

Is social media imperative for younger people?

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Ever since I started reading and applying TRP, i have disconnected from most all social media, like instagram and snapchat. However, I feel like at times this takes a hit on my SMV. It seems as if now, not having social media is weird, and it impairs your ability to connect with others. I am 16 btw.

I see older men here say that social media is a completely useless time and validation drain, and it makes sense because they are in a different generation. But for us young boys, it seems as if everything now revolves around social media.

So what are your opinions on social media? Looking for responses from younger people.

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I'm in my mid-30s. Here's how I handle social media:

I only post to IG. I have it set up so that it automatically shares to FB, but I never post directly to FB. I post maybe 4-5 times a week with random shit that I'm doing, usually with one of my girls, or if I see something funny like a pun on a sign or a shitty parking job.

I stay connected to people, especially family, through FB Messenger on my computer and my phone. I use a Chrome plugin called "News Feed Eradicator for Facebook" that takes the news feed away from when I'm on Facebook, so all I really see is the messenger part and any notifications. I don't like the messenger.com computer interface, so I use this instead.

I never "scroll" through IG or FB looking at other peoples shit (this is the main objection most older guys have against social media). I only use it for posting my own shit and responding to notifications.

I don't post anything political or religious because it's not my job to be the custodian of the universe.

I use Snapchat to talk to girls who want to use it since some girls prefer it over other options, but that's about it.

That pretty much sums it up.

priapula[S] • 1 point • 10 July, 2018 03:24 AM

Thx for responding, this coincides a lot with my views.

Also, did you actively try to build up your ig account? And because snap has the best friends thing, it makes me feel really weird to use snap because anyone i chat with always has that emoji that tells them that I'm their best friend but they aren't mine (because of lack of use) lmao.

[deleted] • 1 point • 10 July, 2018 04:36 AM

I haven't tried to actively build up any of it. I just add family and friends, and anyone else who wants to add me who I know, I'll accept.

abudun79 • 6 points • 9 July, 2018 05:36 PM

I'm more than twice as old as you and I'm not giving you any advice what you should do, because I have not experienced growing up in time where social media is important and I can only guess who it feels to be addicted to it.

But I honestly think you're brave for considering to quit social media and you stand above your peers for really doing it (even if not 100%)

Stay strong and don't let them pull you back into it!

priapula[S] • 1 point • 10 July, 2018 03:26 AM

Thank you brother. Social media is basically a bunch of whores trying to increase their status while the company tries to extract as much time from you as possible. Thats why I quit in the first place.

[deleted] • 6 points • 9 July, 2018 05:43 PM

I'm 17 and have 9 lays.

Not as single one has been from social media.

They're all girls I've approached or talked to in person.

Did (social media) help a bit in the between of talking and hanging out? Sure.

But it's detrimental because if I had done the right thing and just setup for logistics they wouldn't of denied me just the same.

Instagram is a platform of advertisement. If you don't have anything to advertise properly (even yourself) then you have it installed to make an ugly girl feel good about her prom pictures.

Social media IS toxic. I have mine installed to post pics of me every now and then (I'm a volunteer firefighter so it raises value to post a pic of me at the station or whatever)

Don't like any pictures. Don't DM anyone when you're horny, and don't use it as a means to find girls. It is solely to market yourself.

I'd say snap is useless but I use it to keep in touch with internet friends I play games with.

Cheers.

Also take your ACTS/SATS that are coming up so you're prepared early. Don't wait until end of junior year.

priapula[S] • 1 point • 10 July, 2018 03:31 AM

Thanks for responding, this also coincides with my views.

Do you feel that your social media increases your smv? Also what did you do to build your profile? I think I may just become slightly active and post some pics. I currently have no pics and a rather low follow count because of lack of effort

[deleted] • 1 point • 10 July, 2018 04:27 AM

I don't think it's done anything for my SMV really.

Chicks only care if you have 10k followers.

I get like 150-200 likes each picture but that's the same for all dudes in High School.

Instagrams fine to go honestly, I keep it just to recognize if I even have anything to post, because if I don't, what effect am I making on the world currently? As in why is my life so boring I have nothing to show for it?

It's most intriguing for girls to ask for your snap or gram and you go "I don't have one".

They can't vet you.

It isn't as good as 10k+ followers but it's better than you and your friends bowling.

