In this project we will be addressing whether people prefer to hook up using the internet/apps or friends/family. With these sites people can be more picky in what they are looking for. Online hooking up is now a $2 billion dollar industry. Over 40 million Americans have given online dating a chance, and over a third of the American population who hooked up met online. The first major successes of online dating sites were Match.com, Ok Cupid, eHarmony, and Tinder. Apps such as Instagram, Twitter, and Snapchat are now a modern way of meeting people that can lead to hookups.

Research Question

Is online dating making the world better and dating itself more effective, or is something important being lost or sacrificed as an outcome? The way the current trend is heading, what will dating be like in 2030, and will that be a better or worse time to be on the dating market than 1995? Ideally, what would dating look like in 2030? Social activities, body language, and basic conversations make up the characteristics of meeting new people. But for those whose romantic realm is built entirely through social media and online dating, those original human to human intuitions might be changing forms.

Conclusion

The article “The Way Most People Meet Their Significant Others Is Probably Not What You Think” shows that a majority of people still meet their significant others in person, mainly through mutual friends. In a survey that they conducted using 18 to 24 year olds, 213 out of 353 people met in person, whereas 140 had met on a dating application or website. In the data we received from the surveys we conducted, 18 year olds had only a slightly higher percentage of meeting online than 24 year olds, suggesting that the changes in dating behaviors are not as radical as often implied. According to the mass of the data, people actually prefer to hookup through face to face interaction rather than meeting online sources.

Resources

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