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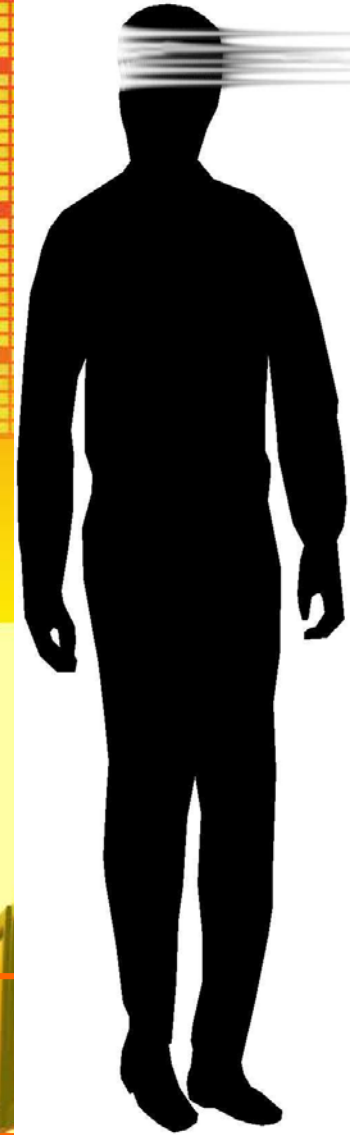
Paper Abstract

- **This paper will consider:**
 - **The intentionality and motivation behind stalking (including cyber-stalking)**
 - **Vast number of tools readily available**
 - **The general obsessive behavior that acts as a proclivity toward stalking**
 - **The conclusion that everyone is a potential stalker**
 - **We as a society are being conditioned by the media (particularly social media) to accept stalking as a natural phenomenon**





"The easiest way to stalk people."



DEFINITION

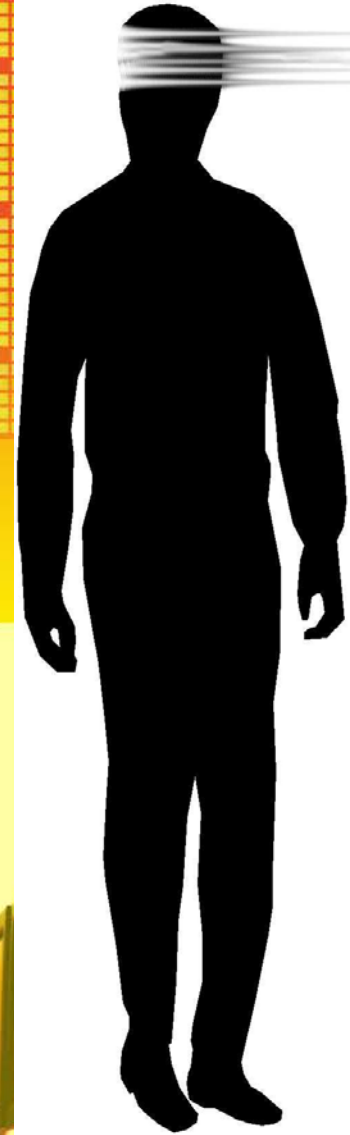


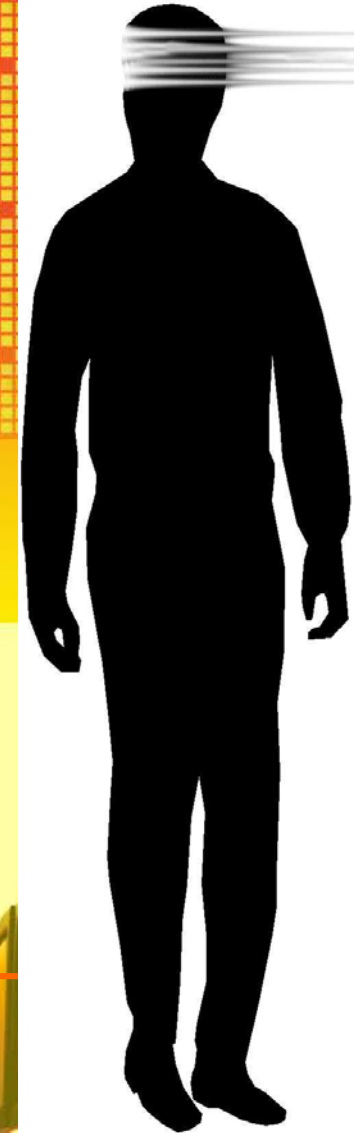
Definition of Stalking

- **“The willful, malicious, and repeated following and harassing of another person that threatens his or her safety”**

(Meloy JR, Gothard S. Demographic and clinical comparison of obsessional followers and offenders with mental disorders. Am J Psychiatry 1995; 152:258-63.)

