MSN, Chat Rooms & the “Always On” Generation

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Outline

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What is Cyberbullying?
CyberBullying?

“Cyberbullying involves the use of information and communication technologies such as e-mail, cell phone and pager text messages, instant messaging, defamatory personal Web sites, and defamatory online personal polling Web sites, to support deliberate, repeated, and hostile behaviour by an individual or group, that is intended to harm others.”

Belsey, 2004
A Typical Cyberbully

- usually between the ages of 9 & 14 years old.
- usually knows their victim in real life.
- anyone, if aggravated enough.
- often the victims of offline bullying.
- girls typically cyberbully using communications and public postings.
- boys typically cyberbullying using technology, hacking and malicious code.
- teens over 14 are usually sexually harrassed, rather than just cyberbullied.

Aftab, 2005
A Typical Victim

- usually between the ages of 9 & 14 years old.
  (usually older if sexually harrassed)
- sometimes a schoolyard bully
- someone who may have offended someone inadvertently either offline or online.
- sometimes the victim of offline bullying as well.
- any child can be the victim of cyberbullying, and children are also more likely to be victims of online sexual harrassment.

Aftab, 2005
Categories of Cyberbullies

Typically, there are 4 types of cyberbullies:

- **Vengeful Angels**: Individuals using technology to “right past wrongs”.
- **Power Hungry or “Revenge of the Nerds**: Bullying for power in the schoolyard, or the ironic twist of offline bullies becoming online bullies.
- **“Mean Girls”**: Doing it for entertainment or the “drama”, often done in groups (not necessarily just girls).
- **Unintentional Cyberbullies**: Individuals who didn’t mean to cyberbully, but reacted in anger or were misunderstood.

Aftab, 2005
How is this Different?

- Cyberbullies can much more easily hide behind the anonymity that technology can provide.
- Instigators are much more difficult to catch, as they are often more difficult to identify.
- Messages can be communicated to individuals or groups easily and with tremendous speed.
- Cyberbullying often falls beyond the legal reach of schools and schoolboards.
- Victims are often reluctant to report incidents in fear that parents will remove their access to technologies (e.g., Internet, cellular phones).
Star Wars Kid Files Lawsuit

12:33 PM Jul. 24, 2003 PT

The parents of the infamous "Star Wars Kid" are suing classmates who posted a humiliating video of their son on the Net, according to Canada's Globe and Mail.

Quebec teenager Ghyslain Raza was the target of worldwide mockery when a private video he made of himself practicing his lightsaber moves was uploaded to the Net by kids at his school.

Now his parents are claiming damages of $160,000 from the families of the four classmates who digitized and published the video. Ghyslain's parents claim their son was so humiliated, he is undergoing psychiatric care and may be marked for life by the experience.

Ghyslain's video was posted to the Kazaa file-sharing network in the spring.

The two-minute video shows an overweight teenager fighting a mock battle with a golf-ball retriever doubling as a lightsaber. The teenager twirls the "lightsaber" ever more energetically while generating his own sound effects. It is obviously not for public consumption.

Ghyslain was so teased about the video, he dropped out of school and finished the semester at a children's psychiatric ward, according to a lawsuit filed in the Raza's hometown of Trois-Rivières, Quebec.
The Tools of the Bully
Instant Messaging

ICQ

MSN

AIM

Yahoo!
What is IM?

- An instant messenger (IM) is a specialized software client that allows instant text, audio or video communication between two or more people through a network such as the Internet.
- IM conversations happen in “real-time”, versus applications such as email where communication is asynchronous.
- IM clients usually allow users to build ‘buddy’ lists.
- Most IM clients incorporate an ‘awareness’ feature which indicates which ‘buddies’ are currently online.
CyberBully says: (2:26:52 PM)
alec, watch your bak ... youre goin dwn aftR skul!

CyberBully says: (2:26:52 PM)
im not scArd of U, stop bothering me.

alec says: (2:28:11 PM)
alec, watch your bak ... you're goin dwn aftR skul!
Message Boards/Groups

- Message boards are used by netizens to discuss various topics. They can be a great way to share information and opinions, but can also be used to bully to sexually harrass participants.
- Message boards are usually themed around particular topics such as popular culture, politics, education, teen life, or just about anything else.
- Message groups usually have a moderator, but can be very strictly or loosely monitored.
Click here to See Example of Questionable Conversation

Anybody up for a good party this weekend? Meaning no pussiez who are shy at the thought of meeting somebody new. Most of my friendz are out of town this weekend and I'm lookin for somethin to do and someone to do it with.

