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## It's not just you: New data shows more than half of young people in America don't have a romantic partner

不只是你：新的数据显示，超过一半的美国年轻人没有伴侣

Austin Spivey, a 24-year-old woman in Washington, has been looking for a relationship for years. She's been on several dating apps—OkCupid, Coffee Meets Bagel, Hinge, Tinder, Bumble. She's on a volleyball team, where she has a chance to meet people with similar interests in a casual setting. She's even let The Washington Post set her up.

奥斯汀·斯皮维，一名来自华盛顿州的 24 岁女性，多年来一直在寻找一段感情。她已经注册了多个交友软件——OkCupid、Coffee Meets Bagel、Hinge、Tinder 和 Bumble。她还加入了排球队，在那里她有机会在轻松随意的环境里遇见志趣相投的人。她甚至让《华盛顿邮报》帮她牵线搭桥。

Spivey has a lot of company in her frustration, and in her singledom. Just over half of Americans between the ages of 18 and 34—51 percent of them—said they do not have a steady romantic partner, according to data from the General Social Survey released this week.

还有很多人像斯皮维一样处在这种沮丧和孤独的状态当中。根据本周发布的“综合社会调查”数据，在 18 至 34 岁的美国人中，有略微超过一半的人（51%）表示他们没有稳定的伴侣。

There are several other trends that go along with the increase in young single Americans. Women are having fewer children, and they're having them later in life. The median age of first marriage is increasing. And according to a 2017 report from the Pew Research Center, among those who have never married but are open to it, most say a major reason is because they haven't found the right person.

随着单身的美国年轻人越来越多，一些别的趋势开始出现了。女性生育的孩子越来越少，生育年龄也越来越迟。初婚年龄的中位数正在上升。根据皮尤研究中心 2017 年的一份报告，在那些从未结过婚但对婚姻持开放态度的人中，大多数人认为没有伴侣的一个主要原因是还没有找到对的人。

Laura Lane, co-host of the podcast “This Is Why You’re Single” and co-author of a book by the same name, says a lot of people who write in to her podcast looking for love advice are unhappy with their lives—and they think another person will fix that. “You really have to find that yourself,” she says, adding that nothing really clicked, romantically, for her or for her co-host Angela Spera “until we had something personally exciting that we were doing. I think it was an energetic thing where we attracted people into our lives.”

劳拉·莱恩是播客《这就是你单身的原因》的联合主持人，也是一本同名书的合著者，她说很多给她写信寻求情感建议的人对自己的生活都不太满意——他们认为找到伴侣会解决这个问题。莱恩表示，“你真的需要自己去发现（解决问题的方法）”，“还补充道，对于自己和搭档主持人安吉拉·斯佩拉而言，两人一直没能拥有稳定的感情，“直到我们有了为之兴奋的事业。我认为这样可以让人充满活力，我们也正因此吸引别人走进我们的生活。”

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## 重点词汇

bagel/'beɪɡl/

n. 贝果，百吉饼，面包圈

tinder/'tɪndə/

n. 火种

bumble/'bʌmbl/

v. 踉跄；结巴地讲话

e.g.

英文释义：to speak or move in a confused way

casual/'kæʒuəl/

adj. 轻松的

e.g.

搭配短语：casual conversation

搭配短语：casual customers

set sb. up

安排；给...介绍对象

e.g.

例句：His father set him up in the family business.

例句：She tried to set him up with one of her besties.

例句：The suspect claimed that he had been set up. (陷害)

company/'kʌmpəni/

n. 陪伴，同伴

e.g.

英文释义：the fact of being with a person or people, or the person or people you are with

例句：A man is known by the company that he keeps.

singledom/'sɪŋɡldəm/

n. 单身状态

e.g.

英文释义：the state of being unmarried or not involved in a long-term relationship

相关词汇：single (adj.)

相关词汇：boredom

go along with

伴随

e.g.

英文释义：to support an idea, or to agree with someone's opinion

例句：I go along with his views on dieting.

median/'mi:diən/

adj. 中间值的，中位数的

podcast/'pɒ:dkæst/

n. 播客

e.g.

相关词汇：pod; broadcast (n. 广播) ; iPod

click/klɪk/

v. 两情相悦

e.g.

英文释义：become successful or popular

固定搭配：sth. clicks

例句：Everything clicked for them.

搭配短语：to click with sb.

英文释义：fall in love with sb.

例句：He didn't really click with the girl.