- **No universal, consensus definition**
- **No single classification system**





THE HOW AND THE TOOLS



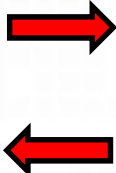
How it all works ...

**Basic Information Needed
(Name/Address)**

**Conduct Free Online
Social Media Sites Search**
Facebook, Friends Reunited,
Classmates.com, LinkedIn, Flickr,
ancestry.com, Mylife, Blogs,
MySpace, etc.

**Conduct Free People
Search Engines Search**
123People, LookUp, PeekYou, Pip1,
Radaris, Spokeo, Waatp, WhitePages,
Wink, peoplefinders.com, yasni.com,
Yatedo, etc.

**Conduct Free/Pay Public Records Access
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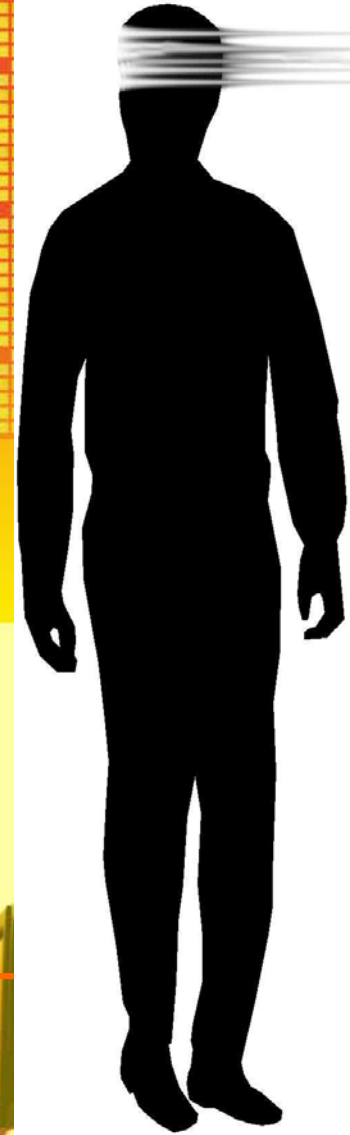
If you still need more info then consider becoming an "Attractive Stranger" and make them come to you!

You can also create a fake identity to gain personal contact with individual to access more personal information.

Don't forget to Cross-Reference and save all Information Gathered!

Repeat As Necessary!

I facebook
stalk
because
I care.



TYOLOGIES AND MOTIVATIONS



Stalking Typologies

Zona's Stalker-Victim Types

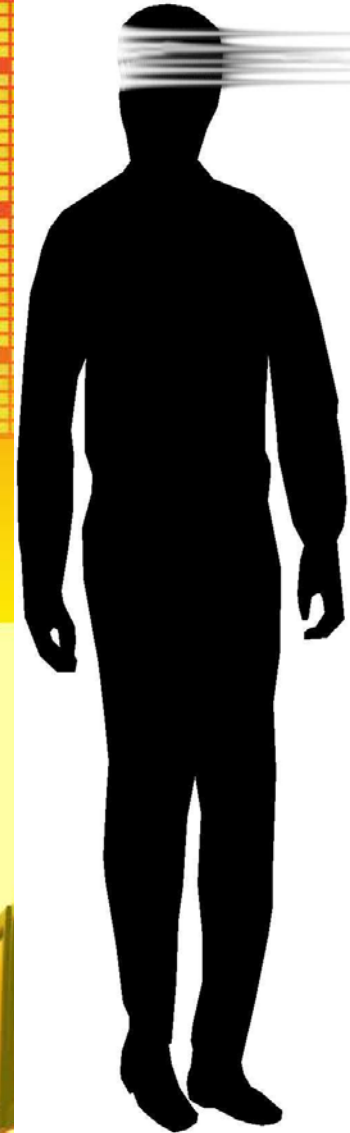
- **Simple**
- **Obsessional**
- **Love**
- **Obsessional**
- **Erotomaniac**

