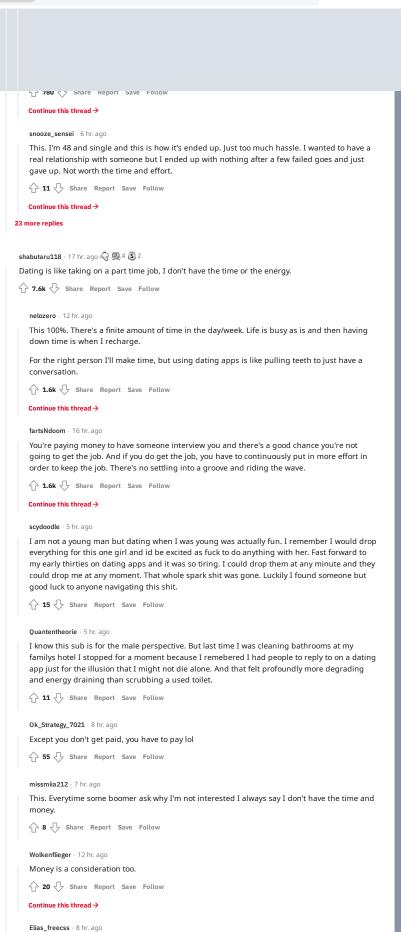
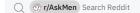


Loneliness is a very uncomfortable emotion. But, in my experience, relationships bring a host



Dude at least a part time job gives you money, this is worse

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Yup. Back in college it was easy because all I had to worry about was classwork. There was plenty of time for dating.

Now? I have to work, cook, and clean. That leaves me with like 4-5 hours of leisure time to myself a day. That's not even counting other things that may pop up. I'm sure I could fit it in if I really wanted to but it's not a priority to me at the moment. Relaxation is.

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## deathproof-ish · 17 hr. ago 🌉 💁 2 👸

I've learned to not look. Just keep doing other stuff. Looking leads to misery.

project\_nl · 15 hr. ago 🧶 🕒

Desires lead to misery mate



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#### AntEvening3181 · 14 hr. ago 🚳

Hope is the first step on the path to disappointment

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#### DxLaughRiot · 12 hr. ago

This right here. Observing myself, I go through periods of positivity and depression a couple times a year, and if I look back at what triggers most of the depressive episodes it's pretty much always dating apps.

Idk if it's just the free apps or if it's just the inevitable outcome of trying to digitize and commodify human connection, but all dating apps seem to make people just seem disposable - particularly yourself.

I deleted them all and I feel way better, but it's left it's mark on how I view dating entirely. I'm working on getting past that and exploring just meeting people irl, but honestly I'm happy doing my thing and being single I don't ruin that with dating.



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 $\textbf{LadrilloDeMadera} \cdot \textbf{15 hr. ago} \cdot \textit{edited 5 hr. ago}$ 

That sounds like something Gandhi\* said

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# Adddicus · 15 hr. ago

"No. We begin by coveting what we see every day. Don't you feel eyes moving over your body, Clarice? And don't your eyes seek out the things you want?"

# -Hannibal Lecter

## glacialwrecker · 5 hr. ago

Yup this exactly. I stopped looking, deleted all my dating apps, stopped snapping them for their stupid streaks and just starting doing my own thing. Out of the blue, a girl I knew and kinda like hit me up first and things started rolling from there.



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# Sarcastic\_\_ · 17 hr. ago S

After my last couple of experiences, I've decided I'm taking time away from the whole dating game. I've tried my best through the years but it's not been a fruitful experience overall. It's been difficult trying my best and seeing that my best doesn't move the needle very much at all.

- situation where the other party moved things quickly and when I tried to match it, it wasn't received well. I've tried to go slow and that didn't get received well either. I don't like this game where I have to guess whether I should match or be different.
- it's been covered but I feel like I'm told consistently I'm not good enough. It is just
  downright depressing to hear that when I try to put my best foot forward to find out I didn't
  stand a chance. I try to takeaway something from my outings but it's reached the point
  where "I'm not good enough" comes up often enough that I can't process that anymore

I'm trying my best to be reflective of things but I think I've just hit the point where I can't do it anymore. It's better to step away for a while and not think about it as it seems to be a path to perpetually hurt myself. Sucks but can only look after yourself. Everything else is out of my control.

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SFLADC2 · 15 hr. ago

God I relate to this. Feels like you try every avenue possible and it still doesn't work.

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Revival- · 15 hr. ago

Spot on brother, it feels like anything you do is the wrong move - it drains energy and it makes you really question your self-worth.

When I'm not trying anymore is typically when I'm happiest and feel the best about myself.

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LexSacrata · 15 hr. ago

• continual one and done dates are tiring. Personally, it's a lot of effort to talk with someone for a while and figure out a time to meet. I don't have an issue with the other party deciding this isn't for them, but after having this happen consistently, I can't muster up the energy mentally to try again

I'm lucky that I met my wife fairly young in this regard. When I was dating I was still in college and working at restaurants. It's super frustrating when you're broke as fuck and spend the little money you have (and I did cheap dates) on a girl and it doesn't result in anything.

