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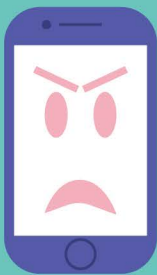
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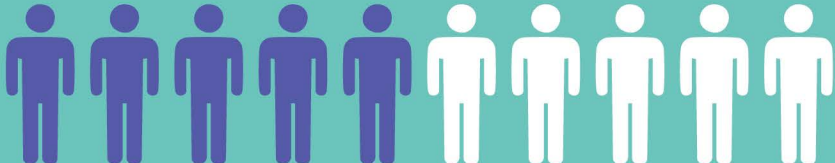


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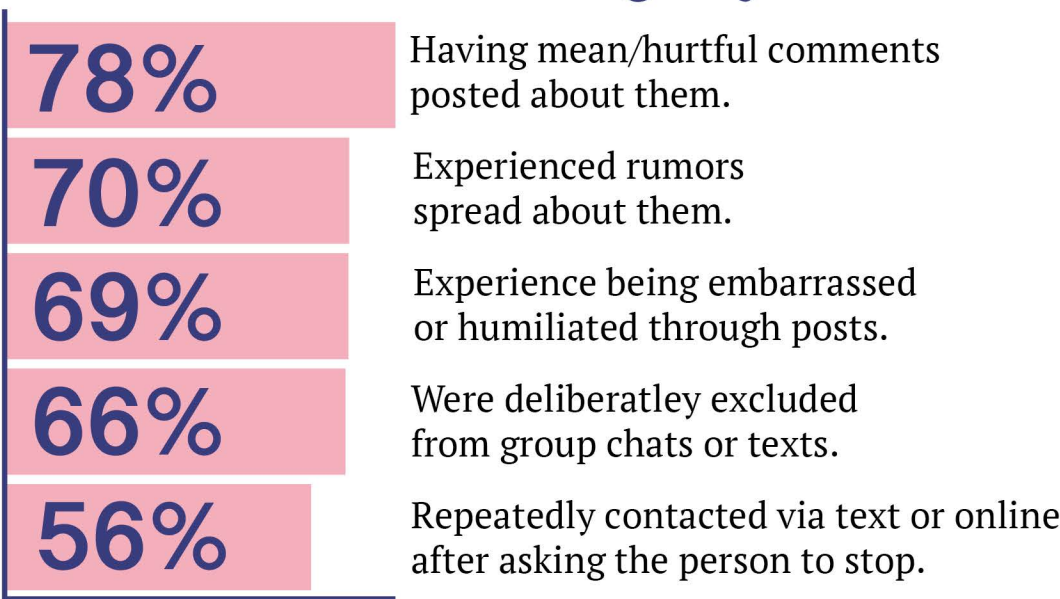
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Male vs. Female

59.2% 

49.5% 

How Teens Are Being Cyberbullied



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Technology Infographic

For this infographic, I used Adobe Illustration and started with a blank document. The notification bell, broken heart, and caution sign were free images from the internet that I image traced. I created the mask, angry face, and phone icons. The female and male symbols were also taken off the internet as free photos and image traced. The computer was created using the pen tool along with the graph and text bubbles. I wanted to show symbols of cyberbullying in simple terms and include devices that cyberbullying can occur through.

Cyberbullying in the U.S.: A Growing Problem for Teens

By now, most people would agree that social media is a huge part of teenage life. Apps like Snapchat, Instagram, TikTok, and group chats help friends stay connected, share memories, and express themselves. But along with the positives, there's also a serious downside that continues to grow, cyberbullying.

Cyberbullying is when someone is bullied through digital devices like phones, computers, or tablets. This can include mean comments, spreading rumors online, sharing embarrassing photos, or repeatedly messaging someone in a hurtful way. Unlike traditional bullying, cyberbullying can happen anytime and anywhere, making it hard for victims to escape it.

Recent data shows just how common this issue has become. More than one in four teenagers reported being victims of cyberbullying in the past month alone. That means in a typical high school classroom, several students may be dealing with online harassment right now. Even more concerning, nearly one in five teens said they have missed school because of cyberbullying. When students feel unsafe or embarrassed, it can affect their attendance, learning, and overall well-being.

Many teens also say bullying is a major issue in their schools. Online cruelty often doesn't stay online as it can spill into hallways, classrooms, and extracurricular activities. Victims may feel isolated, anxious, or depressed. In the most serious cases, cyberbullying has been linked to thoughts of self-harm. Studies show a significant percentage of young people who experience cyberbullying struggle with mental health challenges, which highlights how serious the problem really is.

Cyberbullying can take many forms. The most common experiences include having hurtful comments posted about them, rumors being spread online, or being embarrassed by photos or posts. Some students are purposely left out of group chats or online groups, while others are repeatedly contacted even after asking the person to stop. Because these actions happen on screens, people sometimes forget there is a real person on the other side being hurt.

There are also differences in how cyberbullying affects different groups. Research suggests that girls report slightly higher rates of cyberbullying than boys, especially when it comes to rumors and social exclusion. However, students of all backgrounds can be targets, and no one is completely immune.