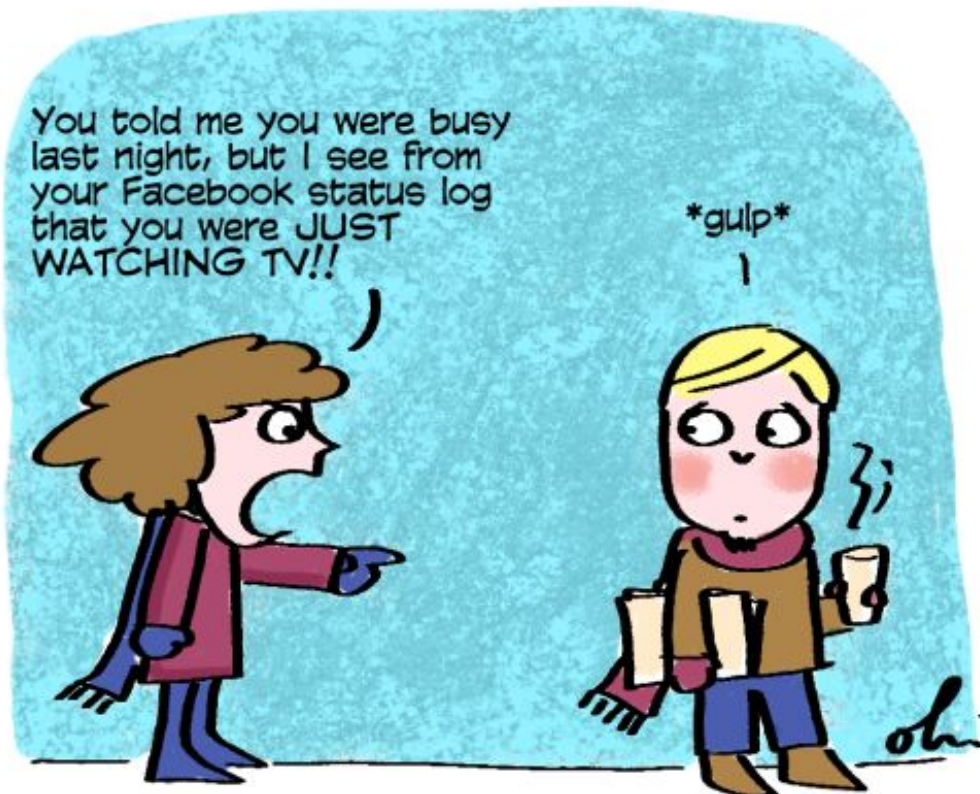
(Zona, Palarea, & Lane, 1998)

Mullen's Stalker Typology

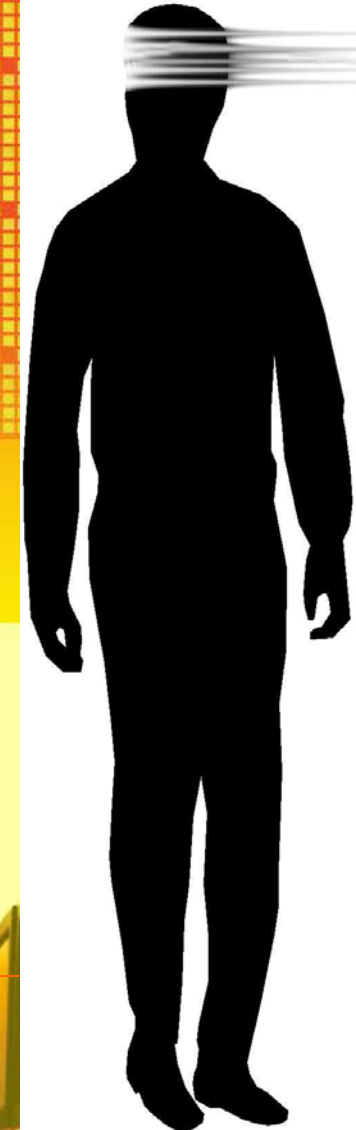
- **Rejected**
- **Intimacy Seeking**
- **Incompetent**
- **Resentful**
- **Predatory**

(Mullen, Pathe, & Purcell, 2000)





