

What's the Future of Facebook?

Lindsay: Hey ladies. How are you doing?

Francis: Good. How (are) you doing?

Keriann: Hi Lindsay. Doing well.

Lindsay: I'm doing great. Thank you. And today's topic is Facebook. So when did you guys create an account on Facebook for the first time or *have* you created an account on Facebook?

Francis: I think I've had an account for about three years. It hasn't been that long. And I'm not a huge Facebook (um) user, but I -- a lot of my friends use it, so to **get caught up** with what they're doing, I, (you know), peek and sneak and see what they're doing and like here and there.

Keriann: I joined in 2007 when I was in high school (uh) because my boyfriend, he was a little bit older than me and he had it while I still had Myspace and so I had to – in order to see what he was doing, I had to get on it. I really didn't want to but I ended up doing it and I've had it ever since, except I just deactivated it two days ago for Lent. So I'm on day two. I'm going strong.

Lindsay: That's an interesting idea, the idea of giving up Facebook for Lent. I like that idea. What kinds of **challenges do you think you'll face** Keriann?

Keriann: I'm actually, I'm worried that people– okay, I said I deactivated it, I'm just not going on it. But I'm a little nervous that people are going to

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put stuff on there while I'm away and not monitoring it, so hopefully, (um), hopefully everything will be fine. I deleted the app from my phone, so I don't know if I'm getting any notifications. (Um) I think it's going to be good. I'll save a lot of time and I'm in school, so I can do some more school work. I'm excited.

Francis: That's interesting. I'm quite a private person, so I'm not a person that wants to post my whole life, whole life story on Facebook, but my sister's very

different. She posts everything and anything.

Keriann: Yeah.

Francis: And for me, I have a problem with (like) putting real personal stuff (like) if somebody dies or stuff like that, I feel a little bit weird about that, but that's just me.

Lindsay: Yeah, I think it's definitely -- there's a **fine line**, right, what you should post and what you shouldn't. So what are some of the pros and cons of Facebook?

Keriann: You definitely get to know everything about everyone and what's going on and you don't lose contact with anyone. (You know), you've lived in Japan, you've lived in Spain, you've lived in Buffalo, you've lived in Boston, and you have friends from everywhere. So if you want to know what everyone's doing -- maybe you don't -- but if you do, then it's going to put everything all in one place.

Francis: Yeah, I agree with Keriann with that point and then what I just said before about the privacy issue, (you know), the other way. You don't want everybody sometimes knowing everything.

Lindsay: I know and the other thing is- we don't have people's emails anymore do we? (I mean) we, 'cause (because) we kind of default to Facebook often, or at least I do. So I don't really collect people's emails when I meet them, (like) when I'm traveling so...

Keriann: Yeah, that's really true. When I had deactivated my account, I told my friend, "Well, I'm sorry I, I didn't see that." It was yesterday and she's like "Oh, I guess I'll send you an SMS text message then old school." I was like "Oh my gosh, come on."

Francis: Yeah, it's just, it's interesting the (uh) different generations or different groups that- how they communicate these days where its text, or Facebook, or email. Yeah, it's very interesting.

Lindsay: I agree. I think it's really interesting. And what's the future of Facebook? Is it (like kind of) on its, in its last few years or what's going to happen with Facebook in the future?

Francis: I don't know. I, I think there's (there are) a lot of new and upcoming things and just like everything, it has its, its life shelf (**shelf life**) and it just **fades out**. So maybe a couple of more years.

Keriann: I'm surprised it's lasted this long to be honest. (Um) I think that has a lot to do though (with the fact) that they change stuff all the time. And they do that consciously. They are doing that so that we stay. (Um), but, and it's annoying at first when something is different or the look of the page is different, but we get used to it and then three days later, we're (like) "Wait, what did it used to be like?" So I don't know. Maybe it'll be **dwindling**, but I don't think anytime soon.

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Lindsay: Nice. Thanks guys.

Francis: Thank you.