I would never expect a second date, sex, or anything else after a date, but you feel like a sucker when you spend what little spare money you have taking a girl out and it literally results in nothing.

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mr\_sinn · 15 hr. ago · edited 14 hr. ago 🧶 🔇

I'm 37 and pretty much here too, I can date semi successfully but tbh, without bias, girls I interact with just want entertainment, it's what gets you results. I can cater to that and get interactions, but it's so painfully superficial. The formula works every time, be their court jester, shower them in attention, spend the moment, be the slave.. Or approach them as another person, a peer, and watch the interest drain. I have to sell my personality out to do it and I'm over it.

Theres so much feigned interest in girls profiles now (granted I don't see the guys). "Just make me laugh", " you'll always take second place to my dog", "I just matched for your pets", "dont hate me if I say I didn't want anything then steal your food", "you get extra points for.." It's just degrading to read that over and over and over. The entitlement and degradation is off the charts.

There's no blame to be assigned here, they're top of the food chain when it comes to dating attention with an inexhaustible supply of gentlemen waiting to cater for that. I feel they truly do suffer in a similar fashion but for other reasons, there's always someone else, something else, why commit when you can just pick up a phone and have someone at your door willing to provide the experience you want at a moments notice. You can live perpetually in the honeymoon period again and again. As some of us suffer from what we feel is a lack of attention, I wouldn't down play the pitfalls with an overabundance of attention. How do you reasonably navigate either of these no-win scenarios.

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#### thenegativeone112 · 13 hr. ago 🌉

Hear ya my dude. It's cool to be yourself until yourself isn't what she wants. It's cool to be a poser until she says you're trying too hard to be someone else. It's a lose lose.

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feeling like I'm in some kind of audition line, I hate feeling like I'm giving others a part of me or opening up to them so they can "inspect" if I'm good enough at the risk of being thrown out and treated like some kind of unwashed animal when I'm found wanting.

I'm tired of feeling like I need to be constantly "presenting" to somebody. I hate feeling like I need approval before I can validate my existence. It's just the weird wrapper that has been put around dating in general and the quite frankly cruel, ignorant, and unnecessary implications made towards you when you aren't successful at it that just irritates me to the point where I just don't want to do it anymore.

I have a couple good friends and my dog. I don't need anyone else and I'm not putting myself out there to attract anyone anymore. It just all feels like such a waste, and I owe it to myself to live for more than someone else's approval. There just doesn't seem to be any reward for all the stress it causes.

Also please note, and tbh it's annoys me that I even have to clarify this. I absolutely do not hate anyone of any gender in any conceivable way. It's simply the seemingly desolate, downtrodden role that I seem to be expected to play in society and in social settings that I'm rejecting. I'm not even against having a relationship but I'm not gonna waste my life looking for something I'm likely to not find.



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Bronzeshadow · 17 hr. ago 🗞 🕮 2 🕞 2

I'm just tired. I feel like everyone I date has a laundry list of expectations for me. I just want to be seen as myself and not just "a guy".



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**blahblahlablah** · 13 hr. ago

Mind if I ask your general age group?

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RebTilian · 10 hr. ago

Social Media, Hollywood and Porn have really altered the expectations of the general public across the board when looking for a mate. It's actually really messed up psychologically when a person thinks about it. This is affecting the younger generations at a higher rate than older ones too, like compounding technological fuckery.



#### Kirkverbal · 18 hr. ago 🕮

Delete all data apps. Go old school. Like all social media, they fucking ruin everything. I realize the irony of posting this on reddit.

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## FlamingArrow97 · 17 hr. ago

To be honest, I find I have more control over what I look at on Reddit, and mine is more tailored to funny shit and hobbies instead of other people's lives. I think that stems from reddit being more focused on following communities instead of individuals though.

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Jout · 17 hr. ago

Reddit and discord are the only two "social media" apps I use, which to be honest I wouldn't even classify as social media in alignment with apps like Snapchat/Facebook/Instagram

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ELB95 · 17 hr. ago

Agreed. I'd use apps on and off, had some conversations that never really went anywhere. Deleted them, and now I'm pretty happy with my girlfriend. We met at work, which can have issues but is also one of the few ways to meet people.

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 $\textbf{societalies} \cdot \textbf{16} \; \text{hr. ago} \cdot \textit{edited 15 hr. ago}$ 

So I did that, and I feel it has never let me join normal society. So... didn't exactly work out.

But I probably don't want to join normal society, but where are people not into normal boring shit?

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 $Terakahn \cdot 15 hr. ago$ 

Male

I like this advice except for the fact it seems like no one wants to meet anyone on anything outside of these apps. Like this is their only option.

I actually can't think of a single person under 30 who met someone organically and dated them unless they were just already friends for a long period of time (1 yr +)

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