MotiMorphosys • 2 points • 9 July, 2018 04:58 PM

Biggest thing about social media is how are you handling it? Are you relying on it for validation? Is the time you spend on it distracting you from your mission? Answer those questions then do what you feel like.

priapula[S] • 1 point • 10 July, 2018 03:21 AM

Yea I think some of it may be because im seeking too much validation. Just lifted and i dont care as much anymore.

[deleted] • 2 points • 9 July, 2018 05:31 PM

It's not imperative, but not using it places you at a significant disadvantage. A lot of women do use social media. And guess who they're talking to on there? Men who use social media. For instance, I use Tinder. I don't get as many matches as I would like. If I notice that a particularly attractive woman shares her IG info on her profile, even if we don't match, I follow her on IG and send her a flirty but polite message. I've hooked up with and

gone on a few dates by doing this.

Furthermore, place yourself in the position of a woman. She probably gets a lot of attention on social media. Guys are always commenting on and liking her posts, and those guys are sharing interesting things about themselves. Why would she choose a disconnected Luddite who can send only boring normal text messages when she could have a more interesting guy who follows her on and also uses social media? Those guys are interesting. You are boring. She'll spend more time talking to them than with you

Those things being said, you don't have to be an attention whore and use social media 24/7. I upload pictures to IG only once per month or so, I check it only when I have a message or when I want to message someone. Let your social media be like a Facebook or a LinkedIn profile: Let it exist, and don't let it be blank or outdated.

resnine • 2 points • 9 July, 2018 06:05 PM

Social media now seems like a medium to show off status. That's why girls want guys to have it. It gives women a new platform to analyze men and their status. Now women have an inside view into what the guy's life is like. Pre-selection. Social media simply works in the favor of women a lot more so than for men. It give her a window into your life. So if you don't have those gym pics, car pics, adventure pics, exotic vacation pics, house pics but another guy does.. she'll just go on to the next. It sort of puts a lot of guys at a disadvantage if his life is not on point. Because your social media is just that, a medium to show off how awesome your life is. That's exactly what women want. Social media to me almost seems devised by women, for women. In so many ways social media is a tool for women to gauge/size-up/judge men and the value they provide. This puts a lot of guys on the hot-seat. The less information they know about you the better. But social media screw all this up allowing them to gather MORE information on you. Something they love.

[deleted] • 1 point • 9 July, 2018 07:10 PM

Lol. Make sure your life is on point. This is trp, not tbp.

resnine • 1 point • 9 July, 2018 08:33 PM

Of course. But getting there isn't exactly a walk in the park. We all have different paths we are taking in life. I'd rather keep my life as much of a secrete as possible from women. Less is more. Social media can ruin that.

priapula[S] • 2 points • 10 July, 2018 03:34 AM

Yea true. I hear a lot from the PUA fuckers that social media game is the best game right now.

I think i will become slightly active and at least have something.

vandaalen • 2 points • 9 July, 2018 06:20 PM

No

priapula[S] • 1 point • 10 July, 2018 03:35 AM

thanks dad

sorryforthelifestory • 1 point • 10 July, 2018 07:15 AM

I'm going to go against the grain and say yes, I'm a young urban guy and regularly game girls in the 16-24 range and the lower you get in that age range social media just becomes a fact of life to most people who aren't complete social rejects. That's not to say that if you were a complete gigachad she wouldn't just text you but especially as a 16 year old you're gonna need Snapchat if you wanna be remotely involved in any sort of social activities, it's just how people at that age communicate. Try and start streaks with girls and guys and add

everybody you can. If your score is really low like anything below 10-20k I'd work on getting that up and I'd try and have an interesting story where you do exclusive stuff.

UnpluggedNigga • 1 point • 10 July, 2018 07:33 AM

Be like water

[deleted] • 1 point • 21 July, 2018 03:19 PM

Lao Tzu: "Move, bitch. Get out the way."

Aesthetic_God__ • 1 point • 19 August, 2018 12:29 AM

The point is that it does not consume you and make you sit all day long in front of your cell phone's screen wasting time frying brain pointlessly.

Use Facebook to connect with family and friends who live far away from you, and just browse through social media in general for like half or one hour a day. Not longer. The main use is chatting with people but it's better to set up meetings with them irl than talking for 5 hours on messenger or DM. That's crappy.

The rest of the time you should be improving and exploring the real world, living your life to its fullest, not some fake reality.