

In This Experiment, I aimed to explore the ways in which social media sites allow us to maintain the illusion of friendship. I messaged 5 people who I had never interacted with on facebook, and had talked to for less than 30mins total in real life. I included their names in an attempt to hold them accountable to the digital connection that we share.

JR is a random person: they may actually be a fake account: they only have one picture and have not updated their profile since a couple days before they friended me.

DC is a Friend of a Friend: I've met him in person before I added him on facebook, and we seem to have similar senses of humor. Other than the fact he likes pop punk and lives on a farm, I know nothing about him. I think he's from either Vermont or the Pacific Northwest but .

JC This guy is (was?) in a local band that I played one or two shows with.

BM - I played a show with this guy once, I bought his CD because he's a dope guitar player, and I try to support local, but I haven't listened to it, and I thought most of his lyrics were

MO -I think I might have met this girl at a show when I was real drunk. I don't really know.

Jennifer Rearden

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A.k. Williams

3/4, 5:07pm

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Mandi O'Neill

3/4, 6:50pm

Lol I memeber you... I owed corn hole back in the day, lived with mcgee n paige. My favorite pizza topping is grilled shrooms. My latest triumph is im getting a jeep soon 😊 and ive doing pretty good, minus a few bumps in the road. It was nice hearing from you. You should go to the brew haus show on sunday btw. 😊



A.k. Williams

3/4, 8:08pm

I would love to but I can't, I'm finishing up school in jersey right now tho

I it's good to reconnect you know

facebook is such a trip: I've just been sick of having mad 'friends that I never talk to- people have the ability to connect so easy but don't use it



Mandi O'Neill

3/4, 9:34pm

Oh word. What ya studying? And I feel ya I have 100 + friends that I bearly speak to besides liking statues lol

Today



A.k. Williams

10:37am

I'm studying english, focusing on political speech and poetry. It's fo insane to have so many people who are barely interacting, tho I have to admit, it is cool to see the different things peopple get involved in

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