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THE RECON CONCEPT



The RECON Typology of Stalking

Nature of previous relationship (RE) and the context (CON) in which relationship was based

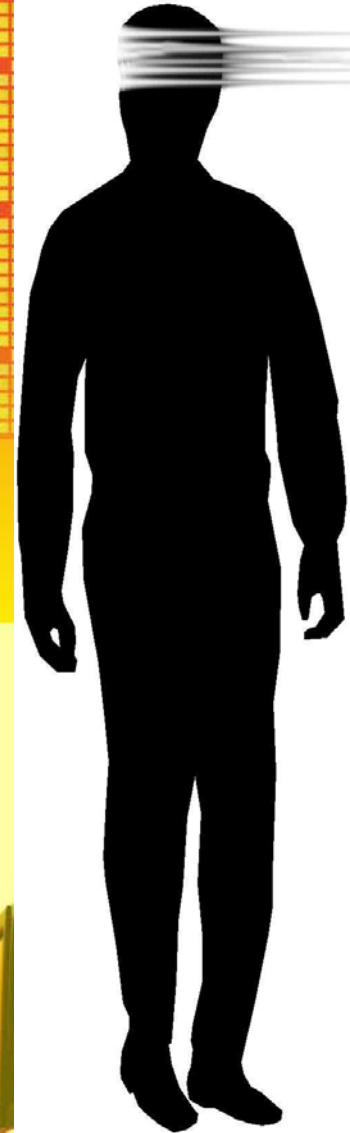
- **Type I**

- **Intimate and acquaintance stalkers**
- **Previous Relationship with victim**

- **Type II**

- **No previous relationship**
 - **Public Figure Stalkers**
 - **Private Stranger Stalkers**

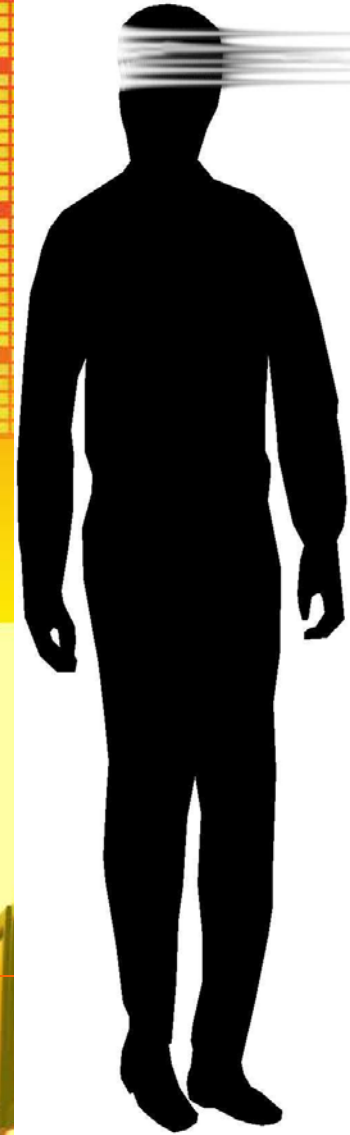
(Mohandie, Meloy, McGowan, & Williams, 2006)



REMEMBER....

ITS THE PEOPLE NOT
LIKING YOUR PICS
WHO ARE PAYING THE
MOST ATTENTION

THE REALITIES



Motivation and Intentionality

Potential Motivation from the Stalker's Perspective

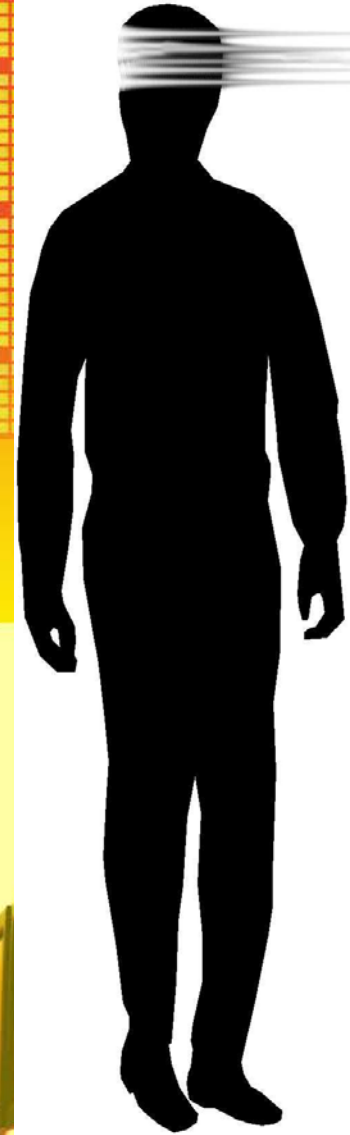
- **Love**
- **Guardian/
Protector**

The Reality

- **Affirmation/
Acceptance**
- **Possession**
- **Control**

Commonality:

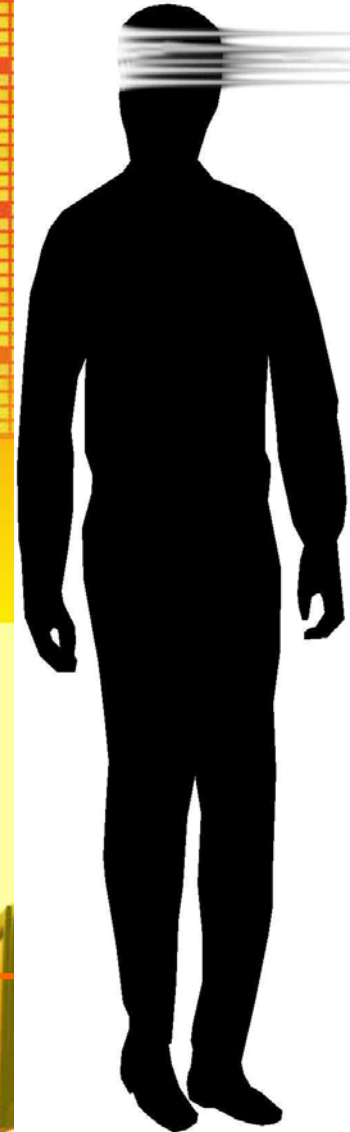
The intentionality and motivation of the stalker remains essentially the same, regardless as to whether the stalker has ever had a relationship with the victim



I live in constant fear of accidentally mentioning something I only know about you because I've stalked you on the internet.



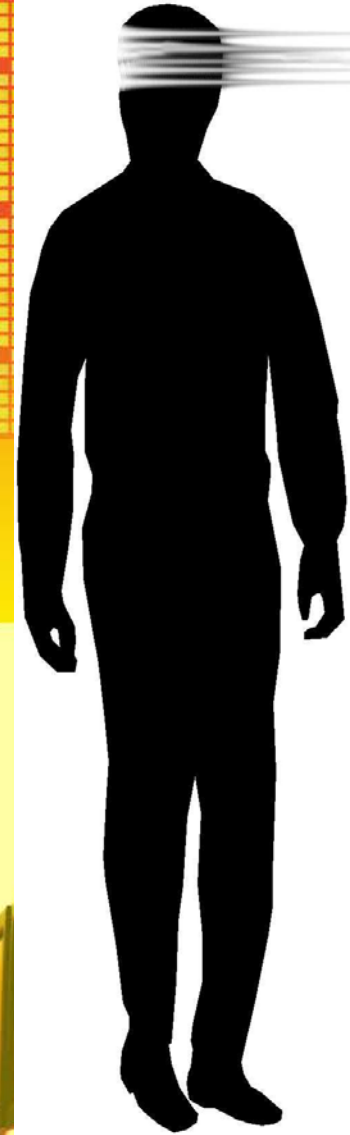
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WHY DO WE DO IT?

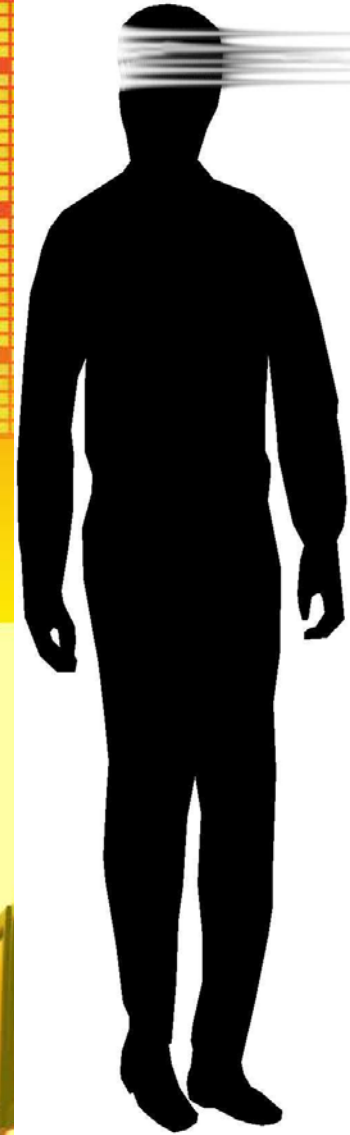
We are all potential stalkers...