So what can be done? Experts say one of the most important steps is speaking up. Students who are being cyberbullied should save evidence, block the person, and tell a trusted adult like a parent, teacher, or counselor. Schools are also working to educate students about digital responsibility and kindness online. Just because something is said behind a screen doesn't make it harmless.

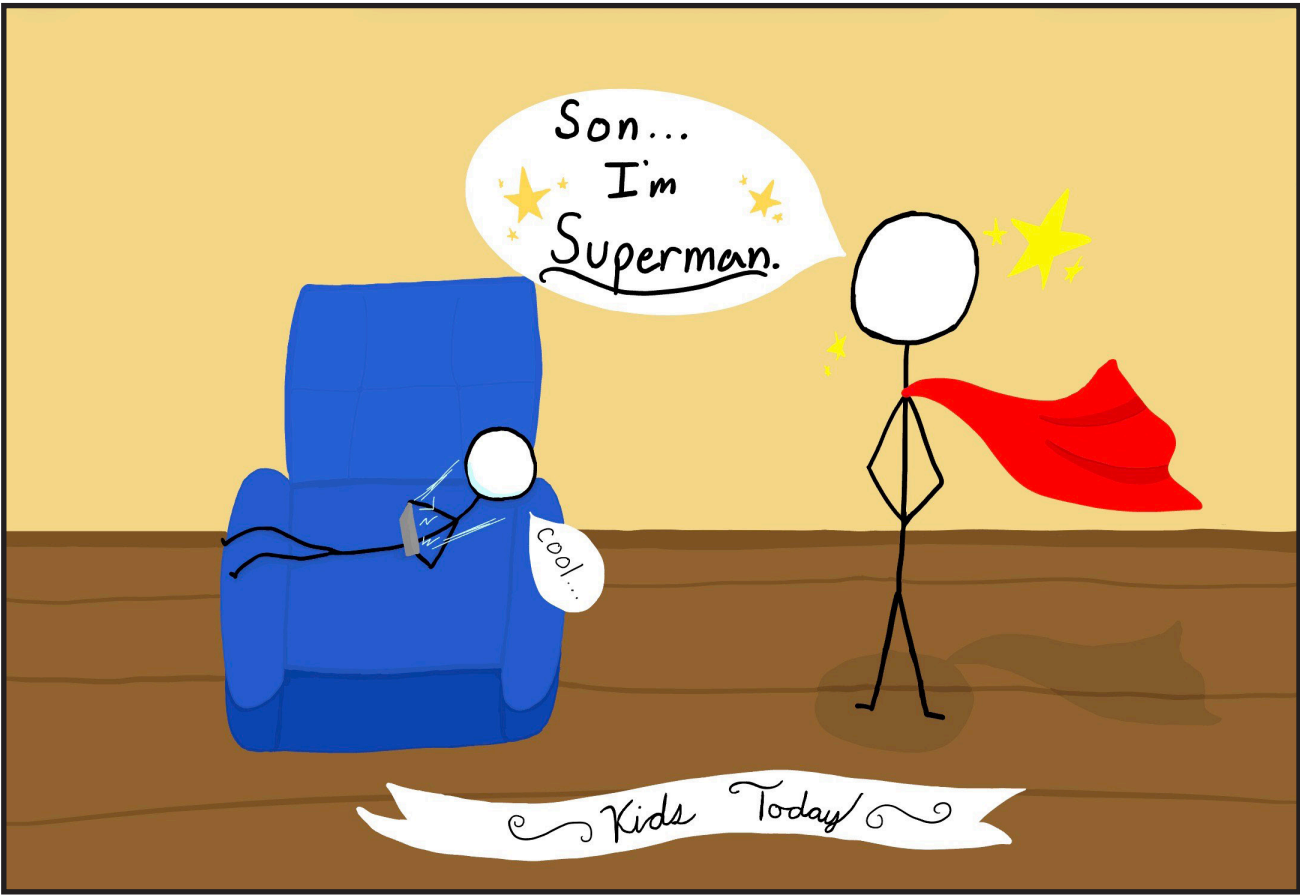
In the end, technology isn't going away, so learning how to use it respectfully is more important than ever. Treating others with kindness, both in person and online, can make a big difference. Cyberbullying may be a modern problem, but empathy and respect are still the best solutions.



Kids Today: The New Norm

BY CAYLIN BOELHOWER

This Editorial Cartoon showcases the "new norm" for parents at home. Kids are so wrapped up in their devices they don't care, or pay attention to anything anymore. The father's big reveal that he's Superman is brushed aside because the kid is more focused on his iPad.



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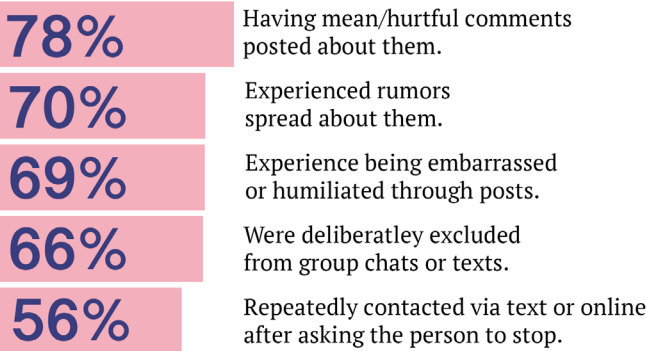
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