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DATING APP FACILITATED ASSAULT

Dating Apps and Sexual Abuse

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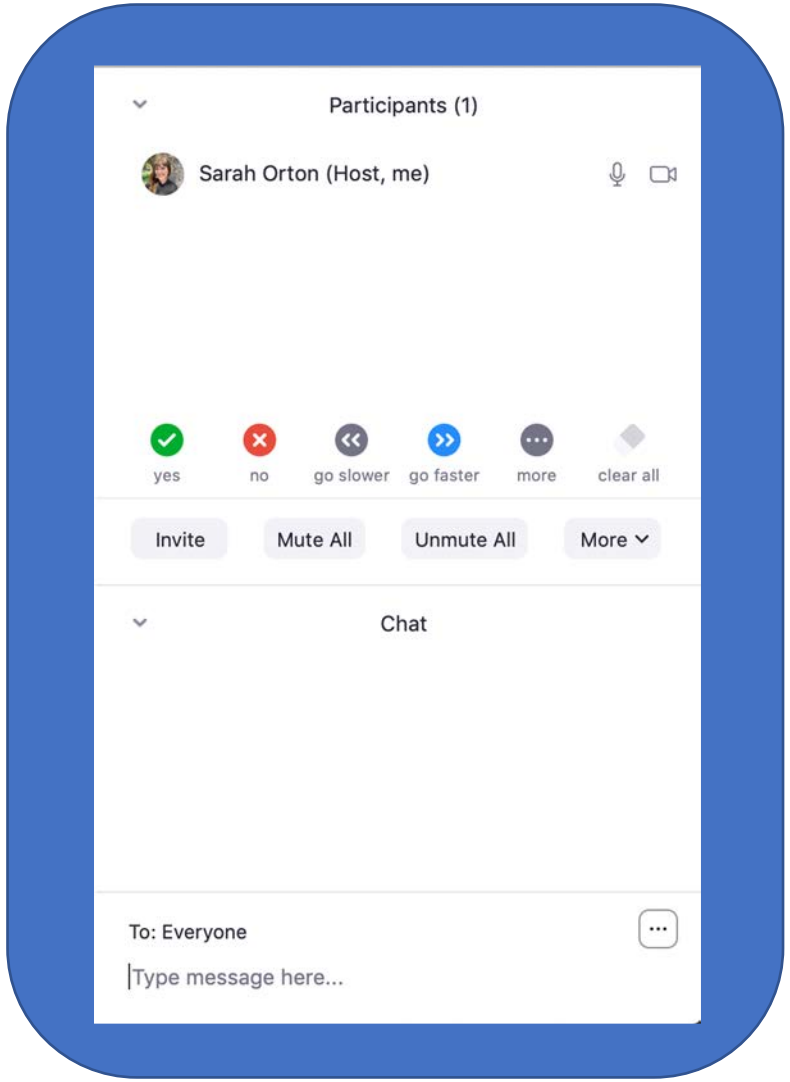

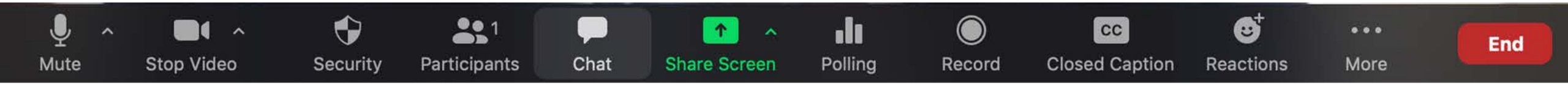

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Dating in the digital age and the evolution of abuse and harassment

Audience Poll

What dating apps have you used?

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.

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This content may impact you and could trigger feelings of concern, emotions, and/or a physical response.

