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Introduction
One notable new feature of the current generation is how they meet each other: using online apps (Ellison et al., 2006). Social media is thought to have displaced other forms of meeting potential partners. This poster examines the truth to those claims, especially how they differ between men and women, and it probes the differential experiences that men and women have using the online methods to “hook up” with new people.

Methods
- We conducted 500+ surveys to figure out whether or not people are using social media and to ask about their relationships.
- We also conducted 135+ in-depth interviews to ask about how using social media affected their lives.
- Analysis of the quantitative and qualitative data produced findings presented here.

What is the ratio between males and females when using online apps to meet people?

Good experiences/Would Consider
1. Female: “I like meeting them through social media because then I can browse through their pictures, and they can do the same with me.”
2. Male: “I like to talk to people online because I think it’s fun to meet people without having the anxiety that comes with meeting people in person.”
3. Male: “I don’t care where I meet a girl to be honest. As long as she is good when it comes to sex, then I’ll be a happy man. I would actually meet someone over the internet because I hear they are more freaked than the people you would find out here.”
4. Female: “I wouldn’t mind meeting someone through the internet or online. I’ve met someone through Omegle before, and we turned out to be really great friends. Meeting people over the internet isn’t always a bad thing.”

Bad experiences/Never Would Consider
1. Female: “I feel like people sometimes are not serious when they date online.”
2. Male: “He said boldly, ‘NOT TINDER.’ He has had no luck with Tinder.”
3. Female: “People aren’t cars; you aren’t supposed to have a checklist for a partner. I believe that fate is what brings lovers together, not searching around.”
4. Male: “I prefer meeting them in public just because I can see how the person really is. Many people write bull#$!+ things on their profiles, and that’s really annoying. What if I like something that he lied about?”

How do men and women feel about using the internet to hook up with people?

References