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# DATING APPS & ABUSE

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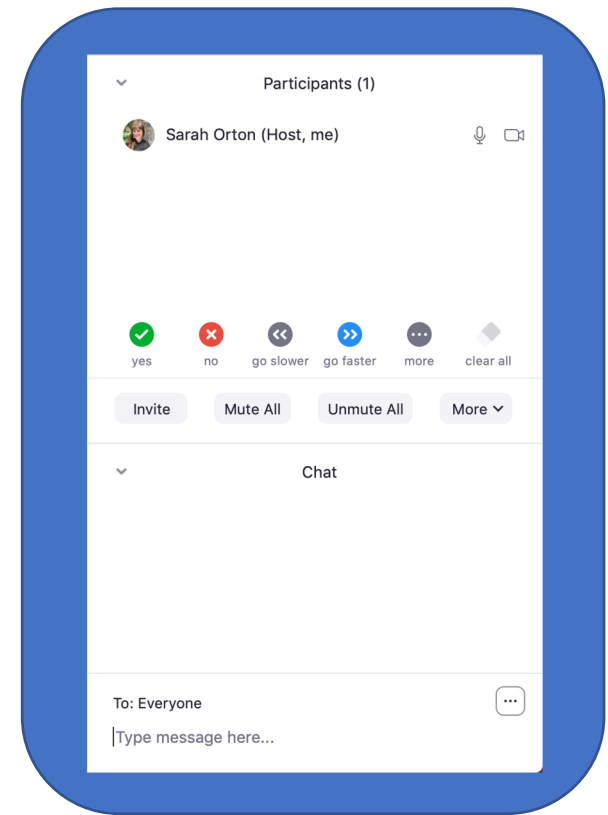
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# HOW TO USE ZOOM

- ▶ Text chat
- ▶ PowerPoint Slides
- ▶ Polling Questions
- ▶ Phone
- ▶ Closed Captioning
- ▶ Web Conference Guidelines (hand raising)



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Chat



Share Screen



Polling



Record



Closed Caption



Reactions



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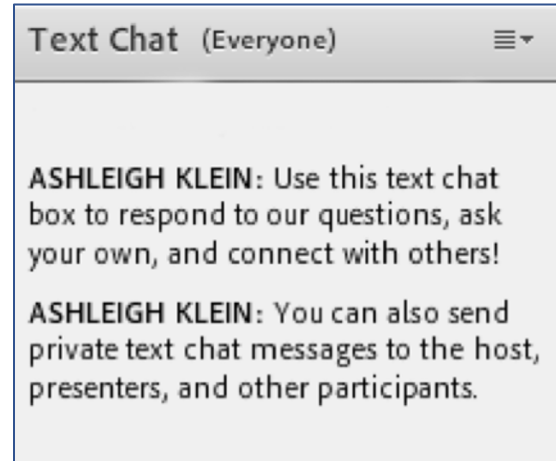
## Dating in the digital age and the evolution of abuse and harassment



## TEXT CHAT QUESTION:

What are your dating  
expectations?

Use the Text Chat feature  
to answer the question.



