion views.

"Gangnam" song and dance moves started a new web trend. American football player Roy Higgins, some teachers in England, and parents and their babies in Los Angeles have all posted videos doing Psy's dance.

There are even videos with *My Little Pony* cartoons and someone dressed as Gandalf from *Lord of the Rings* doing Psy's moves. Because of the Internet, people around the world are all doing the same dance!

No one knows what the next Internet trend will be and how it will connect people.

Psy (Park Jae-sang) in his *Gangnam Style* video



The Internet connects people in serious⁵ ways, too. Many people get news from online news services.

Others get more personal news by reading what their friends post about what is going on in the world.

On websites like Digg, readers say what news stories they like, and this helps the website creators decide what kinds of stories to post in the future. People also post photos and videos of things they see, and sometimes they send them to television networks.

People like Mark Zuckerberg, the creator of Facebook, and Jay Adelson, the creator of Digg, think it's good for people to have **control** of what is on the Internet. They think it gives **power** to the people. With the Internet, there is less censorship.⁶

⁵ **serious**: important to know about

⁶ **censorship**: when governments or companies decide what things can be in books, movies, or news