Lessons from the Dark Side: Sexual Predators and Cyberstalkers—Red Flags and Reasonable Precautions

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What Does a Stalker Look Like?
Contemporary Threat Assessment
Cyber Proficiency

TOP ACTIVE SOCIAL PLATFORMS

- Facebook: 31%
- Facebook Messenger: 20%
- Skype: 11%
- Google+: 13%
- Twitter: 10%
- Viber: 12%
- Pinterest: 9%
- Instagram: 9%
- LinkedIn: 7%
- Kikuro Talk: 4%
More people use multiple sites

% of internet users who use the following number of social networking sites (sites measured include: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest and LinkedIn), 2013 vs. 2014

- No sites: 22 (2013) vs. 21 (2014)
- One site: 36 (2013) vs. 28 (2014)
- Two sites: 23 (2013) vs. 24 (2014)
- Three sites: 12 (2013) vs. 16 (2014)
- Four sites: 5 (2013) vs. 8 (2014)
- Five sites: 2 (2013) vs. 4 (2014)
USA Today Interview
Seeing a Halo When You Should be Seeing Horns
Pretty Faces are Prejudged

- Wife
- Mother
- Teacher
- Predator
*Peer Group
Trading in **Rose Colored Glasses** for Reading Glasses

- Personality
- Credibility
- Danger
Reading Red Flags

Red Flags

How to Spot Frenemies, Underminers, and Toxic People In Your Life

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Red FLAGs

- **Focus**: What captures their attention? Do they focus on themselves or others?
- **Lifestyle**: How do they spend their time? What are their hobbies and interests?
- **Associations**: What sort of company do they keep? To what organizations do they belong?
- **Goals**: What are their priorities? Are their ambitions selfish or selfless?
The Modern Confessional
A Profile is Worth a Thousand Words

- Manifestations of user personality in website choice and behaviour on online social networks (2013)
Computer Analysis of Facebook “Likes”

- Better judge of personality than close friends and family.
- 10 --> co-worker
- 70 --> friend
- 150 --> parent/sibling
- 300 --> spouse
Words Matter

- Automatic Personality Assessment Through Social Media Language on Facebook (2015)
Predicting Extraversion
Facebook Vocabulary
Identifying the Big 5

■ Open Vocabulary Approach to Personality (2014)
■ “oh i hate september”
  —high score on neuroticism
■ ‘its that time, off to meet a friend, woohoo!!!’
  —high score on extraversion
Avatar Creation in Virtual Worlds (2014)

- Idealized self
- Standing out
- Following a trend
Big 5 Predicts Topics of FB Status Updates (2015)

- Low self esteem
- High conscientiousness
- Narcissism
The Dark Side of Facebook

- Status updates predict Psychopathy and Narcissism. (2014)
- Status updates—“odd” and negatively valanced content
The Dark Triad and Trait Self-Objectification (2015)

- Posting and editing selfies (males 18-40)
- Using SNS as “cheater strategies” to offset antisocial personality traits
- Narc and self-obj predicted editing photos
Status Over Social: Logos, “Likes,” and Loners
The Celebrity Effect
Evaluated by Our Friends, Fans, and Followers

- FB Friends’ wall postings and physical attractiveness impacts perceived attractiveness and credibility of profile owner.
- Negative comments re morality increased attraction for males, decreased for females.
Predatory Friending
Friendly Witnesses
Access Through Friendly Witnesses


- Govt can obtain info through cooperating W who is Facebook friends with D. No 4th Am violation.

- Cited precedent authorizing a pretext call
Jimmy Fallon on #Modern #Living
The Real You – in 140 Characters
a decade in america already, i want out
Days after the bombing

Ain't no love in the heart of the city, stay safe people
Never underestimate the rebel with a cause
Twitter versus Facebook: The Role of Narcissism (2014)

- Twitter: preferred communication among college age narcissists, not adults (who preferred FB)
“A Tale of Two Sites”
Twitter v. Facebook (2012)

- Extraversion: FB
- Less sociable individuals seeking cognitive stimulation: Twitter
Quest for Fame

- Fame, Facebook, and Twitter: How Attitudes About Fame Predict Frequency and Nature of Social Media Use (2013)
Disclosed Location

- College students’ disclosure of location-related information on Facebook (2014)
- Disclosure likely if friends disclosed
Travel Selfie Disorder (TSD)