# Learning Objectives

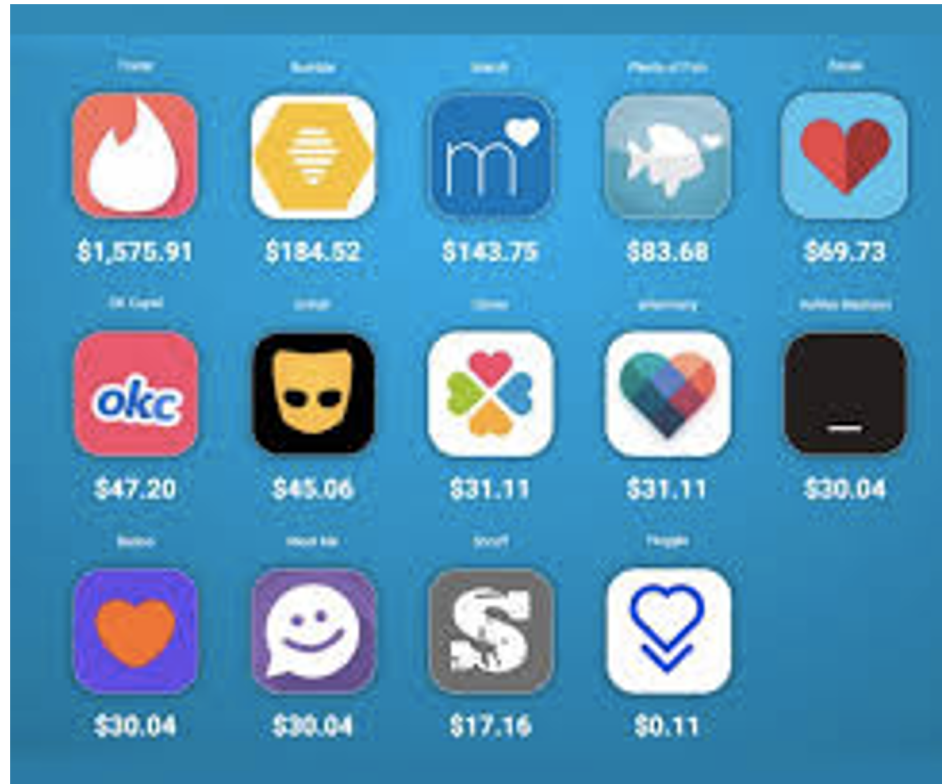
- Understand the changed dating landscape.
- Learn about abuse and harassment in online and app-based dating.
- Learn about user best practices for online and app-based dating.
- Discover dating applications' safety and reporting features.