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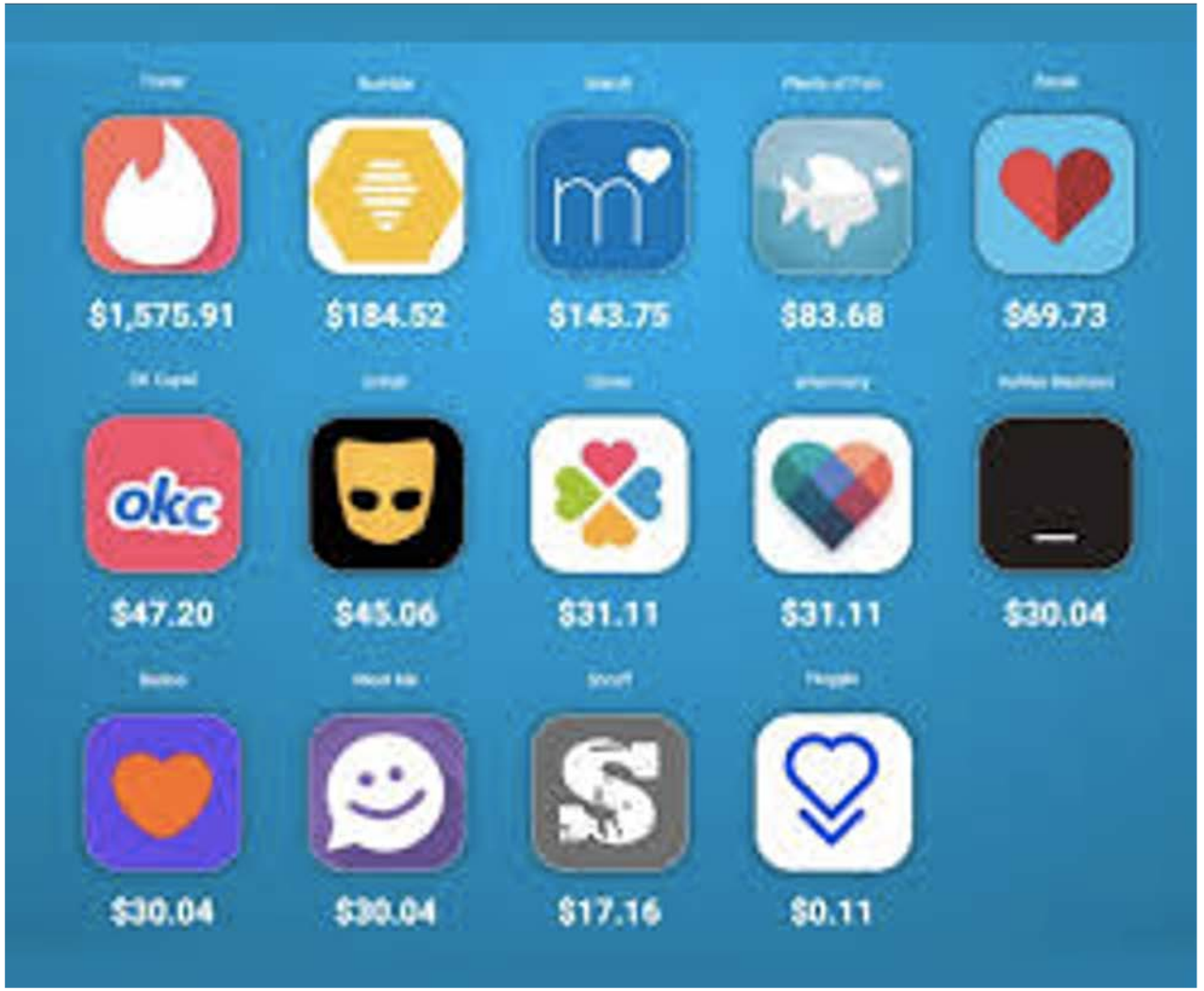
- Turn down sound
- Reach out for support

How has dating changed?



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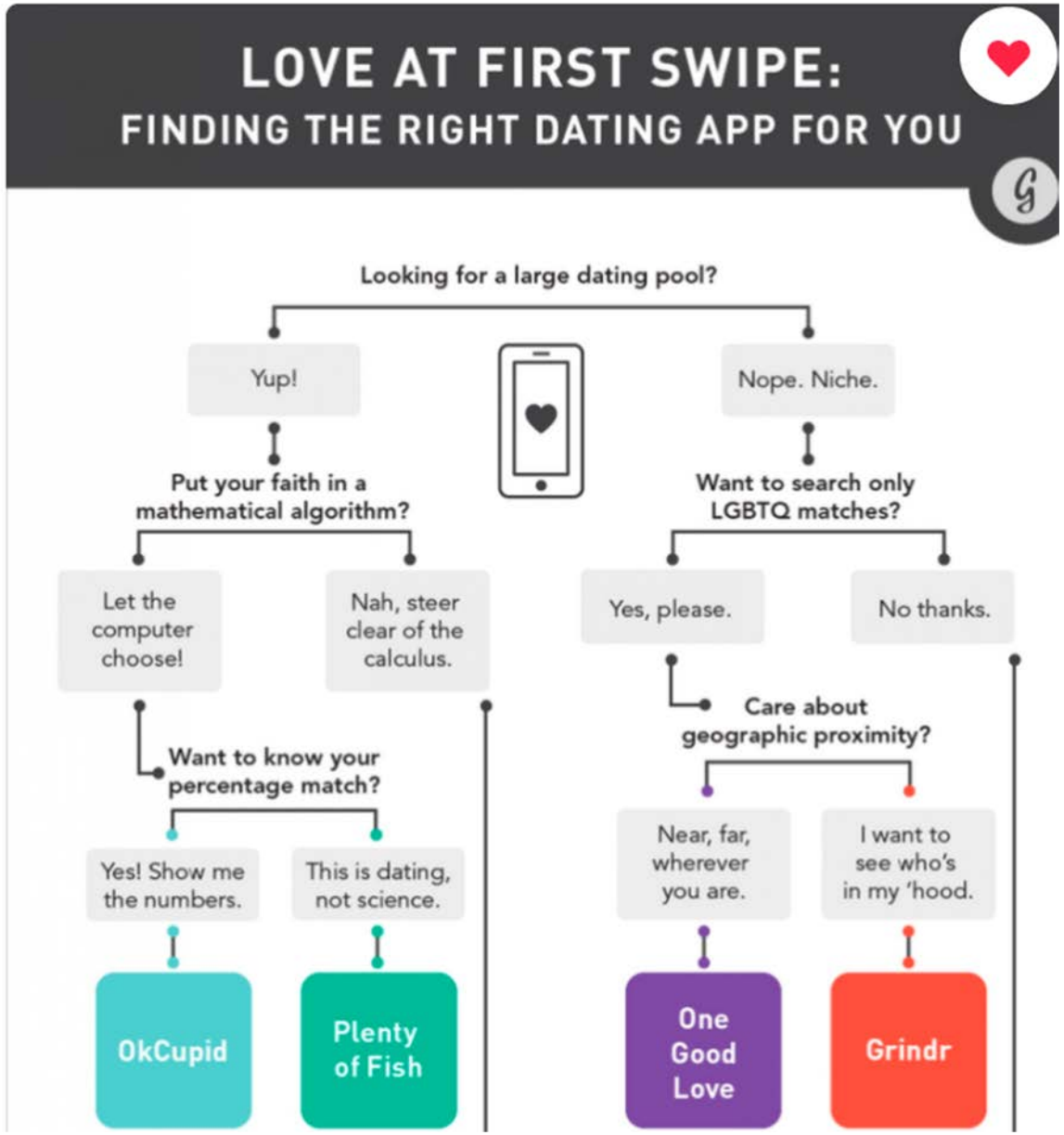
Dating Apps and Dating Sites