~Angie (aka VampirezOnCrack)

Wigglez~ willing to grab some friendz for a party?
Personal Polling Sites

- Personal polling sites are typically setup to gather opinions on personal matters.
- Some teens use these sites for personal acceptance into social norms, or to exclude or ridicule others.
Best Responses

Brandy says
I Would Kill... The Count!
One night, The Count was wandering aimlessly and ended up in a bad part of the street. Gang members quickly moved in on their prey. They gave him one, two, three blows to the head, four, five, six kicks to the groin, seven, eight, nine lashes with a chain and ten, yes boys and girls, ten shots were fired into his back.

Lotusess replies
Brandy, you Count very nicely. (Spelling needs improving, but all is forgiven for your impeccable style!) Guess this takes the old gang merchant "down for the Count!"

Too lazy to type my name says
I Would Kill... Oscar!
The garbage man would finally show up.

FatoJohnny replies
Simple, yet effective. I like it.

Too lazy to type my name says
I Would Kill... The Count!
One, Two, Three JUMP!

Toshito replies
Maybe I'm being a hoity toity moron, but I think that's even funnier than mightybigtv.com!

Too lazy to type my name says
I Would Kill... Zoe!
Persh Perish Perish Perish Perish, Death in a can, on a stick, on wheels

FatoJohnny replies
Great. Just what this place needs. Bad goth poetry.
The Race War has begun. Your skin is your uniform in this battle for the survival of your kind. The White Race depends on you to secure its existence. Your peoples enemies surround you in a sea of decay and filth that they have brought to your once clean and White nation.

Not one of their numbers shall be spared........
Text Messaging

- Text messaging is a very popular communication method for teens.
- Text messages can be sent phone to phone, computer to phone or phone to computer.
- Computer to phone messages can be very difficult to trace.
Webpages and Blogs

- Personal webpages have long been used by students to post personal information and create ‘homepages’.
- Webpages are generally open to the public and instantly searchable by major search engines (e.g., Google).
- While once more difficult to create, blogging has emerged as a simple way of creating and publishing personal online journals.
- While webpages and blogs can be excellent educational and reflective tools, they certainly can and have been used to bully and defame other children.
While dying Rob is clad in a lovely t-shirt making fun of himself
DIE YOU EVIL TEACHER!!!!

You ever had an awful teacher before? I mean, so awful that you could just pull out a gun and blow the brains out of him/her right then and there? Well I have, and it's not pleasant. Trust Me.

This web site is dedicated to evil teachers. I, along with some other friends of mine who also have teachers like this would like to start a campaign-- THE KILL EVIL TEACHER campaign.

Let me explain a bit more thoroughly on how awful these teachers are. They assign at least two hours of stupid, perplexing homework every night. I mean GOSH, how can us kids put up with this????! And if you think that's bad, dig this--> For the third semester at school, one of them assigned a BOOK, a stupid BOOK! I'm just fed up with this crap! And I'm sure all of their other students feel the same way! You know what I would like to do to them to start with? THIS:

I hope now you understand how awful these teachers really are, you will join the KILL EVIL TEACHER campaign, right?

Links

Another DIE EVIL TEACHER page

Email: h2oskin4m@aol.com
KILL YOURSELF

We often wondered how we could show mankind its true value. To say what we really think of people does not lead to anything but making an insult, those being too stupid to face their reality.

Indeed, death is the only finality of life but it is taboo for humans. People are inferior, despicable in their attitude and their appearance. For a few years, we have thus learned how to appreciate death and to find that the only beauty of manhood was when it died. Then we started to collect all the documents, books and magazines we could find in the whole world, with photographs of corpses displayed inside.

Finally, we created this site. Doesn’t this convince you that death is the goal of your life? Look at the splendid colors of these corpses.
Social Networking Sites

- Many teens are now becoming active in social networking services such as Hi-5 or Friendster.
- On such sites, students form virtual friendship communities, communicate with others, give testimonials, share personal journals and post announcements to shared spaces.
- Such sites can be used to replicate existing school-based cliques, and exclusion from such sites can also be a form of bullying.
Friendster is the fun and safe way to organize your social life

New to Friendster?
Join now - it's free and takes less than a minute to sign up.

Join Now

Already a member?

email
password

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Log In

Forgot your password?
Problems logging in?

