The Normalization of Video Chatting

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Facebook, YouTube continue to be the most widely used online platforms among U.S. adults

% of U.S. adults who say they ever use the following online platforms or messaging apps online or on their cellphone

- YouTube 73%
- Facebook 69%
- Instagram 37
- Pinterest 28
- LinkedIn 28
- Snapchat 27
- Twitter 22
- WhatsApp 20
- Reddit 11

Note: Pre-2018 telephone poll data is not available for YouTube, Snapchat and WhatsApp. Comparable trend data is not available for Reddit.

Source:
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We have the technology!

Source: Pew Research Center, "Mobile Fact Sheet", 2019
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Friends

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Family

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Dating Apps

[Images of dating app interfaces]
Have ever used a dating site or app

U.S. adults: 30%

Men: 32%
Women: 28%

Ages 18-29: 48%
30-49: 38%
50-64: 19%
65+: 13%

White: 29%
Black: 31%
Hispanic: 28%

Straight: 28%
LGB: 55%

HS or less: 22%
Some college: 35%
College+: 35%

Source: Pew Research Center, "10 Facts About Americans and Online Dating, 2020"
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Potential downsides and other considerations
1. Loss of full range of body language
2. Physical contact may be necessary and irreplaceable in building romantic intimacy
3. Inequities to technology access
4. People are tired of social distancing
What’s beyond video chatting?
Hologram Chatting

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Resources

- **Asexuality**
  - The Asexual Visibility & Education Network: [www.asexuality.org](http://www.asexuality.org)

- **Free Video Chatting Platforms**
  - Zoom: [https://zoom.us/](https://zoom.us/)
  - Google HangOuts: [https://hangouts.google.com/](https://hangouts.google.com/)

- **Dating Apps**
  - Bumble: [www.bumble.com](http://www.bumble.com)
  - Tinder: [www.tinder.com](http://www.tinder.com)
  - Grindr: [www.grindr.com](http://www.grindr.com)

- **Teledildonics**
  - KIIROO®: [www.kirroo.com](http://www.kirroo.com)
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The end. Thank you!