### Better Health Through Social Networking?

or, Facebook is Not Just for Kids

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- Are you confused about social networking tools like Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, or LinkedIn?
- This session will provide an overview of popular Social Networking tools, with an emphasis on Internet Safety for both adults and teens.



5 Ways Social Media is Changing Our Daily Lives



- I. Where we get our news
- 2. How we start and do business
- 3. How we meet and stay in touch with people
- 4. What we reveal
- 5. What we can influence

http://mashable.com/2009/10/16/social-media-changing-lives/

#### **Quick fire Quiz**

What's the number 1 activity on the Web?

Pornography?

Social Media



#### **Quick fire Quiz**

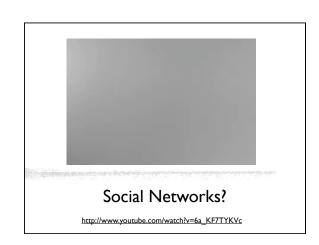
What percentage of consumers trust **Advertisements?** 

14%

What percentage of consumers trust **Peer Recommendations?** 

**78%** 

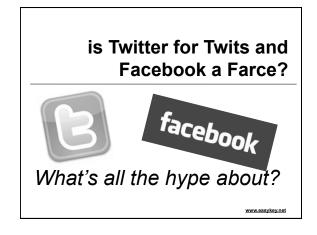


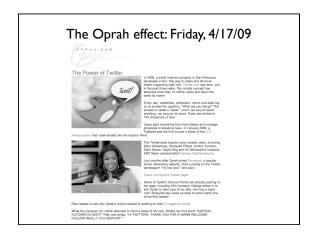












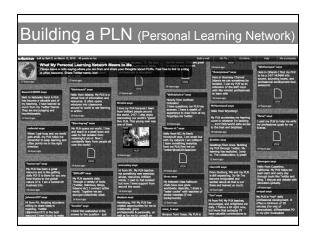




## Twitter – Surely a waste of time?

Sad people with nothing better to do?







#### the Big Party

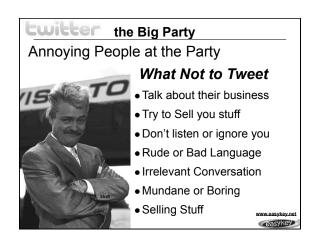
- •Look for people you might know Twitter **Search**
- Find people who are into the things that interest you
   Search Topics - follow people
- Listen to folks so you begin to get to know them Read carefully

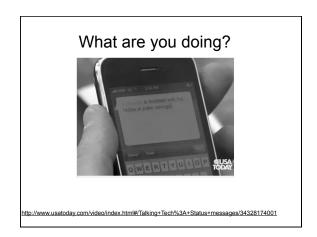


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- Compliment people **Reply**
- Let them know when you agree with something they say
   Re-Tweet (RT)
- Ask a question about something that genuinely interests you tweet

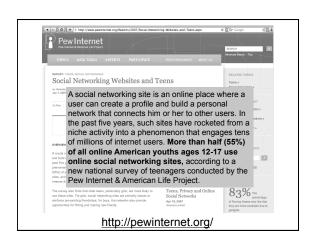


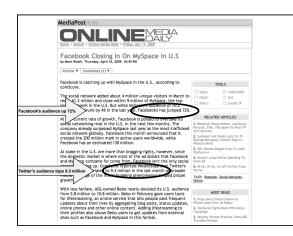




#### History of online Social Networks:

- 2003: Friendster used by "20-30-somethings"
   originally dating
- 2003: MySpace started as a 'rip-off' of Friendster... rock musicians and indie rock bands used for publicity
   — drawing in teens.
- 2004: Facebook started in colleges (elite social network)
- 2005: Facebook accepted high school students
- 2006: Facebook accepts everyone

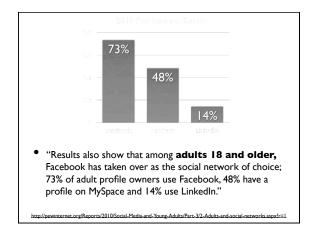


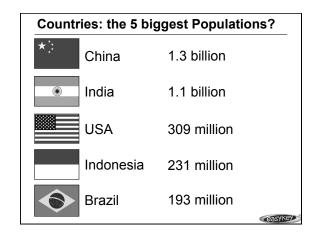


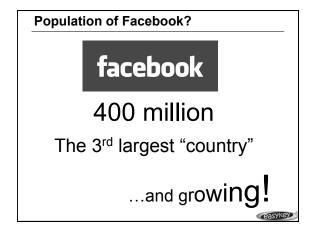
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 California-based organization that
 sponsors an annual survey of students,
 teachers, parents, and administrators,
 saw a 150% increase between 2007 and
 2008 "in the proportion of students
 using Facebook and other social networking sites to work with their
 peers on group projects for school."