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

What does dating today look like?

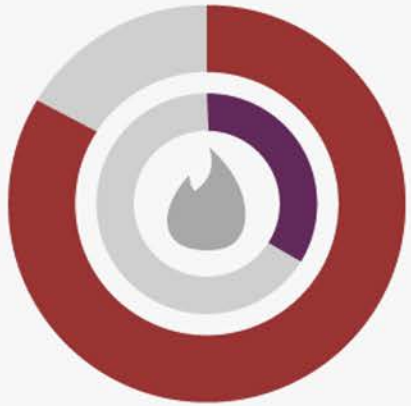
- Over 30% of adults report using a dating app
  - 48% for 18-29 year olds
  - 38% for 30-49 year olds
  - 16% for 50+ year olds
  - Roughly 2x more for LGBTQ communities

- 10% report a serious committed relationship started from a dating app


LOVE AT FIRST SWIPE:
FINDING THE RIGHT DATING APP FOR YOU
Looking for a large dating pool?
Yup!
Nope. Niche.
Put your faith in a mathematical algorithm?
Want to search only LGBTQ matches?
Let the computer choose!
Nah, steer clear of the calculus.
Yes, please.
No thanks.
Want to know your percentage match?
Care about geographic proximity?
Yes! Show me the numbers.
This is dating, not science.
Near, far, wherever you are.
I want to see who's in my 'hood.
OkCupid
Plenty of Fish
One Good Love
Grindr

HOW ARE COLLEGE STUDENTS USING DATING APPS?

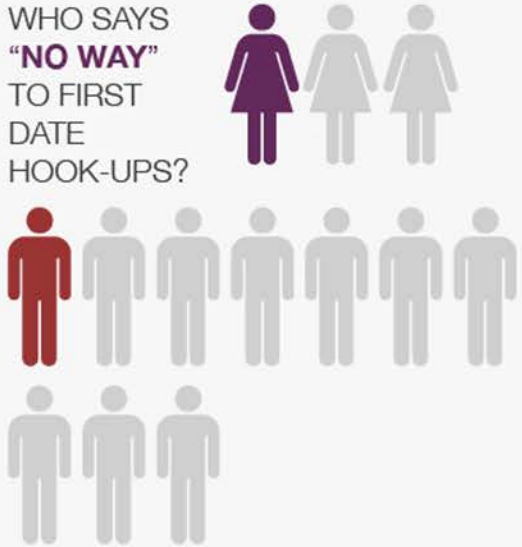
ONLY
4%
PREFER TO
USE APPS
TO MEET
POTENTIAL
DATES



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

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How has this changed safety concerns?

