

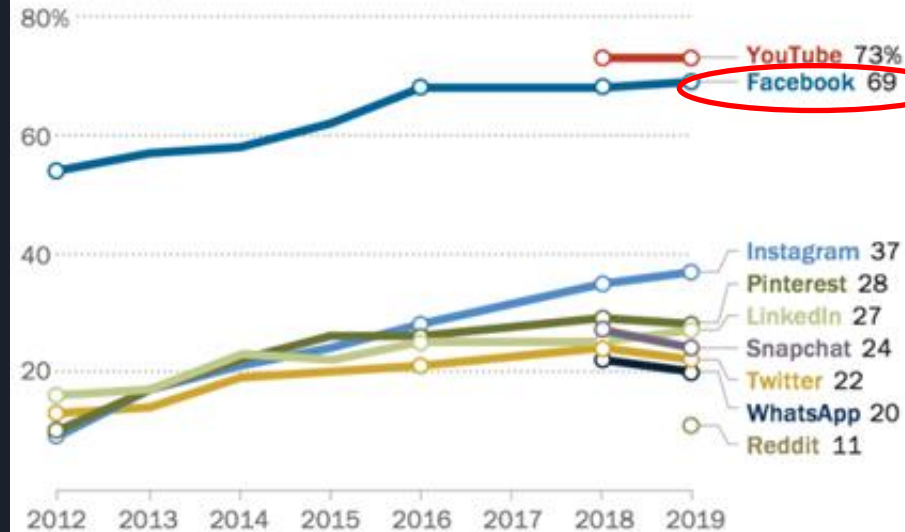


The Normalization of Video Chatting

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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



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

Source: Survey conducted Jan. 8-Feb. 7, 2019.

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We have the technology!



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Google Hangouts

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We have the necessity!



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Friends



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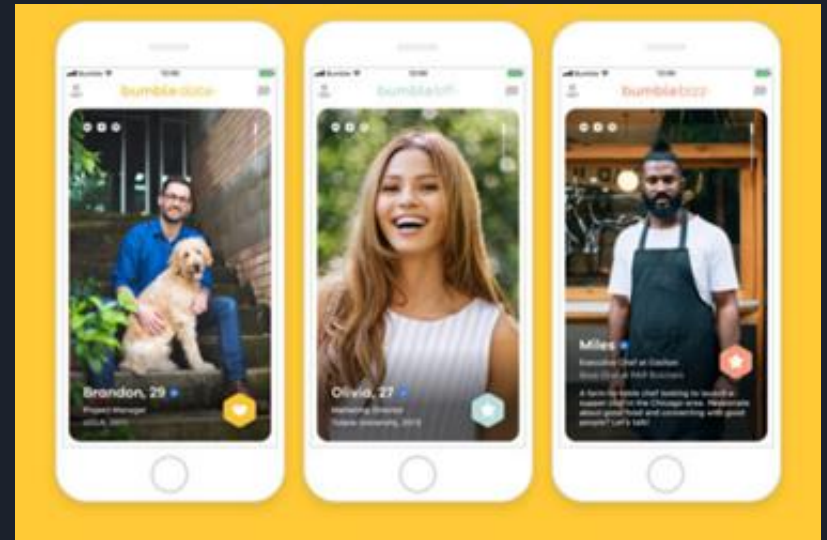
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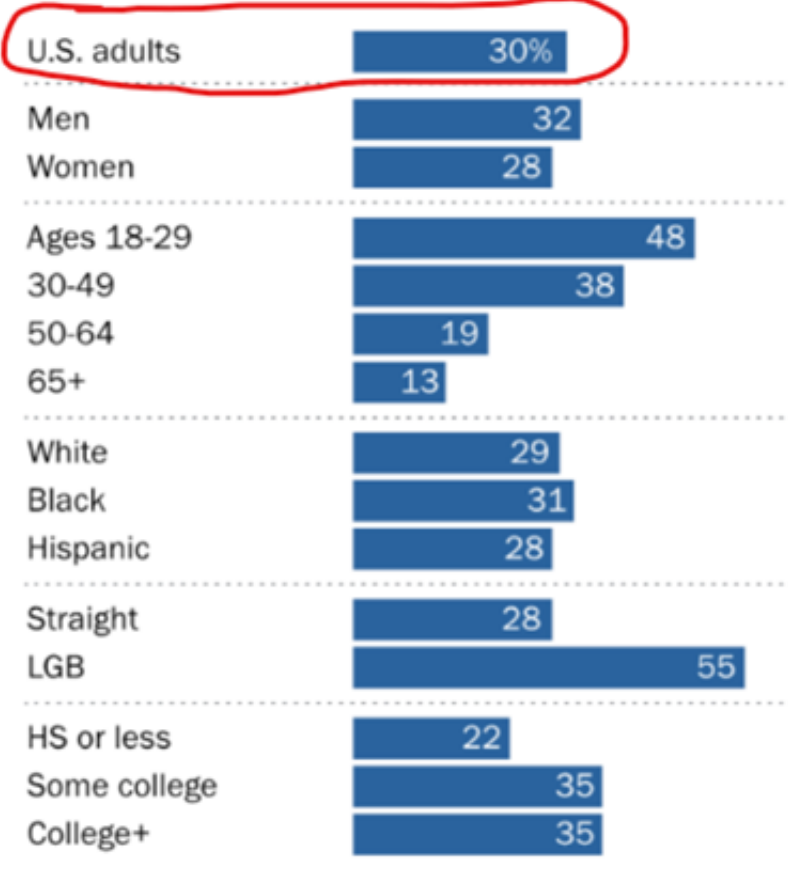
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Dating Apps