# Audience Poll

The poll question will  
appear on your zoom  
window

**Are you or have you  
used a dating app  
before?**

# How has dating changed?



# Matrimonial Sites

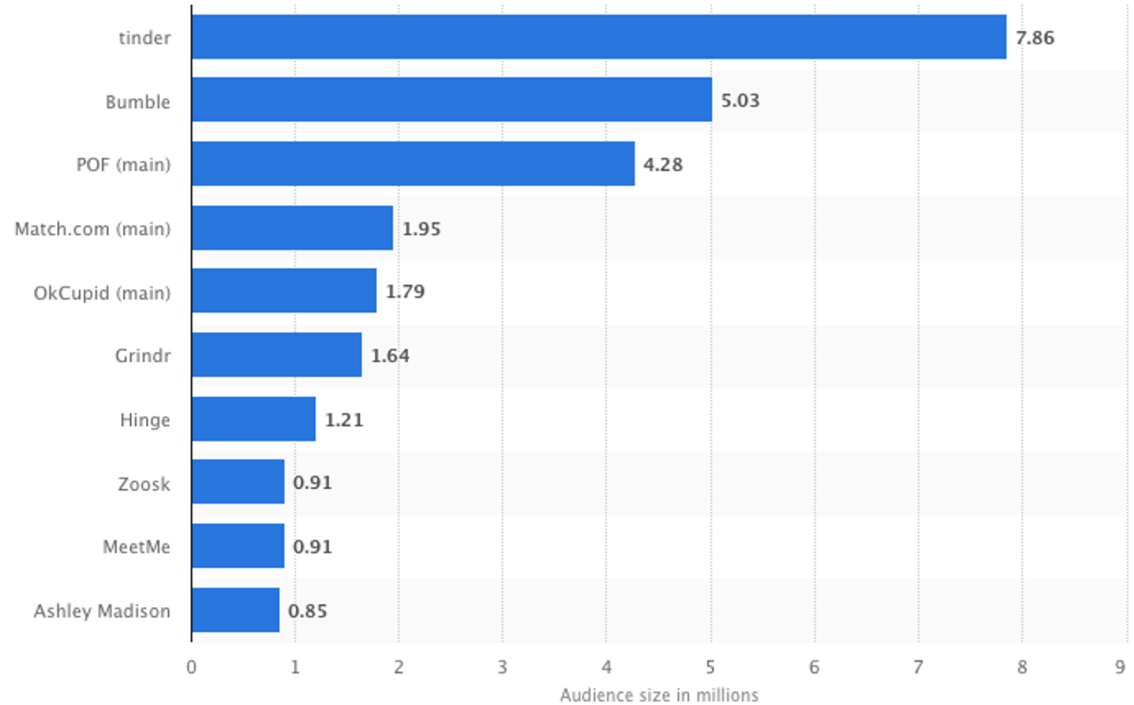


# Dating Apps and Dating Sites

- Personal ads in the newspapers
- Matchmaker services
- VHS/video interviews
- Websites
- Dating applications have evolved



# What are the most popular dating apps/sites?



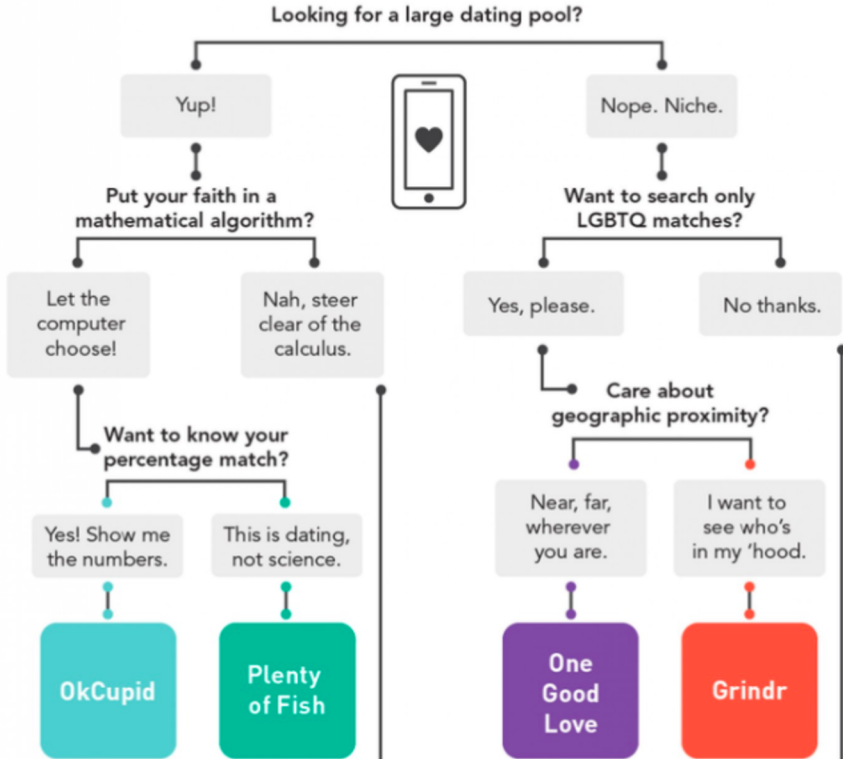
# What does dating today look like?

- Over 30% of adults report using a dating app
  - 48% for 18-29 year olds
  - 38% for 30-49 year olds
  - 16% for 50+ year olds
  - Roughly 2x more for LGBTQ communities
- 10% report a serious committed relationship started from a dating app





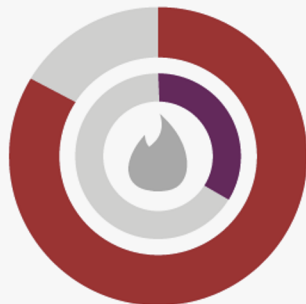
# LOVE AT FIRST SWIPE: FINDING THE RIGHT DATING APP FOR YOU



# HOW ARE COLLEGE STUDENTS USING DATING APPS?



ONLY  
**4%**  
PREFER TO  
**USE APPS**  
TO MEET  
POTENTIAL  
DATES



**84%**  
OF DATING APP USERS ARE **ON TINDER**

**34%**  
ARE ON TINDER PRIMARILY **FOR ENTERTAINMENT**

WHO SAYS  
"NO WAY"  
TO FIRST  
DATE  
HOOK-UPS?