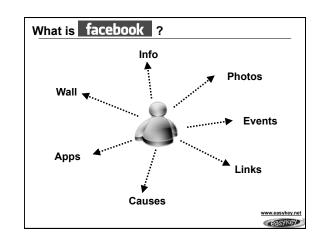
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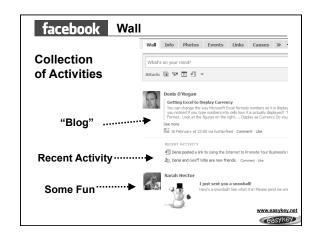




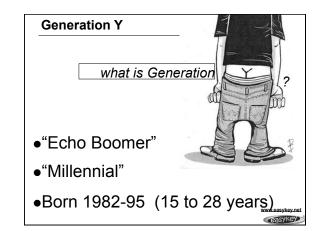












#### **Characteristics of Generation Y**

- Individual Expression (most radical change in China)
- More Culturally Liberal and Morally Tolerant than Generation X
- The rise of instant Communication Technologies via the Internet
- The growth of Social Networking and Interactive Gaming platforms



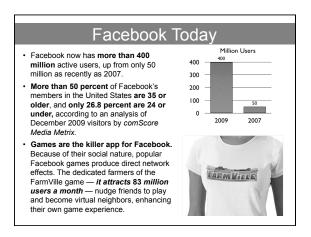
#### Why the Sociology Lesson?

- In 2010 Gen Y will outnumber Gen X (Baby Boomers)
- •96% use at least one Social Network
- Fastest growing segment on Facebook?

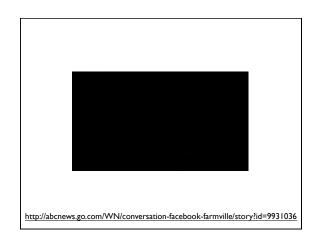
55-65 year-old females

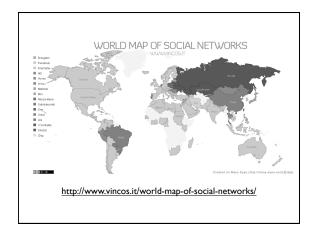


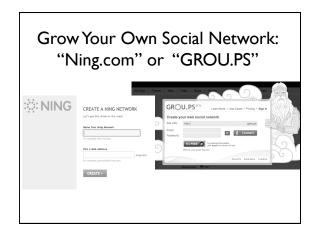






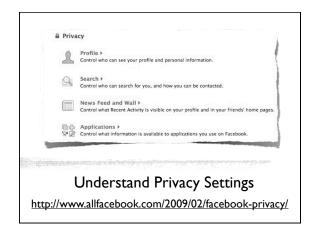














#### 10 Facebook Privacy Settings:

- I. Use Your Friend Lists
- 2. Remove Yourself From Facebook Search Results
- 3. Remove Yourself From Google
- 4. Avoid the Infamous Photo/Video Tag Mistake
- 5. Protect Your Albums
- 6. Prevent Stories From Showing Up in Your Friends' News Feeds
- 7. Protect Against Published Application Stories
- 8. Make Your Contact Information Private
- 9. Avoid Embarrassing Wall Posts
- 10. Keep Your Friendships Private

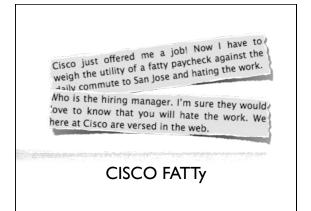


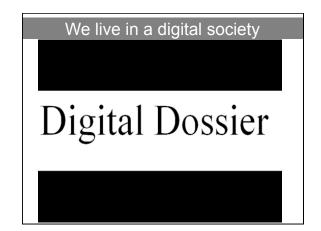


The Internet is not Private

#### Just the facts

- Assume everyone is going to see everything.
  - -Nothing on the internet is private
  - -An alias provides only minimal protection
    - 44% of teens only use one screen name
      - Source: Pew Internet & American Life Project Teens and Parents Survey
  - -Deleted does not mean gone





#### What families can do

• Start a conversation with your children about what they do online. Let them know that you understand how important using the Internet and other networked devices, such as cell phones, are to their lives.

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#### What families can do

- Let your children know that safety challenges—such as protecting the identities of family members—are a shared responsibility of all members of the family.
- As a family, set rules that consider the age and developmental stage of each child. Hold family meetings to revisit these rules on a regular basis.

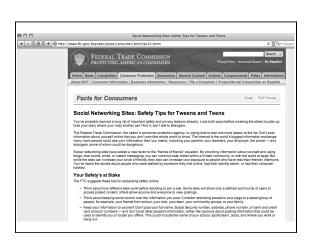
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#### Advice for Teens:

• Never use a screen name that could reveal your gender



- Use a different screen name for all the sites you visit
- Set your MySpace/Facebook page to "Private" — **only your friends** can visit
- Never put your home phone # on the Internet
- · Never put your email address on a website







#### Health Benefits

"... social support and social networking offer benefits, from additional resilience to greater life satisfaction to reducing the risk of health problems. Other studies in the past two years have found that feeling like a part of a larger group helps in stroke recovery and memory retention and boosts overall well-being."

– Scientific American

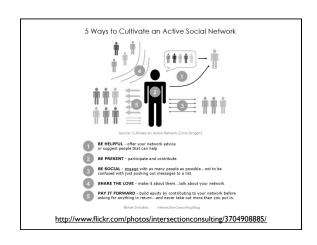
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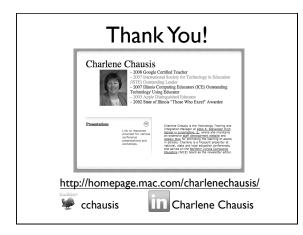
#### Health Benefits

- "We're not replacing everyday personal social networks with everyday online social networks. That's not the way it works. We're not substituting online for offline. We're augmenting."
- "We have more means of being in touch, and we seem to be using all of them."

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