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Concern & Aim

Social Media's popularity raises questions about its effects on our lifestyles. Yet, little is known about the effects of day-to-day social media choices on our quality of life.

Aimed to understand how the use of Social Media influences:

- > Well Being
- > Interpersonal Relationships
- > Habits

Research Questions

- 1) How does the level of engagement in social media (frequency of use, energy invested in use) relate to other life habits?
- 2) How does engagement in social media help people accomplish interpersonal relationship goals? How does it interfere with relationship goals?

Secondary Research

Pew Research

62% of Americans find news from social media

79% of online adults use *Facebook*

Measurements

- Qualtrics Survey
- iOS App "Moment"
- Critical Analysis

Target Audience

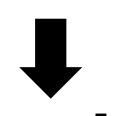
Millennials (1980-2002)

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Week 1

Ordinary Social Media Usage

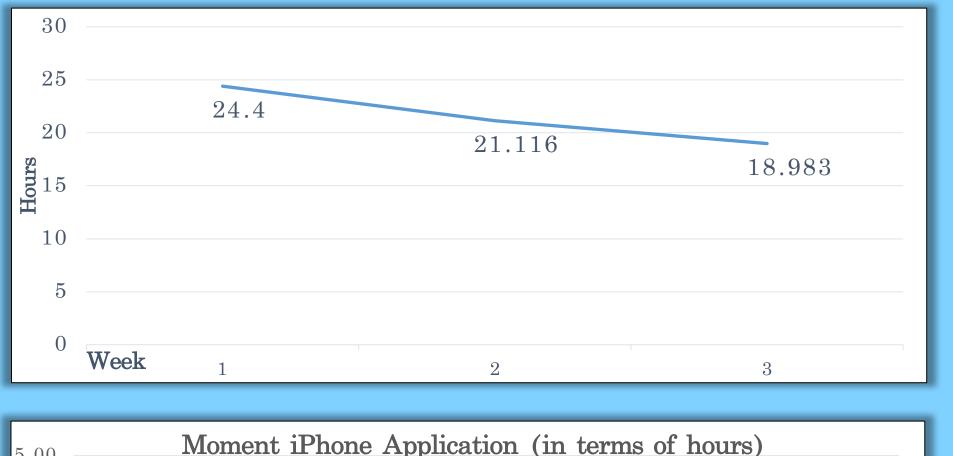


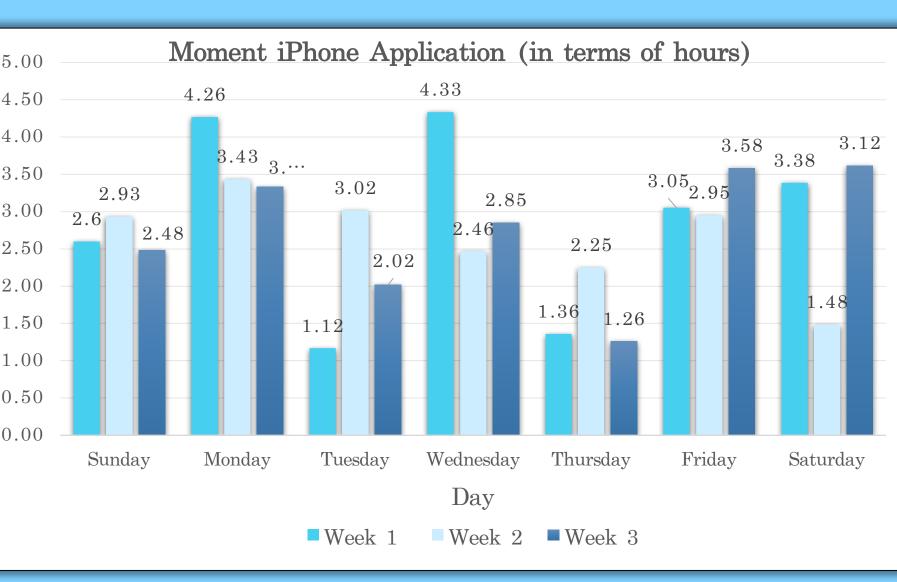
Week 2

No Social Media



Social Media Usage 2.0