**91%**  
ARE **NOT**  
PRIMARILY  
USING THE  
APPS **FOR**  
**HOOK-UPS**



**27%**  
REPORT BEING  
HARASSED ON THE  
APPS. **GRINDR** AND  
**OKCUPID** USERS  
REPORT THE  
HIGHEST RATES



**37%**  
OF MEN **DON'T**  
**THINK** USING  
DATING APPS IS  
**NECESSARILY**  
**CHEATING**

\* Data from an ABODO survey of 3,500 college students who use dating apps

# How has this changed safety concerns?

- Less social networking
- Less accountability
- More anonymous contacts
- Ability to manipulate online profiles
- Less informal forms of vetting



# Catfishing

Catfishing is a deceptive activity where a person creates a sockpuppet presence or fake identity on a social networking service, usually targeting a specific victim for abuse or fraud.



# Sextortion

Sextortion involves blackmail or coercion with the purpose of extorting sexually explicit images, messages, money or sexual favors from another person online.



# Dating Apps and Abuse



Wana hook up?

Nov 17, 2014, 2:01 PM



HEY [REDACTED] YOU SPEAK  
WHEN I TALK TO YOU,  
UNDERSTAND!?!?

- 37% report unwanted contact
- 35% were sent a sexually explicit message or image they didn't ask for
- 30% called an offensive name
- 10% threatened to physically harm
- Young women report highest levels of abuse/harassment
- Increased reported abuse for those who identify as LGBTQ
- 28.1% of teens report they had been subjected to a form of online dating abuse over the past year

# Dating Apps and Sexual Assault

sexual assault and dating apps



## Tinder app at center of sexual assault investigation at Wayne State

WXYZ-TV Detroit | Channel 7 • 973 views • 2 years ago

Tinder app at center of sexual assault investigation at Wayne State.



## Sexual assault victim met suspect at UNF via dating app

First Coast News • 49 views • 11 months ago

UNF students are warned to be careful when using dating apps after a student was reportedly sexual assaulted.

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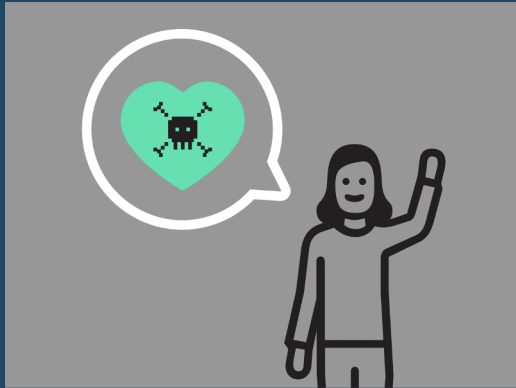
## Smartphone app Tinder leads to sexual assault

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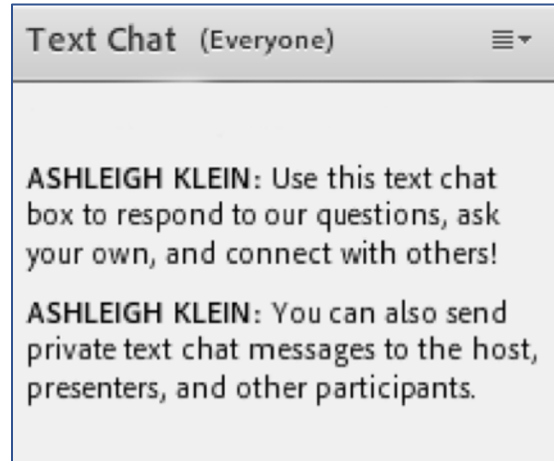
Police say a popular dating app led to a sexual assault investigation in La Vista. They say the victim was 14 years old. Subscribe ...

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# What other concerns have you heard about dating apps?