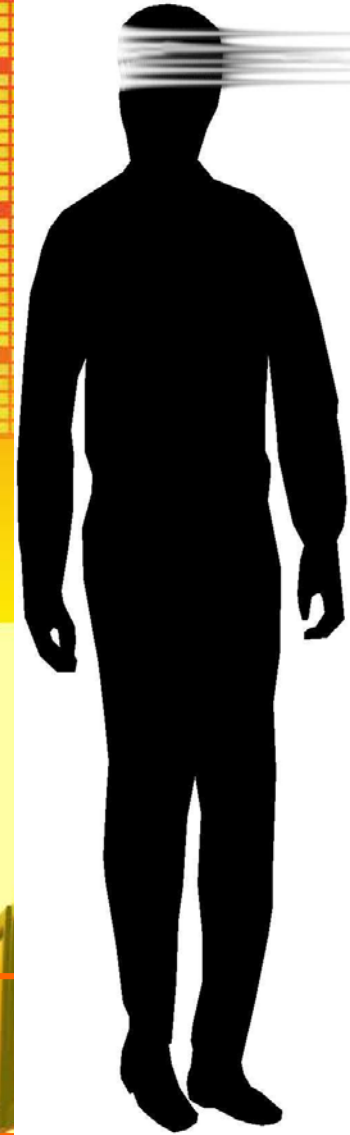
- **Is the aforementioned motivation/intentionality of a stalker beyond that normal human behavior?**
 - **If so, what differentiates said behavior?**
- **Media and the use of technology (viz. the internet and social media) is conditioning society to accepting stalking as a normality**



Why do we do it?

- **It is easy and free**
 - a lot of information real fast
- **Can be done in the privacy of our own home**
- **Told it will ensure our personal safety**
- **Naturally nosey?**
- **People and employers do it to us all the time...*right?***
- **Anonymity!!!**



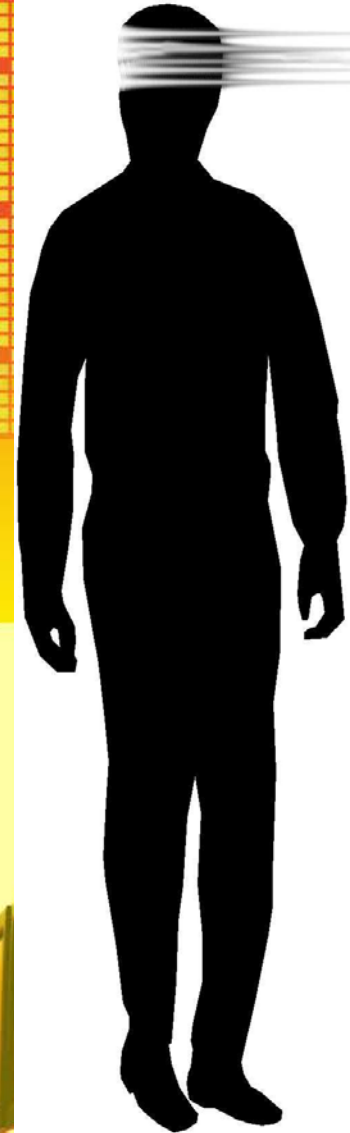


WHY DO WE ACCEPT IT?



Why do we accept it?

- **Stalking behaviors are becoming *accepted* in dating.**
 - the idea of no boundaries
- **Social Media promotes it**
 - How many *followers* do you have?
- **“Facebook stalking”**
 - commonly accepted as discovered in various research articles (Joinson, 2008; Lyndon et al., 2011; Tom Tong & Walther, 2011; Tokunaga, 2011)



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Any Questions?

Stalking is when two people go for a long romantic walk together but only one of them knows about it.

