Reflection on Distance Education

From the Viewpoint of Someone That Has Taken Several Distance Learning Courses:

After spending the last year taking online classes, I feel that distance learning has a lot to offer. I found that I needed minimal technology other than my computer, typically the only other thing I used was a microphone. The most challenging part of distance learning is the self discipline needed to stay caught up on work and to not procrastinate. It is extremely easy to get behind on your work if you do not keep up and stay diligent.

From a teachers standpoint, I think that online classes would be more challenging than a normal classroom setting. I think I would miss the face to face interaction with students, and I feel it would be a lot more struggling to keep up on graded assignments.

From the Viewpoint of Someone That Has Never Taken A Distance Learning Course:

Although distance learning does have a lot to offer, I believe it can be hard for students to learn this way. Some students need that one-on-one attention and help, or find it hard to self-motivate. In these instances, a traditional course is much more appropriate. I believe that if a student is able to take a class in the traditional way, they may be further ahead to do so.

From the standpoint of a teacher, I feel as though Distance Education is best for mature students that are highly motivated and responsible. Also, Distance Education is best for students that need little direction. Although Distance Education is utilized in many high schools utilizing the remote-location type of distance education, discipline in these situations is much more complicated. Therefore, these classes should be reserved for those students that have proven themselves to be responsible.