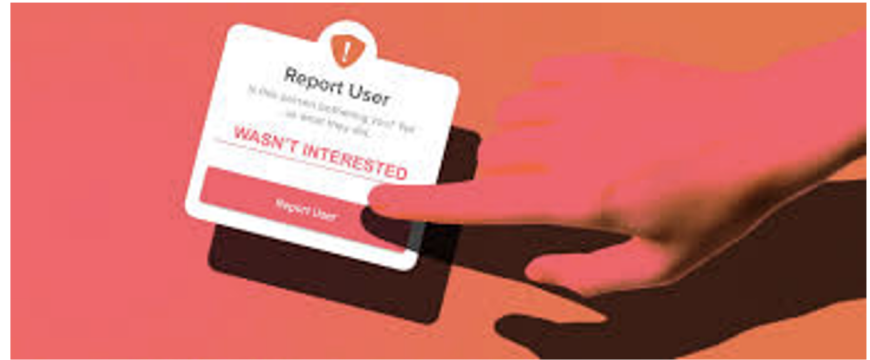
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# Reporting Abuse

- Background checks
- Removal of users
- Values and commitments
- Rapid abuse reporting system



# 10 MINUTES BREAK

# For Advocates

- Safety planning with clients
- Understanding of changing dating landscape
- Awareness of scams over dating apps
- Increases in “dating-app facilitated” sexual assault

# Best Practices for Dating Apps

# Username/Profile Name



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# Use Different Email, Pictures, and Passwords



# Search Yourself

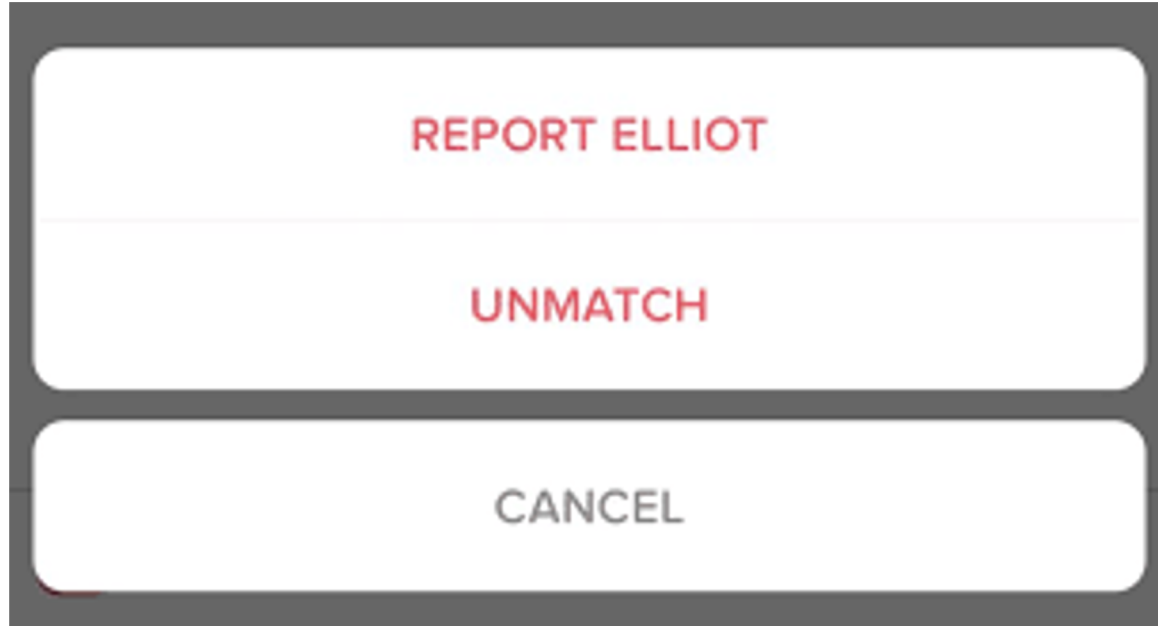


# Avoid suspicious profiles





# Report and Block Suspicious Profiles



# Research Your Date



# Use a Free Number



# Video Chat First



# Talk to Your Date First



# Be in Charge of Your Transportation



# Meet in a Public Place



# Share the Details





# Don't Give Too Much Personal Info



# Moderation

## This is what one drink looks like

According to the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, moderate drinking is up to one drink per day for women and up to two drinks per day for men. A standard drink contains 14 grams of pure alcohol.