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

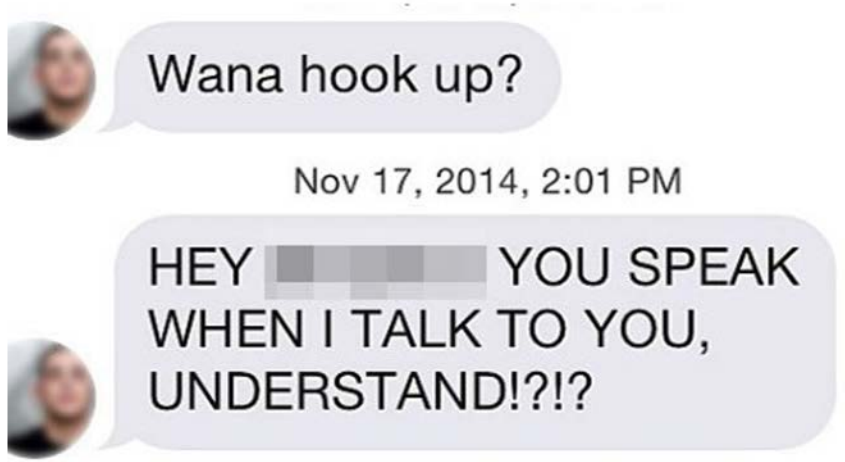
Catfishing

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



- 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

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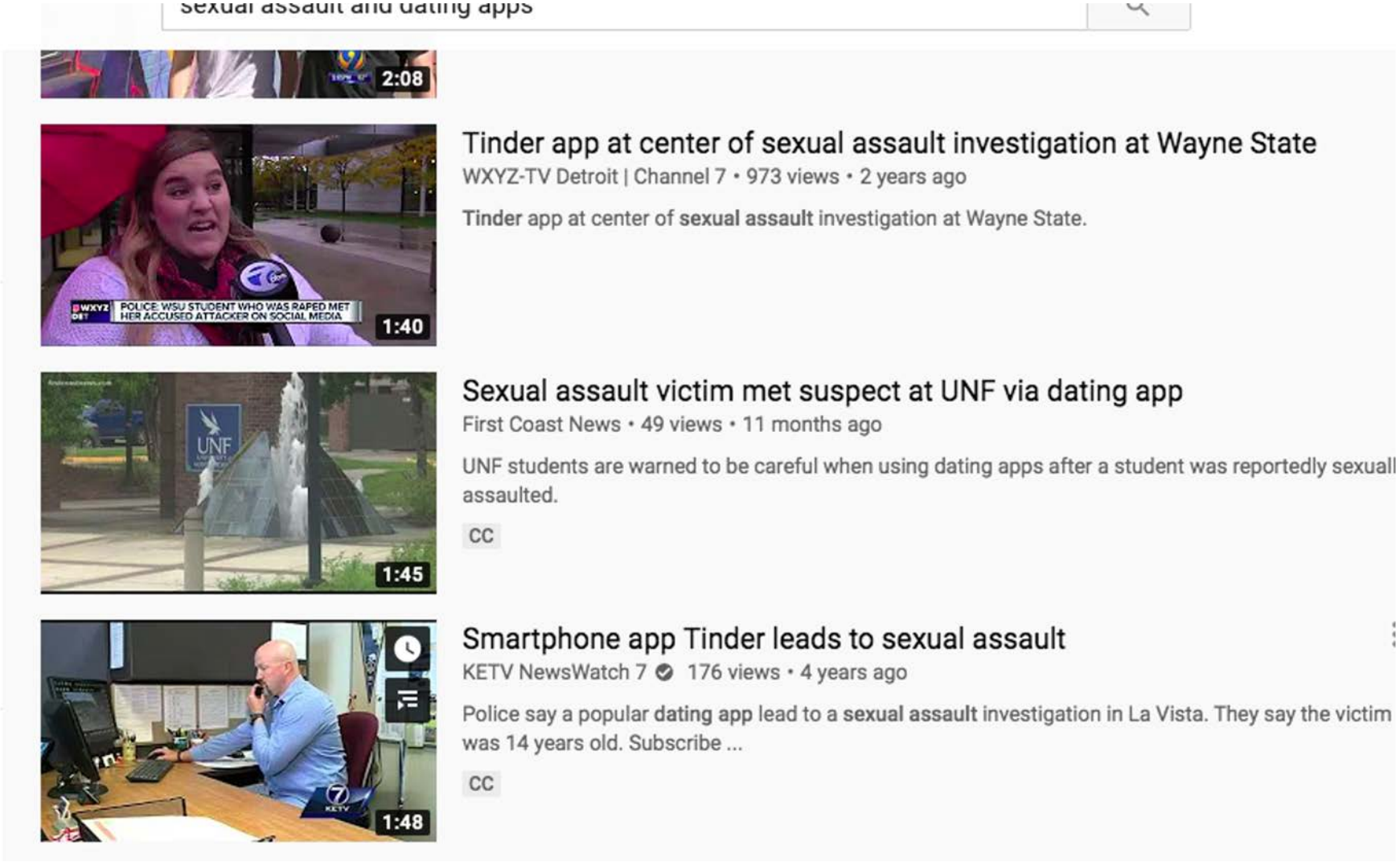

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Swipe right: the emergence of dating-app facilitated sexual assault. A descriptive retrospective audit of forensic examination caseload in an Australian metropolitan service

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Abstract

The use of dating 'apps' to facilitate real-word social encounters between strangers is culturally mainstream. Sexual assaults facilitated following dating-app meetings have been reported in the media, and anecdotally noted at increasing frequency by clinical forensic physicians. Limited empirical data suggests there has been a marked increase in real life sexual offences facilitated in this manner. There is little additional information known about the circumstances of these alleged incidents. This retrospective audit of a small forensic examination caseload from an Australian metropolitan clinical forensic medicine service identified that 14% (11 of 76) of alleged sexual assaults where complainants underwent a

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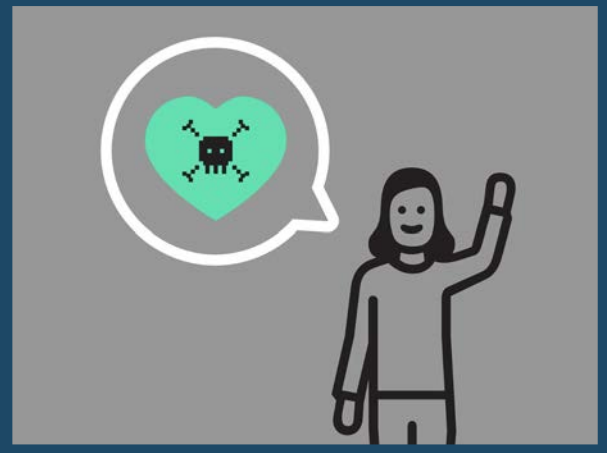
Chat Question:

What other concerns have your heard about dating apps?