Have ever used a dating site or app



Source: Pew Research Center, "10 Facts About Americans and Online Dating, 2020"



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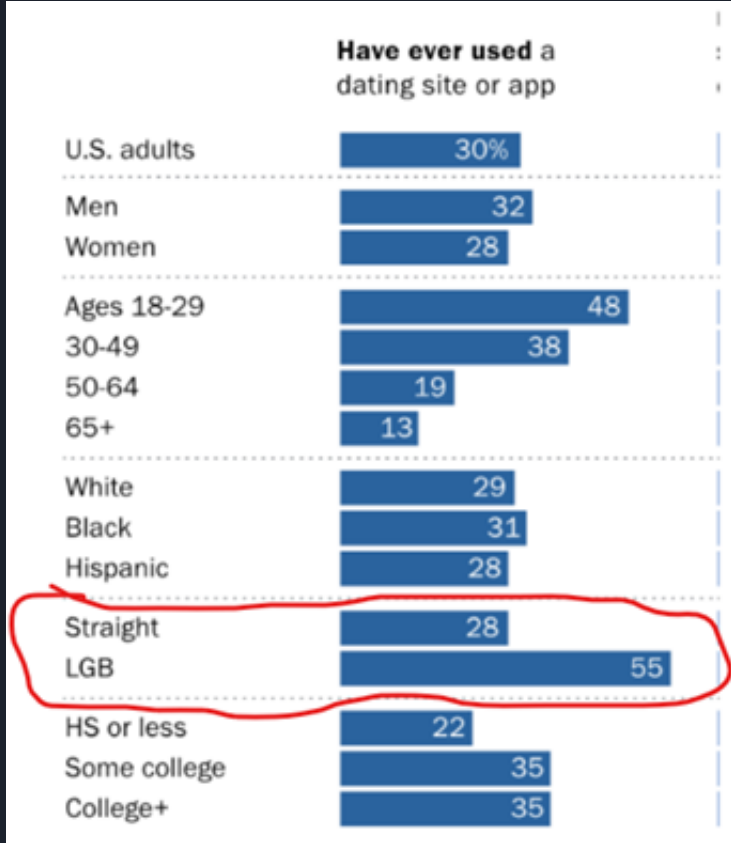


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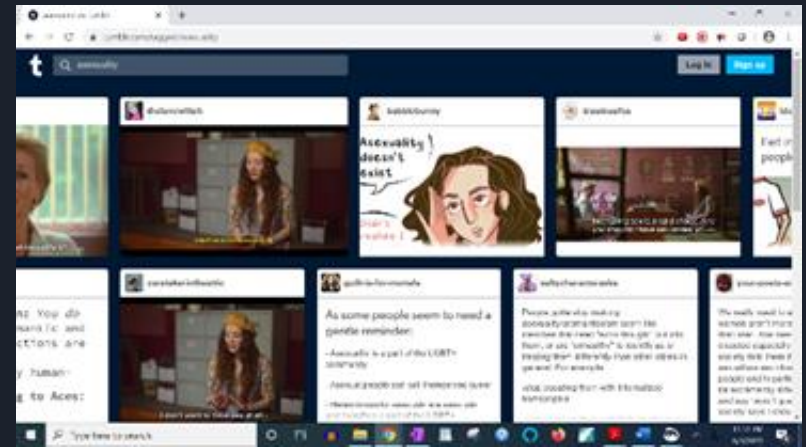
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Potential downsides and other considerations



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



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What's beyond video chatting?

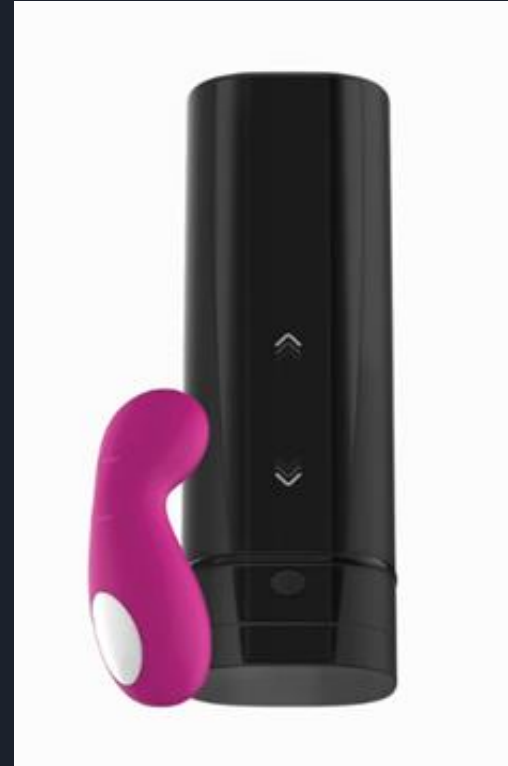
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Resources

- Asexuality
 - The Asexual Visibility & Education Network: www.asexuality.org
- Free Video Chatting Platforms
 - Zoom: <https://zoom.us/>
 - Google HangOuts: <https://hangouts.google.com/>
- Dating Apps
 - Bumble: www.bumble.com
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The end. Thank you!