Measurements are approximate, since different brands and beverages may vary in their actual alcohol content.

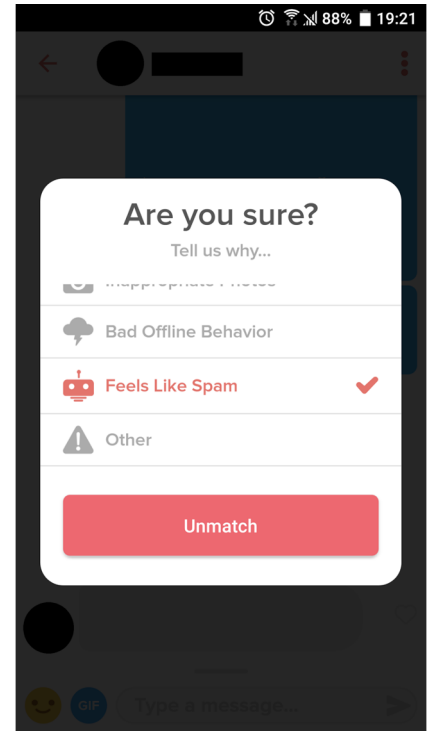
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# Trust Your Gut



# Dating Apps and Reporting

- Tinder has a panic button that sends user location to emergency services
- Look for “Terms of Service” or “Community Guidelines” or “Safety” on the website
- Understand the blocking and safety checks for the app/site
- Can always report to law enforcement if wanted



# Resources

Catfishing news story video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Els33AZF\\_uo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Els33AZF_uo)

Plenty of Catfish Parody:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZzMtFvQK5g>

FBI and Sextortion:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAqrbAvdS6M>

Information on reverse image search:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNksJCMrQ2k>

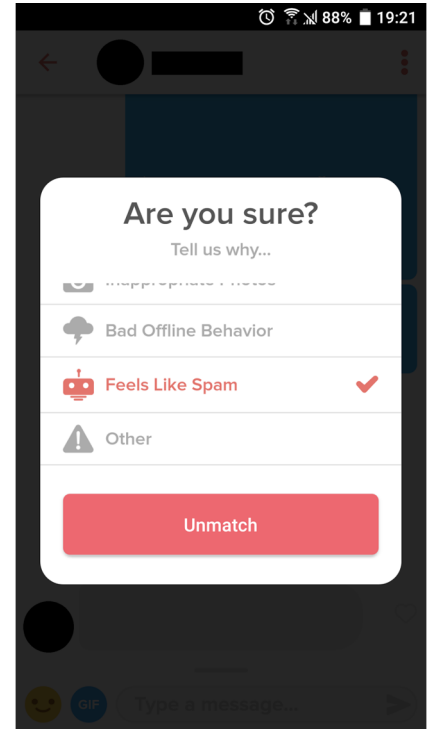
Studies:

*The Virtues and Downsides of Online Dating*

<https://www.pewresearch.org/internet/2020/02/06/the-virtues-and-downsides-of-online-dating/>

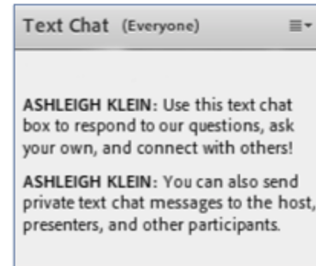
*Swipe Right: the emergence of dating-app facilitated sexual assault*

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12024-019-00201-7#:~:text=In%20a%20recent%20survey%20of,a%20dating%20app%20%5B7%5D.>



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