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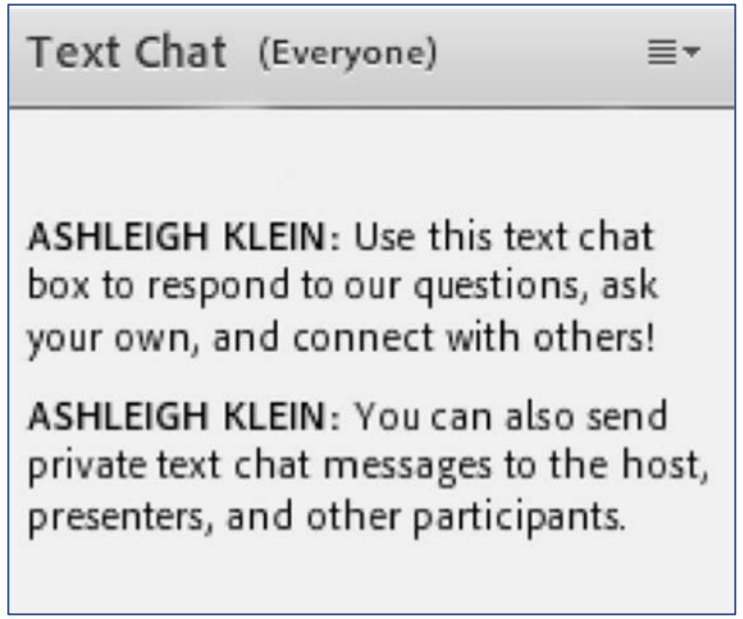
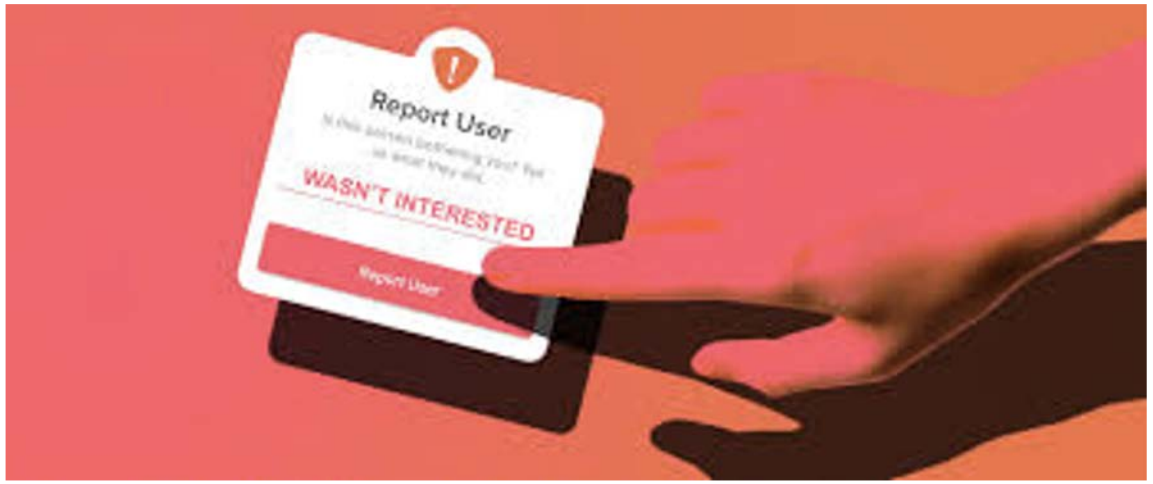