Find out why more than 13 million people have joined Friendster, the FREE online service to:

- Stay in touch with your friends
- Find and reconnect with old friends
- See how your friends are connected
- Be reminded about friends' birthdays
- Meet new people through your friends
- Have fun browsing people who share similar interests

Learn More >>
A Look @ Digital Culture
As Digital Immigrants learn ... to adapt to their environment, they always retain, to some degree, their "accent," that is, their foot in the past. The "digital immigrant accent" can be seen in such things as turning to the Internet for information second rather than first, or in reading the manual for a program rather than assuming that the program itself will teach us to use it. ~Prensky, 2001
“N-geners ultimate computer”:

... about as big as a piece of paper ... It would be cellular and ... connected to any other computer in the world. It would also be a television giving me every TV channel ... What I would really like is a little credit card on the bottom of the screen and when an ad for something I like comes on I could click on the little card ... It would also be a telephone and you could call your friends ... and ... see what they're wearing... It would also be a stereo and give me any CD or music video I requested. But I want really good sound ... (Tapscott, Growing Up Digital)
It’s All About ME Baby!

From blogging to vanity surfing, technology is helping to inflate a new generation of egos of magnitudes never seen before.
1. All technological change is a trade-off.

2. The advantages and disadvantages are never distributed equitably.

3. Embedded in every technology is a powerful idea, sometimes more than one.

4. It’s not an additive, it’s ecological.

5. Media tend to become mythic.

Postman, 1991
Assault of girl posted on internet
Last Updated Sat, 02 Apr 2005 07:06:03 EST
CBC News

SASKATOON - A teenage girl from Saskatoon who found a video of herself on the internet getting beaten says she’s forgiven the girls who assaulted her.

“I’m not going to hold it against them because I know how it is. If 50 people are pressuring you to do it you’re going to do it,” said Jessica Beamish, 14.

Beamish, a student at E.D. Feehan high school in Saskatoon, said that earlier this month she was walking with a friend when she was jumped and repeatedly punched and kicked by two other girls. She lost consciousness and received cuts and bruises.

At least 100 people were watching the fight, she said.
Schools Ban Camera Phones Amid 'Happy Slapping' Craze

By Tim Ross, PA Education Correspondent

Head teachers have banned children from using video phones to slap other pupils in the face and recording the attacks.

The violent new craze among teenagers -- dubbed "happyslapping" -- has been plaguing commuters and the public.

Now schools have been forced to take action to stop the violent spreading into playground bullying.

London's Evening Standard reported that teachers at Crofton School in Lewisham, south London, had confiscated mobile phones after pupils caught recording the attacks.

A number of other schools are thought to have taken similar action.

A spokesman for Lewisham Education Council said: "Schools take these issues very seriously."

Budding Jordan cyber love

AMMAN (AFP) - A budding Jordanian writer has turned into an ugly public fact man and wife, state media reported.

Separated for several months, Amal Melhem and his wife Sanaa, the agency said.

Bakr, who passed himself off as Jamila (beautiful woman -- a devout Muslim), she is a beauty woman -- a devout Muslim, agency said.

Cyber love blossomed between the pair, making wedding plans. To all, Bakr was the flesh near a bus depot in the town of Zarqa, northeast of Amman.

The shock of finding out their true identities was too much for the pair.

Upon seeing Sanaa-alias-Jamila, Bakr-alias-Adnan turned white and screamed at the top of his lungs: "You are divorced, divorced, divorced" -- the traditional manner of officially ending a marriage in Islam.

"You are a liar," Sanaa retorted before fainting, the agency said.

We want that rabbit DEAD!

We are working on upgrading our web presence at the moment. We would have a better site but we just found out about this gag inducing little furry bastard so are gearing up for full fledged war. While you wait for the wonders that are soon to come, please checkout our new line of products, send in a donation to help the cause, and talk to your friends and relatives about the Anti-Toby movement.

executioner@killtoby.com

[Image of a rabbit crossed out]
Passing a Starbucks?

Why not stop in and take advantage of the special offer that just popped up on your mobile phone screen to get a free muffin with your Frappuccino?
Ever wonder what the rest of the world is searching for?

Catch a glimpse of some of the searches being performed on MetaCrawler at this very moment! The MetaSpy page will automatically refresh every 15 seconds.

MetaSpy Exposed

Get a no-holds-barred (unfiltered) look at the search queries of MetaCrawler users. This page updates automatically every 15 seconds with a new list of in-progress searches, and is available for mature audiences only.

