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WHY TECHNOLOGY AND RELATIONSHIPS?



- Research limited on topic
- Students deal with technology
- Sounds fun
- Invites qualitative understanding

PREVIOUS RESEARCH



- Pettigrew looked at texting intimate relationships
- Psychologist/Therapist Gunter
- Branden Haynes-technology and self/relationship

WHAT IS DIFFERENT



- **FOCUS ON COLLEGE STUDENTS**
- **CREATING INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**
- **LOOKING FOR THEMES**
- **MEASURING TIME DIFFERENCES**

Hypotheses



- Technology will be positive and negative
- Difference found in ideas of foundation
- People are not giving up on person to person
- Multiple forms of technology used among partners

METHODS



- N=23
- DESIGN: EXPLORATORY/DESCRIPTIVE
- SAMPLE: COLLEGE STUDENTS (AGES 18-40)
- Quantitative Scales (Technology Usage/CTS)
- Qualitative (Intensive Interviews)

Quantitative



- 1st scale-Conflict Tactics Scale
- Highly Validated
- Technology Usage Scale
- Time placed on different technology media

Qualitative



- Intensive interview
- Collected themes
- Asks questions on conflict
- Looked at the role of technology

Results

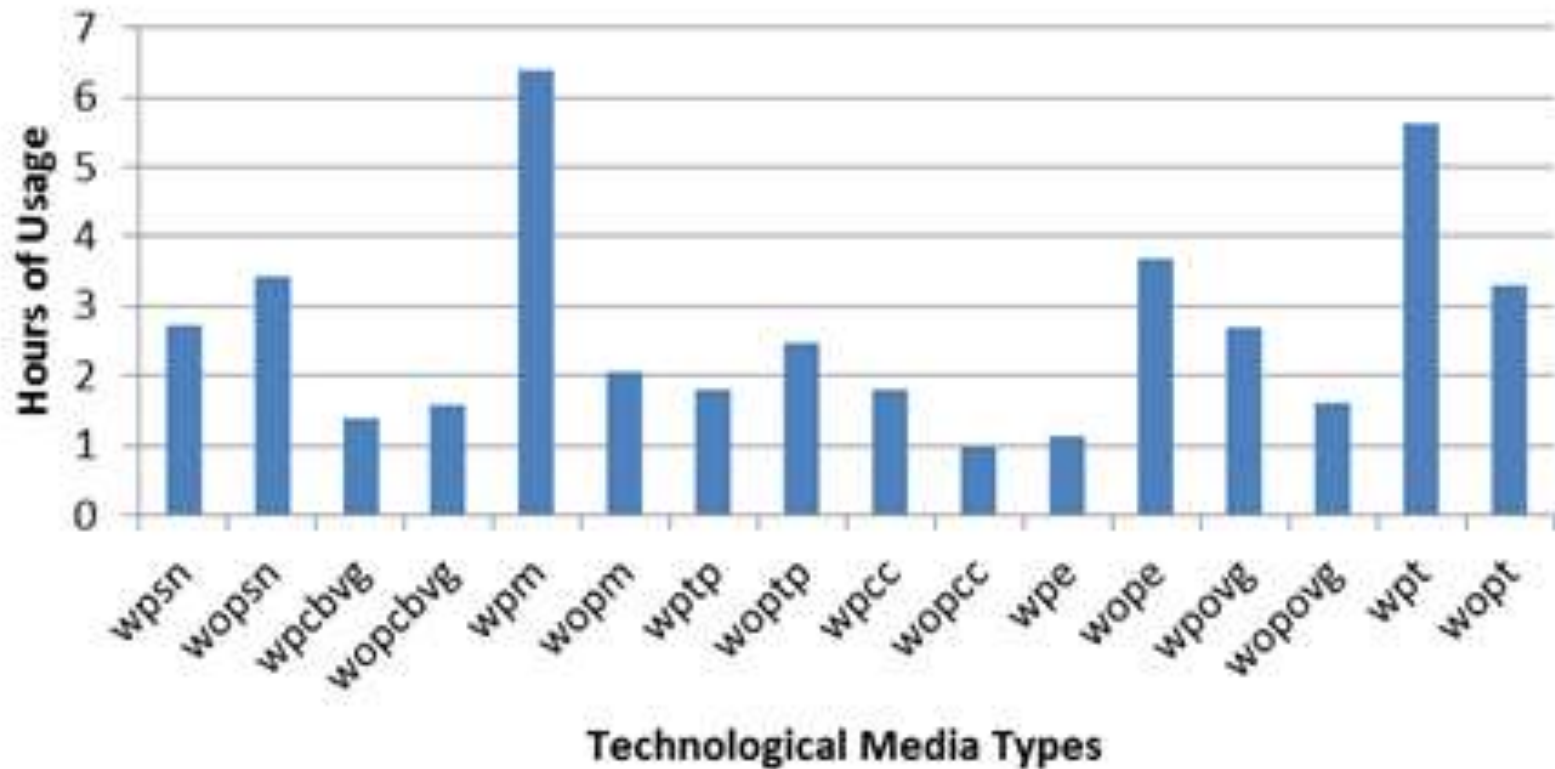


- CTS did not prove beneficial
- Time differences found in hours
- Themes proven prominent
 - The idea of transient living situations
 - Impact of miscommunication
 - The role of person to person
 - The importance of foundation
 - The pressure to be connected

FUN GRAPH



Technological Media Hours of Usage



Discussion



- What does this mean?
- Where to go from here?
- The impact of technology?
- What can this be used for?

FUTURE



- Cultural differences and technological impact
- Development of identity in cyber culture
- Online-game romance and relationship building
- Impact of Skype on feelings of connectedness

Limitations



- Not a great sample size
- Conflict tactics scale proved poor choice
- Males vastly out-numbered
- Need for more standardization

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Activity vs. Communication



- Activity means=15.69 hours
- Communication means=26.87 hours
- More options for communication
- Widely used with or without partner