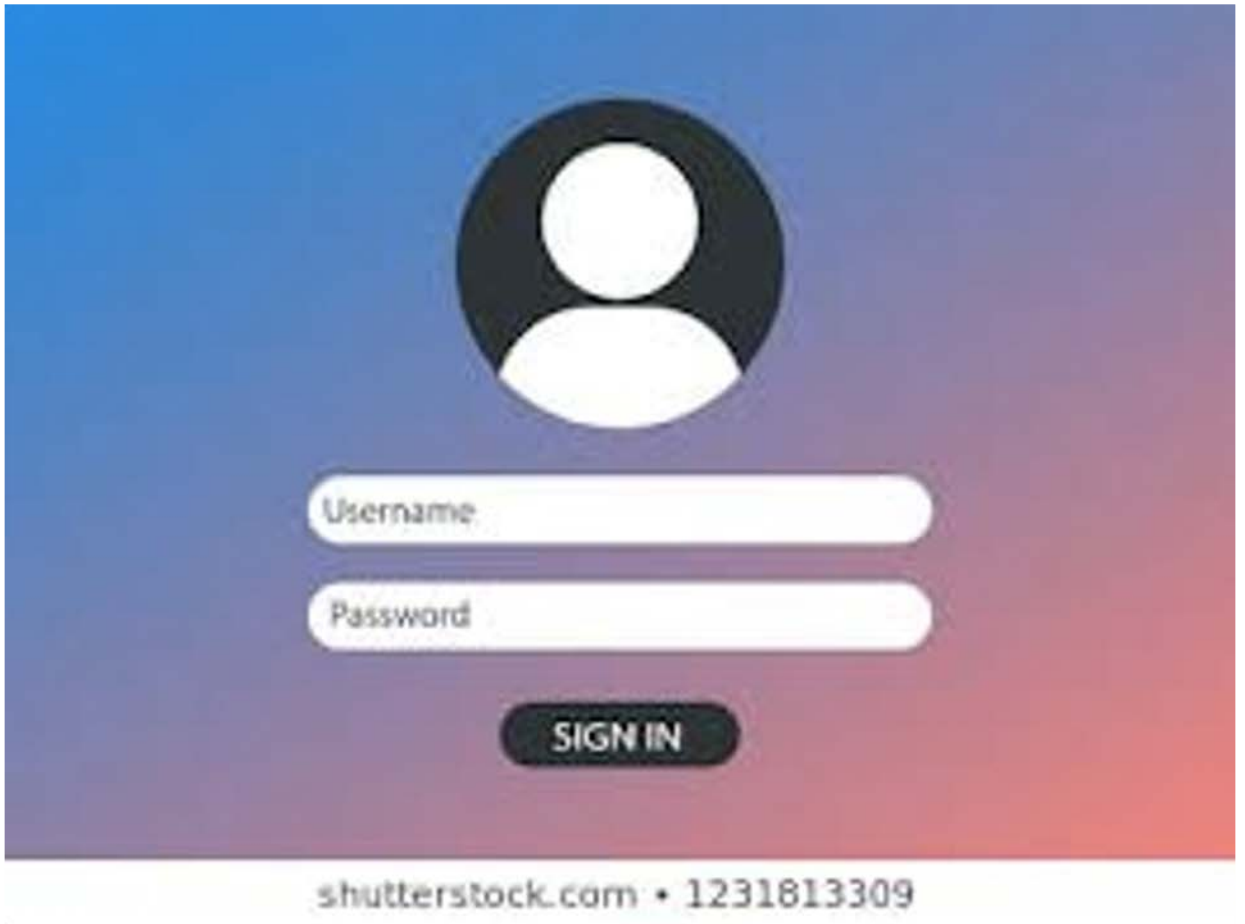
What can apps do to intervene and protect?

