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How to be a Successful Couple on Facebook

While you can manage your social media profiles easily through mylife.com, you cannot manage how other people are going to react to overzealous and too-frequent protestations of undying love via Facebook - because usually, it is not with equal enthusiasm. Want to be a good girlfriend or boyfriend but not alienate all of your shared Facebook friends? Here are some tips for successful coupledom on the world's most public stage.

Keep It Short and Sweet

Nothing makes everyone roll their eyes like a long, flowery status update which hits every major point on which you think your significant other excels as a life partner. You want the world to know you're the luckiest gal or guy alive? Then do it Twitter-style and stay succinct. What's more, someone else could be going through a terrible break-up, and forcing them to witness your rambling reminder of what they no longer have is just plain cruel.

Make Fights a Private Affair

If you have to argue with your snookie pie, it should always - repeat, always - stay between the two of you. Dragging friends or family into it is rude and only invites explosive chaos; and while Facebook makes it all-too-easy to start with the back and forth, you are not just sharing that fight with a few other individuals; you are basically screaming at each other over a microphone in a crowded football stadium, everyone is cringing, and all of the exits are blocked.

Some Things Really Are TMI

TMI - or too much information - should be resisted at all costs. How wonderful that you just can't get enough of your girlfriend's shapely derriere. That is bedroom talk that can stay put

at the foot of your bed (or in the locker room) and should go no further - not the least online, where your Great Aunt Mary can see and promptly keel over.

However the "relationship status" aspect of Facebook came about, Mark Zuckerberg has forever changed how we pair up and break it off with one another. Still, keeping it classy online is just as important - if not more so - as how we comport ourselves as a duo in person.