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The Teens' Perspective – Live: What Teens Know about Privacy



We are:
REGULAR teenagers
with DIFFERENT personalities
and DIFFERENT friends
and DIFFERENT interests



Perspective



*Our entire lives are online.
We were babies and our
parents posted pictures of
us. Our school events and
school projects are online.
All our medical records are
online. Everywhere we go,
things we've done, people
we know, is all out there in
other people's computers.*



Our Future



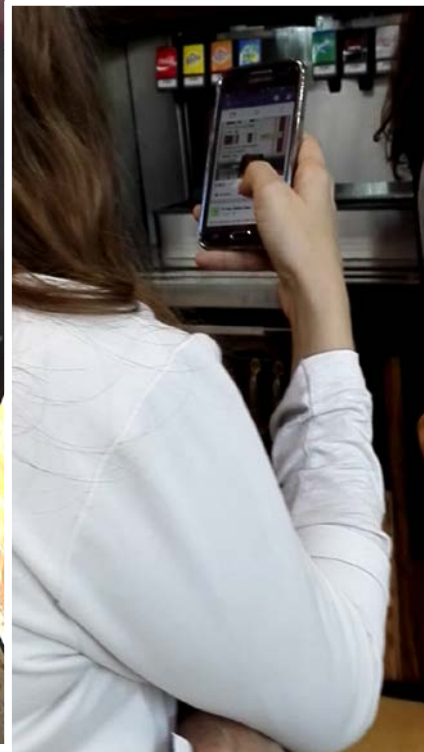
We have ALWAYS been judged. We only know a world that can see what we've done and criticize us. Someday we'll have an online resume and look for work and our whole lives will be out there for employment review.



People-Watching



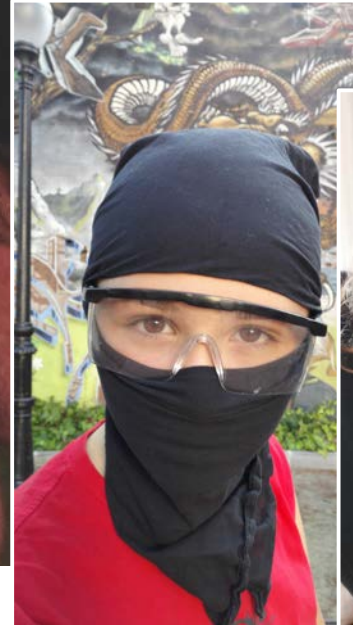
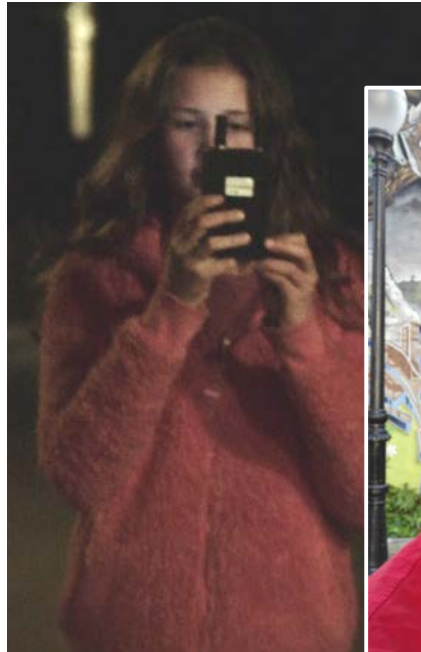
We have ALWAYS been able to “people watch” our friends, neighbors, and enemies online at any time. And our “looking online” is different from your “looking online” because it’s how we’ve ALWAYS known to people-watch.



Being Private



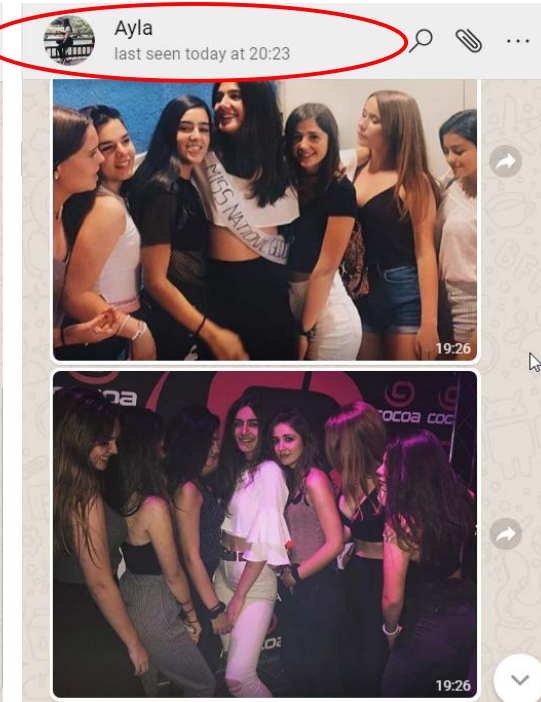
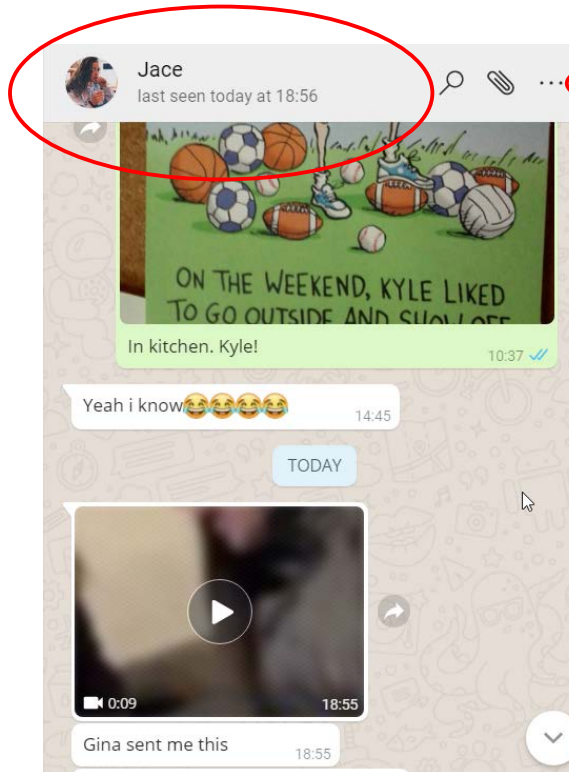
We are aware of what people can see about us. For us privacy is about having more than one identity, it's who we are with the people we care about and who we are to those we don't know. Privacy is that you don't know us.



Privacy Settings



Privacy settings are wrong. Those settings help us to hide. But they also punish us for hiding- no stats on who's looking at us, no seeing when our friends are online, no chance to share the side we want to share, and they don't let our followers to grow.



Privacy Leaks



Our leaks are sometimes embarrassing. We might have to fear being bullied from them. But there's nothing we can leak about ourselves that is more revealing or more damaging than any big company, hospital, or government can do to us when they get breached.



Proactive Privacy



Sometimes the best way to be private is to get ahead of bullying and judgments.



We Blame You



The truth is we never had a chance to be private. That's your fault for doing that to us.

Now the best we can do is choose who we want others to think who we are. Then we don't care what they think of that "other" me because it's not me.



So Change It



- 1. Stop tagging us in things. Relationships, where I am, what I'm doing is all meta data. You're exposing us even more.*
- 2. Let us be split personalities. Let us have accounts for friends, for family, and for others.*
- 3. Encourage us to be fake (online). It's called disinformation. It protects us.*
- 4. Schools stop making us sign up to "free" accounts for things. We get it you have limited budgets but you're selling the kids to make up the difference.*