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



Best Practices for Dating Apps

Username/Profile Name

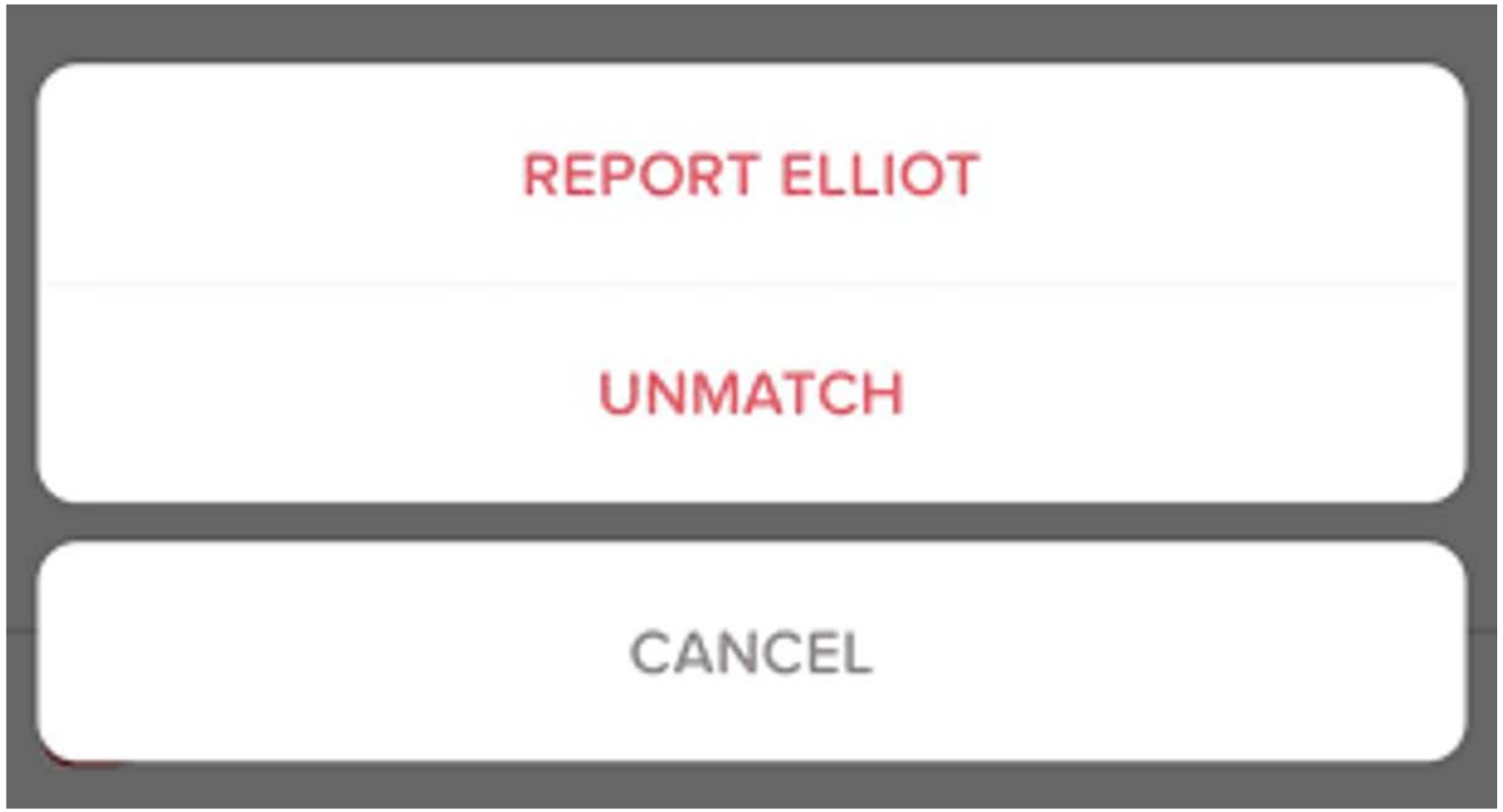


Use Different Email, Pictures, and Passwords

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

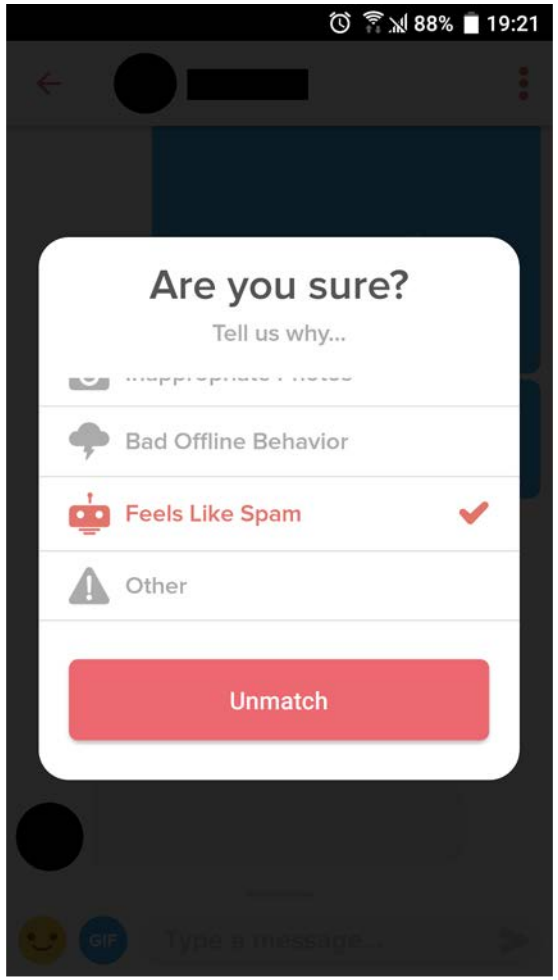
Moderation

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.
Beer
5% alcohol
12 oz.
Malt liquor
7% alcohol
8.5 oz.
Table wine
12% alcohol
5 oz.
Sherry or port
17% alcohol
3.5 oz.
Aperitif
24% alcohol
2.5 oz.
Brandy
40% alcohol
1.5 oz.
Spirits
40% alcohol
1.5 oz.
Vox