Go to Metaspy
“Sex” on the Internet

- “Sex” the most frequently searched keyword on the Internet – 1 in 300 queries.
- “Porno” or “pornography” 4th most common keyword searched.
- A search for “Porn” in Google gives 80 million results.
- The online pornography industry is estimated to be worth 5-7 billion dollars.
Commonly Used Acronyms

F2F  - face to face
FYI  - for your information
IMO  - in my opinion
IMHO - in my humble/honest opinion
TTFN - ta ta for now
TTYL - talk to you later

POA  - point of advice
IRL  - in real life
GGP  - gotta go use the facilities
POS  - parent over shoulder
TNSTAAFL - there's no such thing as a free lunch
The World of Emoticons

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Tips & Resources
General Tips 4 Kids

- Never give out or share personal information numbers (PIN).
- Don’t believe everything an online contact tells you.
- Use netiquette.
- Never send a message to someone when angry.
- Never open a message from someone you don’t know.
- If it doesn’t look or ‘feel right’, it probably isn’t.
- Sign a contract for Internet use.
- Never meet an online friend without parental supervision.
- You don’t have to be ‘always on’ ... turn off, disconnect, unplug.

Adapted from Belsey, 2004
Meet Buffy. He’s the 17 year old high school cheerleader you’ve been “chatting” with on the web.
The Two Faces Of A 13-Year-Old Girl

DANBURY, Conn., May 21, 2002

(CBS) At her Catholic school, sixth-grader Christina Long made good grades, led the cheerleading squad and was an altar girl. On the Internet, she used provocative screen names and routinely had sex with partners she met in chat rooms, police said.

Police said 13-year-old Christina was strangled by a married restaurant worker she met on the Internet. Her body was found early Monday in a remote ravine in Greenwich.

Saul Dos Reis, 25, an undocumented immigrant from Brazil, confessed Sunday to the killing and led law officers to the body, U.S. Attorney John Danaher III said.

Classes were canceled Tuesday at the St. Peter School so students and parents could attend a memorial service and meet with grief counselors.

"I'm so devastated," former teacher Andrea Canniello said.
Are You Being Cyberbullied?

- Do not keep cyberbullying or any type of harassment to yourself. Tell an adult that you know and trust.
- Do not participate in any online conversation that makes you feel uncomfortable with the topic.
- Inform your Internet Service Provider or Mobile Phone service.
- Inform your local police.
- Do not reply to messages from cyberbullies.
- Do not erase or delete messages from cyberbullies.

Adapted from Belsey, 2004
Tips 4 Parents

- Keep the home computer in a public area of the house.
- Know who your children are talking to online. Get acquainted with their buddy lists. Have your children show you the online profiles of their buddies.
- Educate your kids on the importance of privacy. Children should never give away personal information to strangers.
- Cellular phone #’s should not be given away to anyone.
- Using monitoring or filtering software.
- Stay educated on the communication habits of teens.
- Communicate with other parents and teachers re: issues, concerns or tips they may have re: online safety.
- *** Develop relationship with your children that are open, trusting and caring.

Adapted from Belsey, 2004
Lingo2Word

Acronym, Emoticon Dictionary, Texting Thesaurus and Text Message Translator.
Funny txt message collection, colorful phrases. Popular Smiley, Chat words and text message lists

Lingo2word is devoted to demistifying the new Internet shorthand language of Text messages, Chat rooms and Emails. We are devoted to the fun of text messaging in all forms, there is a whole new fun language out there just waiting for you!

- An Online Searchable Shorthand Dictionary for words and phrases used in Email, Chat rooms, ICQ and Text messages
- Translate to txtmsg lingo. Do you want to create funny text messages?, Just type in your message and hit go.
- Translate from Lingo to plain English. If you have a message that you don't understand?, Just type or paste it in, hit go.
- Lists of the most popular Emoticons, Txting words and Acronyms to help enhance your vocabulary
- A searchable Text Message collection. Find a funny text

Search for the meaning of an Abbreviation, Jargon, Emoticon, Slang or Lingo word:

Can't understand the Text message below?
Click Translate it

I wan2 grow old with U,i wan2 dyN n ur arms.
Logged applications:
- WWW activity
- ICQ messages
- AOL messages
- MSN messages
- IRC messages
- Yahoo messages
- Incoming mail
- Outgoing mail
- FTP activity

Run Net Logger Pro at Startup

Don't send logs

Select logs to include in Activity Report:
- WWW log
- ICQ log
- AOL log
- MSN log
- IRC log
- Yahoo log
- Incoming mail log
- Outgoing mail log
- FTP log

Send logs to:
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Key Resources

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