










PRELIMINARY RESULTS

CYBERBULLYING STUDY -- Massachusetts Aggression Reduction Center at Bridgewater State College

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6. Think back to when you were in high school. During the last 2 years of high school, how important was your cell phone to you?	Number of Responses	Response Ratio
I didn't have a cell phone in high school 	23	26%
Not important 	5	6%
A little important 	7	8%
Sometimes important, sometimes not 	16	18%
Usually important 	25	28%
Very important, can't live without 	13	15%
<b>Total</b>	89	100%

7. Which type of communication did you prefer in High School?	Number of Responses	Response Ratio
Talking on your cell phone 	10	11%
Talking face to face 	51	57%
Instant messaging or text messaging 	28	31%
Email	0	0%
<b>Total</b>	89	100%



8. Have you ever been harassed, bullied, stalked, or threatened via instant messaging? (check all that apply)	Number of Responses	Response Ratio
No, never 	59	66%

Yes, while in high school		27	30%
Yes, after high school		9	10%




### 9. Have you ever harassed, bullied, threatened, or stalked someone via instant messaging? (check all that apply)




		Number of Responses	Response Ratio
No, never		70	79%
Yes, while I was in high school		17	19%
Yes, after high school		5	6%


### 10. In your opinion, if cell phones were banned from middle and high schools, would that reduce bullying problems in school?




		Number of Responses	Response Ratio
Yes, definitely		4	4%
Possibly		38	43%
No, absolutely not		47	53%
<b>Total</b>		89	100%

### 11. If you wanted to reduce bullying and abuse via cell phones, what would be the best policy for cell phones in high schools?

		Number of Responses	Response Ratio
A total ban - no cell phones period		28	31%
A partial ban - no camera phones		3	3%
A partial ban - no camera phones & no phones with messaging capability		1	1%
During school hours, no cell phones on students (they must remain in lockers)		37	42%
During class time, no cell phones should be visible (can be used in the hallways, lunch etc)		17	19%
Cell phones should be silenced but can be used anytime		1	1%
No cell phone restrictions		2	2%
<b>Total</b>		89	100%

12. Do you have a profile of yourself that you've posted on either MySpace, Xanga, FaceBook, or a similar type of website?	Number of Responses	Response Ratio
No, I've never posted a profile of myself 	27	30%
Yes, I posted one in high school but don't have one posted now	1	1%
Yes, I posted one in high school and I still use it	4	4%
Yes, I posted profiles of myself in high school and I've since posted profiles of myself while in college (but my college profiles were done on different websites.) 	12	13%
Yes, I have a profile posted now, but I didn't have one posted in high school 	45	51%
<b>Total</b>	89	100%

13. How many hours per week did you spend on socializing websites (like MySpace) while in high school?	Number of Responses	Response Ratio
0-2 hours per week 	75	84%
3-5 hours per week 	9	10%
6-10 hours per week	3	3%
11-15 hours per week	1	1%
16+ hours per week	1	1%
<b>Total</b>	89	100%

14. What information did you include on your high school profile? (check all that apply)	Number of Responses	Response Ratio
I never posted a profile in high school 	59	66%
Full name 	9	10%
Home address	2	2%
Phone number	0	0%
Cell phone number	2	2%
School name 	21	24%





Town name	17	19%
State name	24	27%
Name of a club or sports team you were on	12	13%
Location or address of your job	0	0%
Email address	11	12%
I had a profile, but didn't include any of the information above	5	6%

15. Are you aware of, or have you ever seen, a fake profile- one that was put up about someone by another person?			Number of Responses	Response Ratio
Yes	56	63%		
No	33	37%		
<b>Total</b>	89	100%		

16. Are you aware of, or have you ever seen, a profile that has or had content or blogging that is insulting, degrading, harassing, or threatening?			Number of Responses	Response Ratio
Yes	65	73%		
No	24	27%		
<b>Total</b>	89	100%		

17. Now that you are in college, how would you characterize high schoolers' posting of confidential or identifying information?			Number of Responses	Response Ratio
Most high schoolers are reasonably careful about what they post and aren't vulnerable to being stalked or bullied or harassed	3	3%		
Many high schoolers are careful but a minority post too much information about themselves	11	12%		
Some high schoolers are careful but many post too much information about themselves	32	36%		

Most high schoolers post too much information about themselves		43	48%
<b>Total</b>		89	100%

<b>18. When in high school, did you ever...(check all that apply)</b>		<b>Number of Responses</b>	<b>Response Ratio</b>
Know someone (including yourself) who went to meet an online friend in person?		30	34%
Know someone (including yourself) who went to meet an online friend in person and had a scary or intimidating experience?		11	12%
Know someone (including yourself) who went to meet an online friend in person and had a positive experience?		25	28%
None of the above; I never met anyone and I don't know anyone who ever went to meet someone in person		55	62%