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



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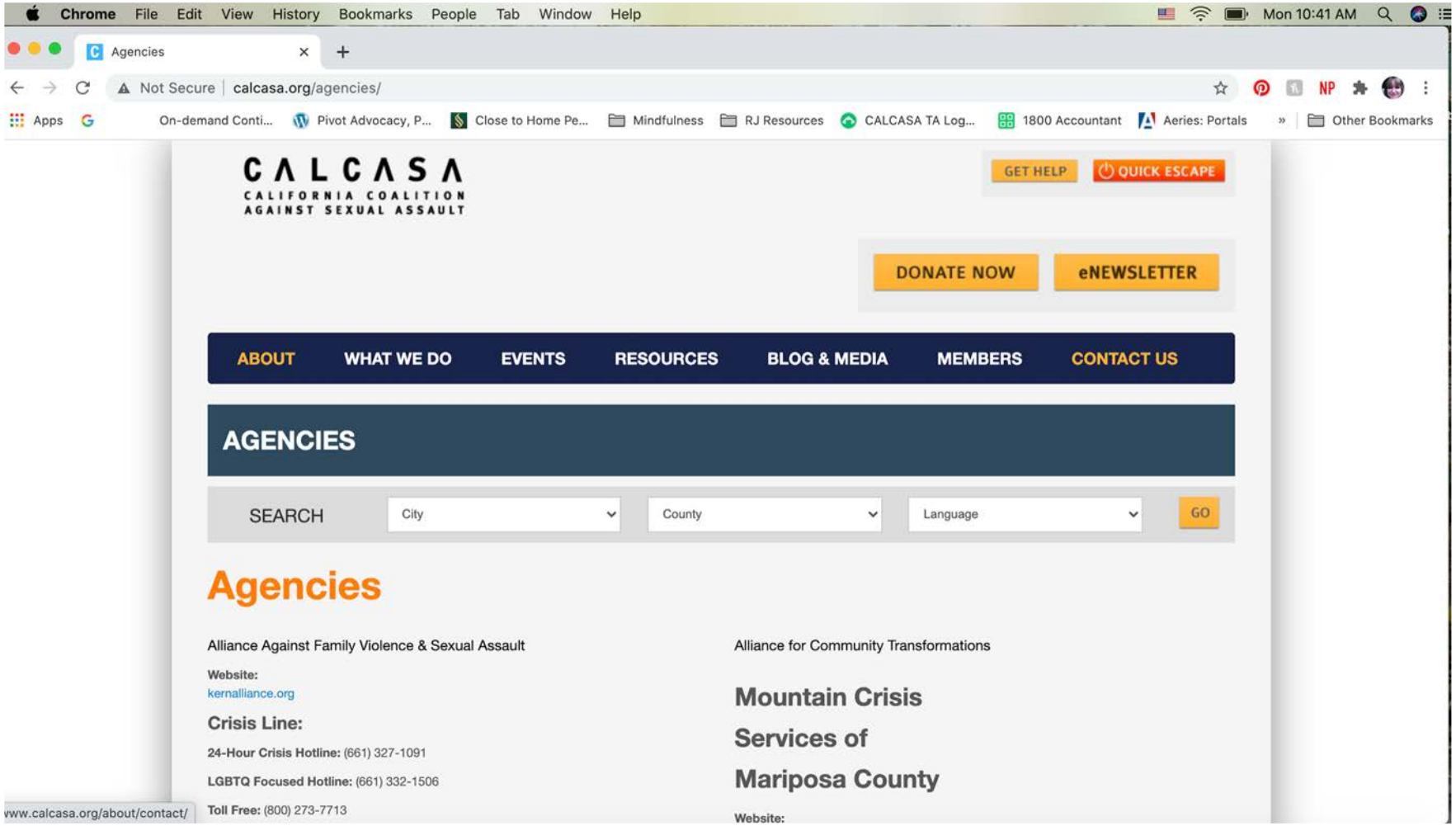

Resources

Catfishing news story video:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIs33AZF_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/

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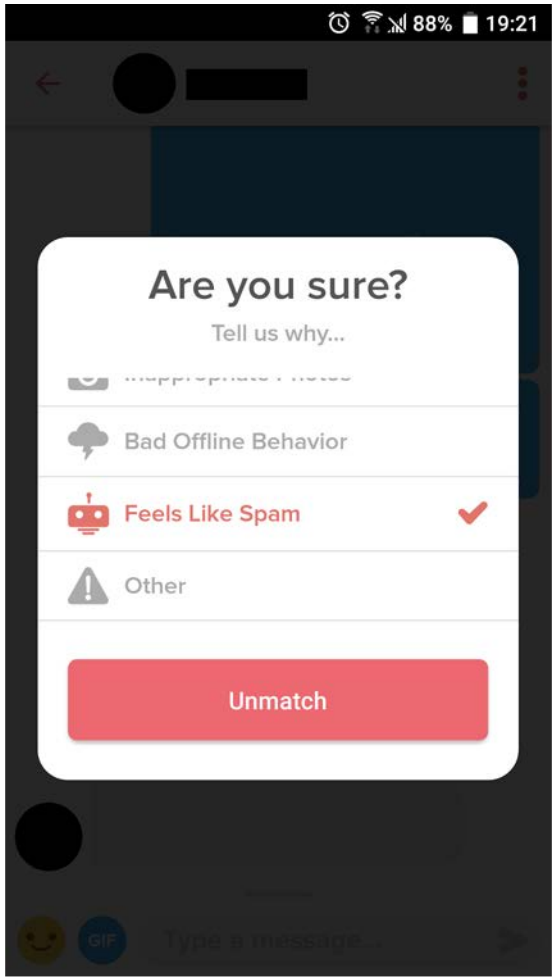

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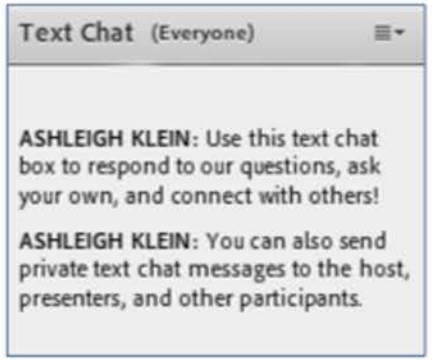

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