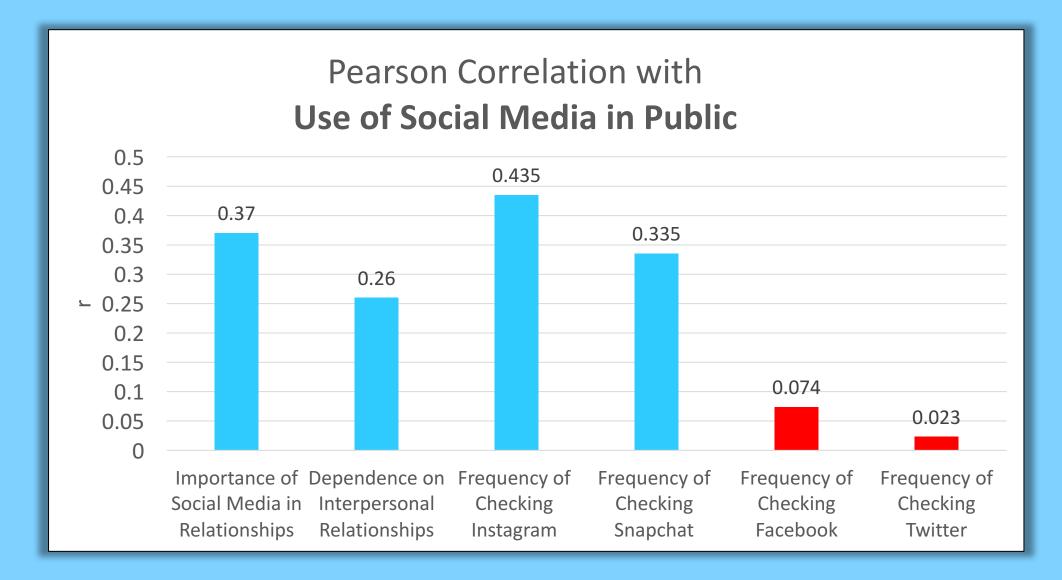


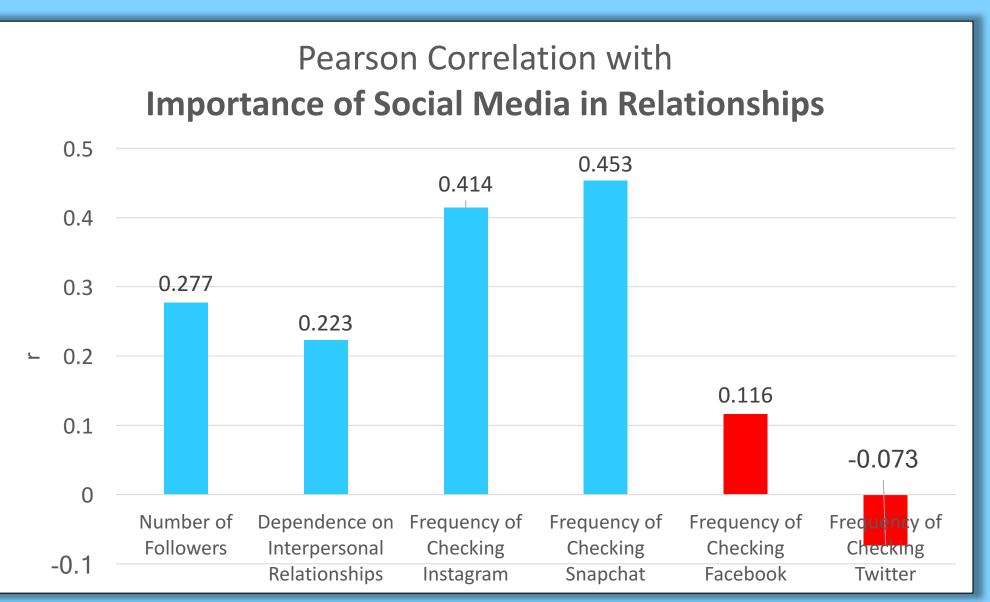
Week 2: Mobile
Device Usage Breakdown

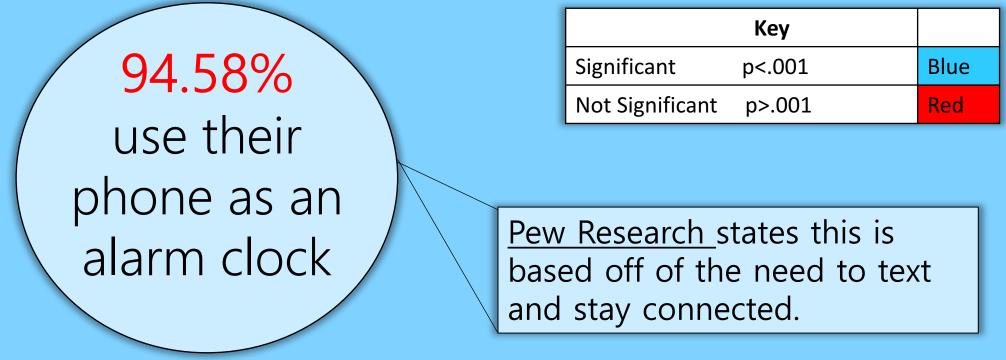
Takeaways

Mindfulness, Time Orientation, Productivity, Habits

Survey Data Analysis







Critical Analysis

Checking and posting on Social Media in <u>public</u> settings has an effect on **interpersonal relationships**. People who feel social media is important for their social relationships check it in more places. Those who do not use Social Media in public have a higher well being than those who use Social Media in public.

During my personal experiment, I felt a stronger connection to my peers in face-to-face situations while not using Social Media. After, reconnecting with my accounts after a week of Social Media isolation, I determined that my frequency of use was lower on networking sites. **Since the study**, I have turned off all Social Media notifications on my mobile device. I felt that I had missed out on interactions with friends on social media sites, yet my well-being had increased. This decision has since provided me with the leisure to use Social Media as I please.